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THIS AGREEMENT is dated 15 June 2012

BETWEEN:

- (1) **SNAM S.p.A.** (the **Issuer**); and
- (2) **BNP PARIBAS SECURITIES SERVICES, LUXEMBOURG BRANCH** (the **Agent** and the initial **Paying Agent**, which expression shall include any successor agent appointed under clause 21).

IT IS AGREED:

1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 In this Agreement:

Auditors means the auditors for the time being of the Issuer or, in the event of their being unable or unwilling promptly to carry out any action requested of them pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement and/or the Conditions, such other independent firm of accountants as may be selected by the Issuer;

Authorised Signatory means any person who (i) is a Director or the Secretary of the Issuer or (ii) has been notified by the Issuer in writing to the Agent as being duly authorised to sign documents and to do other acts and things on behalf of the Issuer for the purposes of this Agreement;

Calculation Agency Agreement in relation to any Series of Notes means an agreement in or substantially in the form of Schedule 1;

Calculation Agent means, in relation to the Notes of any Series, the person appointed as calculation agent in relation to the Notes by the Issuer pursuant to the provisions of a Calculation Agency Agreement (or any other agreement) and shall include any successor calculation agent appointed in respect of the Notes;

CGN means a Temporary Global Note or a Permanent Global Note, in either case where the applicable Final Terms specify that the Notes are not in New Global Note form;

Clearstream, Luxembourg means Clearstream Banking, société anonyme;

Conditions means, in relation to the Notes of any Series, the terms and conditions endorsed on or incorporated by reference into the Note or Notes constituting the Series, the terms and conditions being in or substantially in the form set out in Schedule 2 or in such other form, having regard to the terms of the Notes of the relevant Series, as may be agreed between the Issuer, the Agent and the relevant Dealer as modified and supplemented by the applicable Final Terms;

Coupon means an interest coupon appertaining to a Definitive Note (other than a Zero Coupon Note), the coupon being:

- (a) if appertaining to a Fixed Rate Note, in the form or substantially in the form set out in Part 4 of Schedule 6 or in such other form, having regard to the terms of issue of the Notes of the relevant Series, as may be agreed between the Issuer, the Agent and the relevant Dealer; or
- (b) if appertaining to a Floating Rate Note, an Index Linked Interest Note or a Dual Currency Interest Note, in the form or substantially in the form set out in Part 4 of Schedule 6 or in

such other form, having regard to the terms of issue of the Notes of the relevant Series, as may be agreed between the Issuer, the Agent and the relevant Dealer; or

- (c) if appertaining to a Definitive Note which is neither a Fixed Rate Note, a Floating Rate Note, an Index Linked Interest Note nor a Dual Currency Interest Note, in such form as may be agreed between the Issuer, the Agent and the relevant Dealer,

and includes, where applicable, the Talon(s) appertaining to the relevant Note and any replacements for Coupons and Talons issued pursuant to Condition 11 (*Replacement of Notes, Receipts, Coupons and Talons*);

Couponholders means the several persons who are for the time being holders of the Coupons and shall, unless the context otherwise requires, include the holders of Talons;

Definitive Note means a Note in definitive form issued or, as the case may require, to be issued by the Issuer in accordance with the provisions of the Programme Agreement or any other agreement between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer in exchange for all or part of a Global Note, the Definitive Note being in or substantially in the form set out in Part 3 of Schedule 6 with such modifications (if any) as may be agreed between the Issuer, the Agent and the relevant Dealer and having the Conditions endorsed on it or, if permitted by the relevant authority or authorities and agreed by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer, incorporated in it by reference and having the applicable Final Terms (or the relevant provisions of the applicable Final Terms) either incorporated in it or endorsed on it and (except in the case of a Zero Coupon Note) having Coupons and, where appropriate, Receipts and/or Talons attached to it on issue;

Distribution Compliance Period has the meaning given to that term in Regulation S under the Securities Act;

Dual Currency Interest Note means a Note in respect of which payments of interest are made or to be made in such different currencies, and at rates of exchange calculated upon such basis or bases, as the Issuer and the relevant Dealer may agree, as indicated in the applicable Final Terms;

Dual Currency Note means a Dual Currency Interest Note and/or a Dual Currency Redemption Note, as applicable;

Dual Currency Redemption Note means a Note in respect of which payments of principal are made or to be made in such different currencies, and at rates of exchange calculated upon such basis or bases, as the Issuer and the relevant Dealer may agree, as indicated in the applicable Final Terms;

Euroclear means Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V.;

Eurosystem-eligible NGN means an NGN which is intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility, as stated in the applicable Final Terms;

Fixed Rate Note means a Note on which interest is calculated at a fixed rate payable in arrear on one or more Interest Payment Dates in each year as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer, as indicated in the applicable Final Terms;

Floating Rate Note means a Note on which interest is calculated at a floating rate, payable in arrear on one or more Interest Payment Dates in each year as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer, as indicated in the applicable Final Terms;

Global Note means a Temporary Global Note and/or a Permanent Global Note, as the context may require;

Index Linked Interest Note means a Note in respect of which the amount in respect of interest payable is calculated by reference to an index and/or a formula as the Issuer and the relevant Dealer may agree, as indicated in the applicable Final Terms;

Index Linked Note means an Index Linked Interest Note and/or an Index Linked Redemption Note, as applicable;

Index Linked Redemption Note means a Note in respect of which the amount in respect of principal payable is calculated by reference to an index and/or a formula as the Issuer and the relevant Dealer may agree, as indicated in the applicable Final Terms;

Interest Commencement Date means, in the case of interest bearing Notes, the date specified in the applicable Final Terms from and including which the Notes bear interest, which may or may not be the Issue Date;

Issue Date means, in respect of any Note, the date of issue and purchase of the Note under clause 2 of the Programme Agreement or any other agreement between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer being, in the case of any Definitive Note represented initially by a Global Note, the same date as the date of issue of the Global Note which initially represented the Note;

Issue Price means the price, generally expressed as a percentage of the nominal amount of the Notes, at which the Notes will be issued;

NGN means a Temporary Global Note or a Permanent Global Note, in either case where the applicable Final Terms specify that the Notes are in New Global Note form;

Noteholders means the several persons who are for the time being the bearers of Notes save that, in respect of the Notes of any Series, for so long as the Notes or any part of them are represented by a Global Note held on behalf of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg each person (other than Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg) who is for the time being shown in the records of Euroclear or of Clearstream, Luxembourg as the holder of a particular nominal amount of the Notes of the Series (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as to the nominal amount of the Notes standing to the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes save in the case of manifest error) shall be deemed to be the holder of that nominal amount of Notes (and the bearer of the relevant Global Note shall be deemed not to be the holder) for all purposes other than with respect to the payment of principal or interest on the Notes, for which purpose the bearer of the relevant Global Note shall be treated by the Issuer and any Paying Agent as the holder of the Notes in accordance with and subject to the terms of the relevant Global Note and the expressions **Noteholder**, **holder of Notes** and related expressions shall be construed accordingly;

outstanding means, in relation to the Notes of any Series, all the Notes issued other than:

- (a) those Notes which have been redeemed and cancelled pursuant to the Conditions;
- (b) those Notes in respect of which the date for redemption in accordance with the Conditions has occurred and the redemption moneys (including all interest (if any) accrued to the date for redemption and any interest (if any) payable under the Conditions after that date) have been duly paid to or to the order of the Agent in the manner provided in this Agreement (and where appropriate notice to that effect has been given to the Noteholders in accordance with the Conditions) and remain available for payment of the relevant Notes and/or Receipts and/or Coupons;

- (c) those Notes which have been purchased by the Issuer or any Subsidiary of the Issuer and cancelled in accordance with the Conditions;
- (d) those Notes in respect of which claims have become prescribed under the Conditions;
- (e) those mutilated or defaced Notes which have been surrendered and cancelled and in respect of which replacements have been issued under the Conditions;
- (f) (for the purpose only of ascertaining the nominal amount of the Notes outstanding and without prejudice to the status for any other purpose of the relevant Notes) those Notes which are alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed and in respect of which replacements have been issued under the Conditions; and
- (g) any Temporary Global Note to the extent that it has been exchanged for Definitive Notes or a Permanent Global Note and any Permanent Global Note to the extent that it has been exchanged for Definitive Notes in each case under its provisions,

provided that for the purpose of:

- (i) attending and voting at any meeting of the Noteholders of the Series; and
- (ii) determining how many and which Notes of the Series are for the time being outstanding for the purposes of Condition 15 (*Meetings of Noteholders, Modification, Waiver and Substitution*) and clauses 4, 5, 8 and 15 of Schedule 5,

those Notes (if any) which are for the time being held by or for the benefit of the Issuer or any Subsidiary of the Issuer shall (unless and until ceasing to be so held) be deemed not to remain outstanding;

Permanent Global Note means a global note in the form or substantially in the form set out in Part 2 of Schedule 6 together with the copy of the applicable Final Terms attached to it with such modifications (if any) as may be agreed between the Issuer, the Agent and the relevant Dealer, comprising some or all of the Notes of the same Series issued by the Issuer under the Programme Agreement or any other agreement between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer;

Programme Agreement means the programme agreement dated 15 June 2012 between the Issuer and the Dealers named in it;

Put Notice means a notice in the form set out in Schedule 4;

Receipt means a receipt attached on issue to a Definitive Note redeemable in instalments for the payment of an instalment of principal, the receipt being in or substantially in the form set out in Part 5 of Schedule 6 or in such other form as may be agreed between the Issuer, the Agent and the relevant Dealer and includes any replacements for Receipts issued pursuant to Condition 11 (*Replacement of Notes, Receipts, Coupons and Talons*);

Receiptholders means the persons who are for the time being holders of the Receipts;

Reference Banks means, in the case of a determination of LIBOR, the principal London office of four major banks in the London inter-bank market and, in the case of a determination of EURIBOR, the principal Euro-zone office of four major banks in the Euro-zone inter-bank market, in each case selected by the Agent or as specified in the applicable Final Terms;

Series means a Tranche of Notes together with any further Tranche or Tranches of Notes which are (a) expressed to be consolidated and form a single series and (b) identical in all respects (including as to listing) except for their respective Issue Dates, Interest Commencement Dates and/or Issue Prices and the expressions **Notes of the relevant Series** and **holders of Notes of the relevant Series** and related expressions shall be construed accordingly;

Specified Time means 11.00 a.m. (London time, in the case of a determination of LIBOR, or Brussels time, in the case of a determination of EURIBOR);

Subsidiary means, in respect of any Person (the **first person**) at any particular time, any other person (the **second person**):

- (a) whose majority of votes in ordinary shareholders' meetings of the second Person is held by the first Person; or
- (b) in which the first Person holds a sufficient number of votes giving the first Person a dominant influence in ordinary shareholders' meetings of the second Person; or
- (c) whose accounts are required to be consolidated with those of the first Person pursuant to article 26 of Law 127 of 1991;

in the case of (a) and (b), pursuant to the provisions of Article 2359, first paragraph, no. 1 and no. 2, of the Italian Civil Code;

Talon means a talon attached on issue to a Definitive Note (other than a Zero Coupon Note) which is exchangeable in accordance with its provisions for further Coupons appertaining to the Note, the talon being in or substantially in the form set out in Part 6 of Schedule 6 or in such other form as may be agreed between the Issuer, the Agent and the relevant Dealer and includes any replacements for Talons issued pursuant to Condition 11 (*Replacement of Notes, Coupons, Receipts and Talons*);

Temporary Global Note means a global note in the form or substantially in the form set out in Part 1 of Schedule 6 together with the copy of the applicable Final Terms attached to it with such modifications (if any) as may be agreed between the Issuer, the Agent and the relevant Dealer, comprising some or all of the Notes of the same Series issued by the Issuer under the Programme Agreement or any other agreement between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer;

Tranche means Notes which are identical in all respects (including as to listing); and

Zero Coupon Note means a Note on which no interest is payable.

- 1.2 (a) In this Agreement, unless the contrary intention appears, a reference to:
- (i) an **amendment** includes a supplement, restatement or novation and **amended** is to be construed accordingly;
 - (ii) a **person** includes any individual, company, unincorporated association, government, state agency, international organisation or other entity;
 - (iii) the **records** of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg shall be to the records that each of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg holds for its customers which reflect the amount of such customer's interest in the Notes;
 - (iv) a provision of a law is a reference to that provision as extended, amended or re-enacted;

- (v) a clause or Schedule is a reference to a clause of, or a schedule to, this Agreement;
 - (vi) a person includes its successors and assigns;
 - (vii) a document is a reference to that document as amended from time to time; and
 - (viii) a time of day is a reference to London time.
- (b) The headings in this Agreement do not affect its interpretation.
 - (c) Terms and expressions defined in the Programme Agreement or the Notes or used in the applicable Final Terms shall have the same meanings in this Agreement, except where the context otherwise requires or unless otherwise stated.
 - (d) All references in this Agreement to costs or charges or expenses shall include any value added tax or similar tax charged or chargeable in respect thereof.
 - (e) All references in this Agreement to Notes shall, unless the context otherwise requires, include any Global Note representing the Notes.
 - (f) All references in this Agreement to principal and/or interest or both in respect of the Notes or to any moneys payable by the Issuer under this Agreement shall be construed in accordance with Condition 6 (*Payments*).
 - (g) All references in this Agreement to the **relevant currency** shall be construed as references to the currency in which payments in respect of the relevant Notes and/or Coupons are to be made.
 - (h) All references in this Agreement to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any additional or alternative clearing system approved by the Issuer and the Agent or as otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms.
 - (i) All references in this Agreement to a Directive include any relevant implementing measure of each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented such Directive.
- 1.3 For the purposes of this Agreement, the Notes of each Series shall form a separate series of Notes and the provisions of this Agreement shall apply *mutatis mutandis* separately and independently to the Notes of each Series and in this Agreement the expressions **Notes**, **Noteholders**, **Receipts**, **Receiptholders**, **Coupons**, **Couponholders**, **Talons** and related expressions shall be construed accordingly.
- 1.4 As used herein, in relation to any Notes which are to have a "listing" or be "listed" (i) on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, **listing** and **listed** shall be construed to mean that such Notes have been admitted to trading on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's regulated market and have been listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and (ii) on any other Stock Exchange within the European Economic Area, **listing** and **listed** shall be construed to mean that Notes have been admitted to trading on a market within that jurisdiction which is a regulated market for the purposes of the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (Directive 2004/39/EC).

2. APPOINTMENT OF AGENTS

2.1 The Agent is appointed, and the Agent agrees to act, as agent of the Issuer, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set out below, for the following purposes:

- (a) completing, authenticating and delivering Temporary Global Notes and Permanent Global Notes and (if required) authenticating and delivering Definitive Notes;
- (b) giving effectuation instructions in respect of each Global Note which is a Eurosystem-eligible NGN;
- (c) exchanging Temporary Global Notes for Permanent Global Notes or Definitive Notes, as the case may be, in accordance with the terms of Temporary Global Notes and, in respect of any such exchange, (i) making all notations on Global Notes which are CGNs as required by their terms and (ii) instructing Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg to make appropriate entries in their records in respect of all Global Notes which are NGNs;
- (d) exchanging Permanent Global Notes for Definitive Notes in accordance with the terms of Permanent Global Notes and, in respect of any such exchange, (i) making all notations on Permanent Global Notes which are CGNs as required by their terms and (ii) instructing Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg to make appropriate entries in their records in respect of all Permanent Global Notes which are NGNs;
- (e) paying sums due on Global Notes, Definitive Notes, Receipts and Coupons and instructing Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg to make appropriate entries in their records in respect of all Global Notes which are NGNs;
- (f) exchanging Talons for Coupons in accordance with the Conditions;
- (g) determining the end of the Distribution Compliance Period applicable to each Tranche in accordance with clause 5;
- (h) unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, determining the interest and/or other amounts payable in respect of the Notes in accordance with the Conditions;
- (i) arranging on behalf of and at the expense of the Issuer for notices to be communicated to the Noteholders in accordance with the Conditions;
- (j) ensuring that, as directed by the Issuer, all necessary action is taken to comply with any reporting requirements of any competent authority in respect of any relevant currency as may be in force from time to time with respect to the Notes to be issued under the Programme;
- (k) subject to the Procedures Memorandum, submitting to the relevant authority or authorities such number of copies of each Final Terms which relates to Notes which are to be listed as the relevant authority or authorities may require;
- (l) acting as Calculation Agent in respect of Notes where named as such in the applicable Final Terms, subject to the Agent having received a communication naming it as Calculation Agent no later than five Business Days before the relevant Issue Date or, if earlier, the first date on which it is required to make any calculation or determination and shall not have notified the Issuer that it does not wish to be so appointed within three Business Days of receipt of such communication; and

(m) performing all other obligations and duties imposed upon it by the Conditions, this Agreement and the Procedures Memorandum.

2.2 Each Paying Agent is appointed, and each Paying Agent agrees to act, as paying agent of the Issuer, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set out below, for the purposes of paying sums due on any Notes, Receipts and Coupons and performing all other obligations and duties imposed upon it by the Conditions and this Agreement.

2.3 In relation to each issue of Eurosystem-eligible NGNs, the Issuer hereby authorises and instructs the Agent to elect Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as common safekeeper. From time to time, the Issuer and the Agent may agree to vary this election. The Issuer acknowledges that any such election is subject to the right of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg to jointly determine that the other shall act as common safekeeper in relation to any such issue and agrees that no liability shall attach to the Agent in respect of any such election made by it.

2.4 The obligations of the Paying Agents under this Agreement are several and not joint.

3. ISSUE OF GLOBAL NOTES

3.1 Subject to subclause 3.4, following receipt of a faxed copy of the applicable Final Terms signed by the Issuer, the Issuer authorises the Agent and the Agent agrees, to take the steps required of the Agent in the Procedures Memorandum.

3.2 For the purpose of subclause 3.1, the Agent will on behalf of the Issuer if specified in the applicable Final Terms that a Temporary Global Note will initially represent the Tranche of Notes:

(a) prepare a Temporary Global Note by attaching a copy of the applicable Final Terms to a copy of the signed master Temporary Global Note;

(b) authenticate the Temporary Global Note;

(c) deliver the Temporary Global Note to the specified common depository (if the Temporary Global Note is a CGN) or specified common safekeeper (if the Temporary Global Note is a NGN) for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and, in the case of a Temporary Global Note which is a Eurosystem-eligible NGN, to instruct the common safekeeper to effectuate the same;

(d) ensure that the Notes of each Tranche are assigned, as applicable, security numbers (including, but not limited to, common codes and ISINs) which are different from the security numbers assigned to Notes of any other Tranche of the same Series until at least expiry of the Distribution Compliance Period in respect of the Tranche; and

(e) if the Temporary Global Note is a NGN, instruct Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg to make the appropriate entries in their records to reflect the initial outstanding aggregate principal amount of the relevant Tranche of Notes;

3.3 For the purpose of subclause 3.1, the Agent will on behalf of the Issuer if specified in the applicable Final Terms that a Permanent Global Note will represent the Notes on issue:

(a) in the case of the first Tranche of any Series of Notes, prepare a Permanent Global Note by attaching a copy of the applicable Final Terms to a copy of the master Permanent Global Note;

- (b) in the case of the first Tranche of any Series of Notes, authenticate the Permanent Global Note;
- (c) in the case of the first Tranche of any Series of Notes, deliver the Permanent Global Note to the specified common depository (if the Permanent Global Note is a CGN) or specified common safekeeper (if the Permanent Global Note is a NGN) for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and, in the case of a Permanent Global Note which is a Eurosystem-eligible NGN, to instruct the common safekeeper to effectuate the same;
- (d) if the Permanent Global Note is a NGN, instruct Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg to make the appropriate entries in their records to reflect the initial outstanding aggregate principal amount of the relevant Tranche of Notes;
- (e) in the case of a subsequent Tranche of any Series of Notes deliver the applicable Final Terms to the specified common depository or common safekeeper, as the case may be, for attachment to the Permanent Global Note and, in the case where the Permanent Global Note is a CGN, make all appropriate entries on the relevant Schedule to the Permanent Global Note to reflect the increase in its nominal amount or, in the case where the Permanent Global Note is a NGN, instruct Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg to make the appropriate entries in their records to reflect the increased outstanding aggregate principal amount of the relevant Series; and
- (f) ensure that the Notes of each Tranche are assigned, as applicable, security numbers (including, but not limited to, common codes and ISINs) which are different from the security numbers assigned to the Notes of any other Tranche of the same Series until at least the expiry of the Distribution Compliance Period in respect of the Tranche.

3.4 The Agent shall only be required to perform its obligations under this clause 3 if it holds:

- (a) a master Temporary Global Note duly executed by a person or persons duly authorised to execute the same on behalf of the Issuer, which may be used by the Agent for the purpose of preparing Temporary Global Notes in accordance with subclause 3.2;
- (b) a master Permanent Global Note duly executed by a person or persons duly authorised to execute the same on behalf of the Issuer, which may be used by the Agent for the purpose of preparing Permanent Global Notes in accordance with subclause 3.3 and clause 4; and
- (c) signed copies of the applicable Final Terms.

3.5 The Issuer undertakes to ensure that the Agent receives copies of each document specified in subclause 3.4 in a timely manner.

3.6 Where the Agent delivers any authenticated Global Note to a common safekeeper for effectuation using electronic means, it is authorised and instructed to destroy the Global Note retained by it following its receipt of confirmation from the common safekeeper that the relevant Global Note has been effectuated.

4. EXCHANGE OF GLOBAL NOTES

4.1 The Agent shall determine the Exchange Date for each Temporary Global Note in accordance with its terms. Immediately after determining any Exchange Date, the Agent shall notify its determination to the Issuer, the other Paying Agents, the relevant Dealer, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg.

4.2 Where a Temporary Global Note is to be exchanged for a Permanent Global Note, the Agent is authorised by the Issuer and instructed:

- (a) in the case of the first Tranche of any Series of Notes, to prepare and complete a Permanent Global Note in accordance with the terms of the Temporary Global Note applicable to the Tranche by attaching a copy of the applicable Final Terms to a copy of the master Permanent Global Note;
- (b) in the case of the first Tranche of any Series of Notes, to authenticate the Permanent Global Note;
- (c) in the case of the first Tranche of any Series of Notes if the Permanent Global Note is a CGN, to deliver the Permanent Global Note to the common depository which is holding the Temporary Global Note representing the Tranche for the time being on behalf of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg to hold on behalf of the Issuer pending its exchange for the Temporary Global Note;
- (d) in the case of the first Tranche of any Series of Notes if the Permanent Global Note is a NGN, to deliver the Permanent Global Note to the common safekeeper which is holding the Temporary Global Note representing the Tranche for the time being on behalf of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg to effectuate (in the case of a Permanent Global Note which is a Eurosystem-eligible NGN) and to hold on behalf of the Issuer pending its exchange for the Temporary Global Note;
- (e) in the case of a subsequent Tranche of any Series of Notes if the Permanent Global Note is a CGN, to attach a copy of the applicable Final Terms to the Permanent Global Note applicable to the relevant Series and to enter details of any exchange in whole or part; and
- (f) in the case of a subsequent Tranche of any Series of Notes if the Permanent Global Note is a NGN, to deliver the applicable Final Terms to the specified common safekeeper for attachment to the Permanent Global Note applicable to the relevant Series.

4.3 Where a Global Note is to be exchanged for Definitive Notes in accordance with its terms, the Agent is authorised by the Issuer and instructed:

- (a) to authenticate the Definitive Notes in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement; and
- (b) to deliver the Definitive Notes to or to the order of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg.

If Definitive Notes are issued and the Agent informs the Issuer that it is unable to perform all or some of its obligations under this Agreement, the Issuer shall forthwith appoint an additional agent in accordance with Clause 2.1 which is able to perform the relevant obligations.

4.4 Upon any exchange of all or a part of an interest in a Temporary Global Note for an interest in a Permanent Global Note or upon any exchange of all or a part of an interest in a Global Note for Definitive Notes, the Agent shall (i) procure that the relevant Global Note shall, if it is a CGN, be endorsed by or on behalf of the Agent to reflect the reduction of its nominal amount by the aggregate nominal amount so exchanged and, where applicable, the Permanent Global Note shall be endorsed by or on behalf of the Agent to reflect the increase in its nominal amount as a result of any exchange for an interest in the Temporary Global Note or (ii) in the case of any Global Note which is a NGN, instruct Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg to make appropriate entries in their records to reflect such exchange. Until exchanged in full, the holder of an interest in any Global Note shall in

all respects be entitled to the same benefits under this Agreement as the holder of Definitive Notes, Receipts and Coupons authenticated and delivered under this Agreement, subject as set out in the Conditions. The Agent is authorised on behalf of the Issuer and instructed (a) in the case of any Global Note which is a CGN, to endorse or to arrange for the endorsement of the relevant Global Note to reflect the reduction in the nominal amount represented by it by the amount so exchanged and, if appropriate, to endorse the Permanent Global Note to reflect any increase in the nominal amount represented by it and, in either case, to sign in the relevant space on the relevant Global Note recording the exchange and reduction or increase, (b) in the case of any Global Note which is a NGN, to instruct Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg to make appropriate entries in their records to reflect such exchange and (c) in the case of a total exchange, to cancel or arrange for the cancellation of the relevant Global Note.

- 4.5 The Agent shall notify the Issuer immediately after it receives a request for the issue of Definitive Notes in accordance with the provisions of a Global Note and the aggregate nominal amount of the Global Note to be exchanged.
- 4.6 The Issuer undertakes to deliver to the Agent sufficient numbers of executed Definitive Notes with, if applicable, Receipts, Coupons and Talons attached, to enable the Agent to comply with its obligations under this Agreement.

5. DETERMINATION OF END OF DISTRIBUTION COMPLIANCE PERIOD

- 5.1 In the case of a Tranche in respect of which there is only one Dealer, the Agent will determine the end of the Distribution Compliance Period in respect of the Tranche as being the fortieth day following the date determined and certified by the relevant Dealer to the Agent as being the date on which distribution of the Notes of that Tranche was completed.
- 5.2 In the case of a Tranche in respect of which there is more than one Dealer but which is not issued on a syndicated basis, the Agent will determine the end of the Distribution Compliance Period in respect of the Tranche as being the fortieth day following the last of the dates determined and certified by all the relevant Dealers to the Agent as being the respective dates on which distribution of the Notes of that Tranche purchased by each Dealer was completed.
- 5.3 In the case of a Tranche issued on a syndicated basis, the Agent will determine the end of the Distribution Compliance Period in respect of the Tranche as being the fortieth day following the date determined and certified by the Lead Manager to the Agent as being the date on which distribution of the Notes of that Tranche was completed.
- 5.4 Immediately after it determines the end of the Distribution Compliance Period in respect of any Tranche, the Agent shall notify the determination to the Issuer, Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and the relevant Dealer or Lead Manager, as the case may be.

6. TERMS OF ISSUE

- 6.1 The Agent shall cause all Notes delivered to and held by it under this Agreement to be maintained in safe custody and shall ensure that Notes are issued only in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, the Conditions and, where applicable, the relevant Global Notes.
- 6.2 Subject to the procedures set out in the Procedures Memorandum, for the purposes of clause 3, the Agent is entitled to treat a telephone or facsimile communication from a person purporting to be (and whom the Agent believes in good faith to be) the authorised representative of the Issuer named in the list referred to in, or notified pursuant to, subclause 19.7, or any other list duly provided for the purpose by the Issuer to the Agent, as sufficient instructions and authority of the Issuer for the Agent to act in accordance with clause 3.

- 6.3 In the event that a person who has signed a master Global Note held by the Agent on behalf of the Issuer ceases to be authorised as described in subclause 19.7, the Agent shall (unless the Issuer gives notice to the Agent that Notes signed by that person do not constitute valid and binding obligations of the Issuer or otherwise until replacements have been provided to the Agent) continue to have authority to issue Notes signed by that person, and the Issuer warrants to the Agent that those Notes shall be valid and binding obligations of the Issuer. Promptly upon any person ceasing to be authorised, the Issuer shall provide the Agent with replacement master Global Notes and the Agent shall, upon receipt of such replacements, cancel and destroy the master Global Notes held by it which are signed by that person and shall provide the Issuer with a certificate of destruction, specifying the master Global Notes so cancelled and destroyed.
- 6.4 If the Agent pays an amount (the **Advance**) to the Issuer on the basis that a payment (the **Payment**) has been or will be received from a Dealer and if the Payment is not received by the Agent on the date the Agent pays the Issuer, the Issuer shall promptly repay to the Agent the Advance and shall pay interest on the Advance (or the unreimbursed portion thereof) from (and including) the date the Advance is made to (but excluding) the earlier of repayment of the Advance or receipt by the Agent of the Payment at a rate quoted at that time by the Agent as its cost of funding the Advance provided that evidence of the basis of such rate is given to the Issuer. For the avoidance of doubt, the Agent shall not be obliged to pay any amount to the Issuer if it has not received satisfactory confirmation that it is to receive the amount from a Dealer.
- 6.5 Except in the case of issues where the Agent does not act as receiving bank for the Issuer in respect of the purchase price of the Notes being issued, if on the Issue Date a Dealer does not pay the full purchase price due from it in respect of any Note (the **Defaulted Note**) and, as a result, the Defaulted Note remains in the Agent's distribution account with Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg after the Issue Date, the Agent will continue to hold the Defaulted Note to the order of the Issuer. The Agent shall notify the Issuer immediately of the failure of the Dealer to pay the full purchase price due from it in respect of any Defaulted Note and, subsequently, shall (a) notify the Issuer immediately on receipt from the Dealer of the full purchase price in respect of any Defaulted Note and (b) pay to the Issuer the amount so received.

7. PAYMENTS

7.1 The Issuer will:

- (a) before 10.00 a.m. (Central European time), on each date on which any payment in euro in respect of any Note becomes due under the Conditions, transfer to an account specified by the Agent an amount in euro sufficient for the purposes of the payment in funds settled through TARGET2;
- (b) before 10.00 a.m. (local time in the relevant principal financial centre of the country of the relevant currency), on each date on which any payment in GBP or USD in respect of any Note becomes due under the Conditions, transfer to an account specified by the Agent an amount in such currency sufficient for the purposes of such payment in funds settled through such payment system as the Agent and the Issuer may agree;
- (c) prior to the issuance of the relevant Notes, consult and agree with the Agent, in relation to the settlement and timing for payment procedures in respect of any Notes for which the relevant currency is a currency other than euro, GBP or USD.

In this sub-clause 7.1, the date on which a payment in respect of the Notes becomes due means the first date on which the holder of a Note, Receipt or Coupon is entitled to receive such payment under

the Conditions, but disregarding the necessity for it to be a business day in any particular place of presentation.

- 7.2 Any funds paid by or by arrangement with the Issuer to the Agent under subclause 7.1 shall be held in the relevant account referred to in subclause 7.1 for payment to the Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders, as the case may be, until any Notes or matured Receipts and Coupons become void under Condition 9 (*Prescription*). In that event the Agent shall repay to the Issuer sums equivalent to the amounts which would otherwise have been repayable on the relevant Notes, Receipts or Coupons.
- 7.3 The Issuer will ensure that no later than 10.00 a.m. (Central European time) on the second Business Day (as defined below) immediately preceding the date on which any payment is to be made to the Agent under subclause 7.1, the Agent shall receive a payment confirmation by fax or authenticated SWIFT message from the paying bank of the Issuer. For the purposes of this subclause, **Business Day** means a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business in the Republic of Italy and Luxembourg.
- 7.4 The Agent shall notify each of the other Paying Agents immediately:
- (a) if it has not by the relevant date set out in subclause 7.1 received unconditionally the full amount in the Specified Currency required for the payment; and
 - (b) if it receives unconditionally the full amount of any sum payable in respect of the Notes, Receipts or Coupons after that date.
- The Agent shall, at the expense of the Issuer, immediately on receiving any amount as described in subclause 7.4(b), cause notice of that receipt to be published under Condition 14 (*Notices*).
- 7.5 The Agent shall ensure that payments of both principal and interest in respect of a Temporary Global Note will only be made if certification of non-U.S. beneficial ownership as required by U.S. Treasury regulations has been received from Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg in accordance with the terms of the Temporary Global Note.
- 7.6 Unless it has received notice under subclause 7.4(a), each Paying Agent shall pay or cause to be paid all amounts due in respect of the Notes on behalf of the Issuer in the manner provided in the Conditions. If any payment provided for in subclause 7.1 is made later than as specified in such subclause but otherwise in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, the relevant Paying Agent shall nevertheless make payments in respect of the Notes as stated above promptly following receipt by it of such payment.
- 7.7 If for any reason the Agent considers in its sole discretion (acting reasonably) that the amounts to be received by it under subclause 7.1 will be, or the amounts actually received by it are, insufficient to satisfy all claims in respect of all payments then falling due in respect of the Notes, no Paying Agent shall be obliged to pay any such claims until the Agent has received the full amount of all such payments.
- 7.8 Without prejudice to subclauses 7.6 and 7.7, if the Agent pays any amounts to the holders of Notes, Receipts or Coupons or to any other Paying Agent at a time when it has not received payment in full in respect of the relevant Notes in accordance with subclause 7.1 (the excess of the amounts so paid over the amounts so received being the **Shortfall**), the Issuer will, in addition to paying amounts due under subclause 7.1, pay to the Agent on demand interest (at a rate which represents the Agent's cost of funding the Shortfall) on the Shortfall (or the unreimbursed portion thereof) until the receipt in full by the Agent of the Shortfall.

- 7.9 The Agent shall on demand promptly reimburse each other Paying Agent for payments in respect of Notes properly made by each Paying Agent in accordance with this Agreement and the Conditions unless the Agent has notified the relevant Paying Agent, prior to its opening of business on the due date of a payment in respect of the Notes, that the Agent does not expect to receive sufficient funds to make payment of all amounts falling due in respect of the Notes.
- 7.10 Whilst any Notes are represented by Global Notes, all payments due in respect of the Notes shall be made to, or to the order of, the holder of the Global Notes, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of the Global Notes. On the occasion of each payment, (i) in the case of a CGN, the Paying Agent to which such Global Note was presented for the purpose of making the payment shall cause the appropriate Schedule to the relevant Global Note to be annotated so as to evidence the amounts and dates of the payments of principal and/or interest as applicable or (ii) in the case of any Global Note which is a NGN, the Agent shall instruct Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg to make appropriate entries in their records to reflect such payment.
- 7.11 If the amount of principal and/or interest then due for payment is not paid in full (otherwise than by reason of a deduction required by law to be made or a certification required by the terms of a Note not being received), (i) the Paying Agent to which a Note, Receipt or Coupon (as the case may be) is presented for the purpose of making the payment shall, unless the Note is a NGN, make a record of the shortfall on the relevant Note, Receipt or Coupon and the record shall, in the absence of manifest error, be *prima facie* evidence that the payment in question has not to that extent been made or (ii) in the case of any Global Note which is a NGN, the Agent shall instruct Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg to make appropriate entries in their records to reflect such shortfall in payment.

8. DETERMINATIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS IN RESPECT OF NOTES AND INTEREST DETERMINATION

8.1 Determinations and notifications

- (a) The Agent shall, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, make all the determinations and calculations which it is required to make under the Conditions, all subject to and in accordance with the Conditions.
- (b) The Agent shall not be responsible to the Issuer or to any third party as a result of the Agent having acted on any quotation given by any Reference Bank which subsequently may be found to be incorrect.
- (c) The Agent shall promptly notify (and confirm in writing to) the Issuer, the other Paying Agents and (in respect of a Series of Notes listed on a Stock Exchange) the relevant Stock Exchange by no later than the first day of each Interest Period of each Rate of Interest, Interest Amount and Interest Payment Date and all other amounts, rates and dates which it is obliged to determine or calculate under the Conditions as soon as practicable after their determination and of any subsequent amendments to them under the Conditions.
- (d) The Agent shall use its best endeavours to cause each Rate of Interest, Interest Amount and Interest Payment Date and all other amounts, rates and dates which it is obliged to determine or calculate under the Conditions to be published as required in accordance with the Conditions as soon as possible after their determination or calculation.
- (e) If the Agent does not at any time for any reason determine and/or calculate and/or publish the Rate of Interest, Interest Amount and/or Interest Payment Date in respect of any Interest Period or any other amount, rate or date as provided in this clause, it shall immediately notify the Issuer and the other Paying Agents of that fact.

- (f) Determinations with regard to Notes (including, without limitation, Index Linked Notes and Dual Currency Notes) required to be made by a Calculation Agent specified in the applicable Final Terms shall be made in the manner so specified. Unless otherwise agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer or the Lead Manager, as the case may be, or unless the Agent is the Calculation Agent (in which case the provisions of this Agreement shall apply), those determinations shall be made on the basis of a Calculation Agency Agreement substantially in the form of Schedule 1. Notes of any Series may specify additional duties and obligations of any Paying Agent, the performance of which will be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Paying Agent prior to the relevant Issue Date.

8.2 Interest determination

- (a) Where Screen Rate Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject as provided below, be either:

- (i) the offered quotation; or
- (ii) the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the offered quotations,

(expressed as a percentage rate per annum), for the Reference Rate which appears or appear, as the case may be, on the Relevant Screen Page as at the Specified Time on the Interest Determination Date in question plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the Margin (if any), all as determined by the Agent. If five or more offered quotations are available on the Relevant Screen Page, the highest (or, if there is more than one highest quotation, one only of those quotations) and the lowest (or, if there is more than one lowest quotation, one only of those quotations) shall be disregarded by the Agent for the purpose of determining the arithmetic mean (rounded as provided above) of the offered quotations.

- (b) If the Relevant Screen Page is not available or if, in the case of subclause 8.2(a)(i), no offered quotation appears or, in the case of subclause 8.2(a)(ii), fewer than three offered quotations appear, in each case as at the Specified Time, the Agent shall request each of the Reference Banks to provide the Agent with its offered quotation (expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the Reference Rate at approximately the Specified Time on the Interest Determination Date in question. If two or more of the Reference Banks provide the Agent with offered quotations, the Rate of Interest for the Interest Period shall be the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the offered quotations plus or minus (as appropriate) the Margin (if any), all as determined by the Agent.
- (c) If on any Interest Determination Date one only or none of the Reference Banks provides the Agent with an offered quotation as provided in the preceding paragraph, the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period shall be the rate per annum which the Agent determines as being the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the rates, as communicated to (and at the request of) the Agent by the Reference Banks or any two or more of them, at which such banks were offered, at approximately the Specified Time on the relevant Interest Determination Date, deposits in the Specified Currency for a period equal to that which would have been used for the Reference Rate by leading banks in the London inter-bank market (if the Reference Rate is LIBOR) or the Euro-zone inter-bank market (if the Reference Rate is EURIBOR) plus or minus (as appropriate) the Margin (if any) or, if fewer than two of the Reference Banks provide the Agent with offered rates, the offered rate for deposits in the Specified Currency for a period equal to that which would have been used for the Reference Rate, or the arithmetic mean (rounded as provided above) of the offered rates for deposits in the Specified Currency for a period equal to that

which would have been used for the Reference Rate, at which, at approximately the Specified Time on the relevant Interest Determination Date, any one or more banks (which bank or banks is or are in the opinion of the Issuer suitable for the purpose) informs the Agent it is quoting to leading banks in the London inter-bank market (if the Reference Rate is LIBOR) or the Euro-zone inter-bank market (if the Reference Rate is EURIBOR) plus or minus (as appropriate) the Margin (if any), provided that, if the Rate of Interest cannot be determined in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the Rate of Interest shall be determined as at the last preceding Interest Determination Date (though substituting, where a different Margin is to be applied to the relevant Interest Period from that which applied to the last preceding Interest Period, the Margin relating to the relevant Interest Period in place of the Margin relating to that last preceding Interest Period).

- (d) If the Reference Rate from time to time in respect of Floating Rate Notes is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being other than LIBOR or EURIBOR, the Rate of Interest in respect of the Notes will be determined as provided in the applicable Final Terms.

9. NOTICE OF ANY WITHHOLDING OR DEDUCTION

- 9.1 If the Issuer is, in respect of any payment, compelled to withhold or deduct any amount for or on account of taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges as specifically contemplated under the Conditions, it shall give notice of that fact to the Agent as soon as it becomes aware of the requirement to make the withholding or deduction and shall give to the Agent such information as it shall require to enable it to comply with the requirement.
- 9.2 If any Paying Agent is, in respect of any payment of principal or interest in respect of the Notes, compelled to withhold or deduct any amount for or on account of any taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges as specifically contemplated under the Conditions, other than arising under subclause 9.1 or by virtue of the relevant holder failing to satisfy any certification or other requirement in respect of its Notes, it shall give notice of that fact to the Issuer and the Agent as soon as it becomes aware of the compulsion to withhold or deduct.

10. DUTIES OF THE PAYING AGENTS IN CONNECTION WITH EARLY REDEMPTION

- 10.1 If the Issuer decides to redeem any Notes for the time being outstanding before their Maturity Date in accordance with the Conditions, the Issuer shall give notice of the decision to the Agent stating the date on which the Notes are to be redeemed and the nominal amount of Notes to be redeemed not less than 15 days before the date on which the Issuer will give notice to the Noteholders in accordance with the Conditions of the redemption in order to enable the Agent to carry out its duties in this Agreement and in the Conditions.
- 10.2 If some only of the Notes are to be redeemed, the Agent shall, in the case of Definitive Notes, make the required drawing in accordance with the Conditions but shall give the Issuer reasonable notice of the time and place proposed for the drawing and the Issuer shall be entitled to send representatives to attend the drawing and shall, in the case of Notes in global form, co-ordinate the selection of Notes to be redeemed with Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, all in accordance with the Conditions.
- 10.3 The Agent shall publish the notice required in connection with any redemption and shall, if applicable, at the same time also publish a separate list of the serial numbers of any Notes in definitive form previously drawn and not presented for redemption. The redemption notice shall specify the date fixed for redemption, the redemption amount, the manner in which redemption will be effected and, in the case of a partial redemption of Definitive Notes, the serial numbers of the Notes to be redeemed. The notice will be published in accordance with the Conditions. The Agent will also notify the other Paying Agents of any date fixed for redemption of any Notes.

10.4 Each Paying Agent will keep a stock of Put Notices and will make them available on demand to holders of Definitive Notes, the Conditions of which provide for redemption at the option of Noteholders. Upon receipt of any Note deposited in the exercise of a put option in accordance with the Conditions, the Paying Agent with which the Note is deposited shall hold the Note (together with any Receipts, Coupons and Talons relating to it deposited with it) on behalf of the depositing Noteholder (but shall not, save as provided below, release it) until the due date for redemption of the relevant Note consequent upon the exercise of the option, when, subject as provided below, it shall present the Note (and any such unmatured Receipts, Coupons and Talons) to itself for payment of the amount due together with any interest due on the date of redemption in accordance with the Conditions and shall pay those moneys in accordance with the directions of the Noteholder contained in the relevant Put Notice. If, prior to the due date for its redemption, an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or the Note becomes immediately due and repayable or if upon due presentation payment of the redemption moneys is improperly withheld or refused, the Paying Agent concerned shall post the Note (together with any such Receipts, Coupons and Talons) by uninsured post to, and at the risk of, the relevant Noteholder (unless the Noteholder has otherwise requested and paid the costs of insurance to the relevant Paying Agent at the time of depositing the Notes) at the address given by the Noteholder in the relevant Put Notice. At the end of each period for the exercise of any put option, each Paying Agent shall promptly notify the Agent of the principal amount of the Notes in respect of which the option has been exercised with it together with their serial numbers and the Agent shall promptly notify those details to the Issuer.

11. RECEIPT AND PUBLICATION OF NOTICES

- 11.1 Immediately after it receives a demand or notice from any Noteholder in accordance with the Conditions, the Agent shall forward a copy to the Issuer.
- 11.2 On behalf of and at the request and expense of the Issuer, the Agent shall cause to be published all notices required to be given by the Issuer to the Noteholders in accordance with the Conditions. In case of any notice required to be published in a newspaper, the Agent must be given at least 10 day's prior notice.

12. CANCELLATION OF NOTES, RECEIPTS, COUPONS AND TALONS

- 12.1 All Notes which are redeemed, all Global Notes which are exchanged in full, all Receipts or Coupons which are paid and all Talons which are exchanged shall be cancelled by the Paying Agent by which they are redeemed, exchanged or paid. In addition, the Issuer shall immediately notify the Agent in writing of all Notes which are purchased on behalf of the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries and all such Notes surrendered to a Paying Agent for cancellation, together (in the case of Definitive Notes) with all unmatured Receipts, Coupons or Talons (if any) attached to them or surrendered with them, shall be cancelled by the Paying Agent to which they are surrendered. Each of the Paying Agents shall give to the Agent details of all payments made by it and shall deliver all cancelled Notes, Receipts, Coupons and Talons to the Agent or as the Agent may specify.
- 12.2 The Agent shall deliver to the Issuer as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event within three months after the date of each repayment, payment, cancellation or replacement, as the case may be, a certificate stating:
- (a) the aggregate nominal amount of Notes which have been redeemed and the aggregate amount paid in respect of them;
 - (b) the number of Notes cancelled together (in the case of Notes in definitive form) with details of all unmatured Receipts, Coupons or Talons attached to them or delivered with them;

- (c) the aggregate amount paid in respect of interest on the Notes;
 - (d) the total number by maturity date of Receipts, Coupons and Talons cancelled; and
 - (e) (in the case of Definitive Notes) the serial numbers of the Notes.
- 12.3 The Agent shall destroy all cancelled Notes, Receipts, Coupons and Talons (in the case of Global Notes, upon receipt of the disposal authorisation from Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg) and, immediately following their destruction, send to the Issuer a certificate stating the serial numbers of the Notes (in the case of Notes in definitive form) and the number by maturity date of Receipts, Coupons and Talons destroyed.
- 12.4 Without prejudice to the obligations of the Agent under subclause 12.2, the Agent shall keep a full and complete record of all Notes, Receipts, Coupons and Talons (other than serial numbers of Coupons) and of their redemption, purchase on behalf of the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries and cancellation, payment or replacement (as the case may be) and of all replacement Notes, Receipts, Coupons or Talons issued in substitution for mutilated, defaced, destroyed, lost or stolen Notes, Receipts, Coupons or Talons. The Agent shall in respect of the Coupons of each maturity retain (in the case of Coupons other than Talons) until the expiry of ten years from the Relevant Date in respect of such Coupons and (in the case of Talons) indefinitely either all paid or exchanged Coupons of that maturity or a list of the serial numbers of Coupons of that maturity still remaining unpaid or unexchanged. The Agent shall at all reasonable times make the record available to the Issuer and any persons authorised by it for inspection and for the taking of copies of it or extracts from it.
- 12.5 The Agent is authorised by the Issuer and instructed to (a) in the case of any Global Note which is a CGN, to endorse or to arrange for the endorsement of the relevant Global Note to reflect the reduction in the nominal amount represented by it by the amount so redeemed or purchased and cancelled and (b) in the case of any Global Note which is a NGN, to instruct Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg to make appropriate entries in their records to reflect such redemption or purchase and cancellation, as the case may be; provided, that, in the case of a purchase or cancellation, the Issuer has notified the Agent of the same in accordance with clause 12.1.

13. ISSUE OF REPLACEMENT NOTES, RECEIPTS, COUPONS AND TALONS

- 13.1 The Issuer will cause a sufficient quantity of additional forms of Notes, Receipts, Coupons and Talons to be available, upon request, to the Agent at its specified office for the purpose of issuing replacement Notes, Receipts, Coupons and Talons as provided below.
- 13.2 The Agent will, subject to and in accordance with the Conditions and this clause, cause to be delivered any replacement Notes, Receipts, Coupons and Talons which the Issuer may determine to issue in place of Notes, Receipts, Coupons and Talons which have been lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed.
- 13.3 In the case of a mutilated or defaced Note, the Agent shall ensure that (unless otherwise covered by such indemnity as the Issuer may reasonably require) any replacement Note will only have attached to it Receipts, Coupons and Talons corresponding to those (if any) attached to the mutilated or defaced Note which is presented for replacement.
- 13.4 The Agent shall obtain verification in the case of an allegedly lost, stolen or destroyed Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon in respect of which the serial number is known, that the Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon has not previously been redeemed, paid or exchanged, as the case may be. The Agent shall not issue any replacement Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon unless and until the claimant shall have:

- (a) paid the costs and expenses incurred in connection with the issue;
- (b) provided it with such evidence and indemnity as the Issuer may reasonably require; and
- (c) in the case of any mutilated or defaced Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon, surrendered it to the Agent.

- 13.5 The Agent shall cancel any mutilated or defaced Notes, Receipts, Coupons and Talons in respect of which replacement Notes, Receipts, Coupons and Talons have been issued under this clause and shall furnish the Issuer with a certificate stating the serial numbers of the Notes, Receipts, Coupons and Talons cancelled and, unless otherwise instructed by the Issuer in writing, shall destroy the cancelled Notes, Receipts, Coupons and Talons and give to the Issuer a destruction certificate containing the information specified in subclause 12.3.
- 13.6 The Agent shall, on issuing any replacement Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon, immediately inform the Issuer and the other Paying Agents of the serial number of the replacement Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon issued and (if known) of the serial number of the Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon in place of which the replacement Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon has been issued. Whenever replacement Receipts, Coupons or Talons are issued, the Agent shall also notify the other Paying Agents of the maturity dates of the lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed Receipts, Coupons or Talons and of the replacement Receipts, Coupons or Talons issued.
- 13.7 The Agent shall keep a full and complete record of all replacement Notes, Receipts, Coupons and Talons issued and shall make the record available at all reasonable times to the Issuer and any persons authorised by it for inspection and for the taking of copies of it or extracts from it.
- 13.8 Whenever any Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon for which a replacement Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon has been issued and in respect of which the serial number is known is presented to a Paying Agent for payment, the relevant Paying Agent shall immediately send notice of that fact to the Issuer and the other Paying Agents.
- 13.9 The Paying Agents shall issue further Coupon sheets against surrender of Talons. A Talon so surrendered shall be cancelled by the relevant Paying Agent who (except where the Paying Agent is the Agent) shall inform the Agent of its serial number. Further Coupon sheets issued on surrender of Talons shall carry the same serial number as the surrendered Talon.

14. COPIES OF DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

Each Paying Agent shall hold available for inspection at its specified office during normal business hours copies of all documents required to be so available by the Conditions of any Notes or the rules of any relevant Stock Exchange (or any other relevant authority). For these purposes, the Issuer shall provide the Paying Agents with sufficient copies of each of the relevant documents.

15. MEETINGS OF NOTEHOLDERS

- 15.1 The provisions of Schedule 5 shall apply to meetings of the Noteholders and shall have effect in the same manner as if set out in this Agreement.
- 15.2 Without prejudice to subclause 15.1, each of the Paying Agents on the request of any holder of Notes shall issue voting certificates and block voting instructions in accordance with Schedule 5 and shall immediately give notice to the Issuer in writing of any revocation or amendment of a block voting instruction. Each of the Paying Agents will keep a full and complete record of all voting certificates and block voting instructions issued by it and will, not less than 24 hours before the time appointed for holding a meeting or adjourned meeting, deposit at such place as the Agent shall approve, full

particulars of all voting certificates and block voting instructions issued by it in respect of the meeting or adjourned meeting.

16. COMMISSIONS AND EXPENSES

16.1 The Issuer agrees to pay to the Agent such fees and commissions, if any, as the Issuer and the Agent shall separately agree in respect of the services of the Agents initially appointed under this Agreement together with any out of pocket expenses (including legal, printing, postage, fax, cable and advertising expenses) reasonably incurred and properly documented by such Agents in connection with their services.

17. INDEMNITY

17.1 The Issuer shall indemnify the Agent and each of the Paying Agents, on an after tax basis, against any direct loss, liability, cost, claim, action, demand or expense (together, **Losses**) (including, but not limited to, all reasonable costs, legal fees, charges and expenses (together, **Expenses**) paid or incurred in disputing or defending any Losses) which it may incur or which may be made against it arising out of or in relation to or in connection with its appointment or the exercise of its functions, except for any Losses or Expenses resulting from its own gross negligence, bad faith or wilful default or that of its directors, officers, employees or agents.

17.2 The Agent and each of the Paying Agents shall indemnify the Issuer, on an after tax basis, against any Losses (including, but not limited to, all reasonable costs, legal fees, charges and expenses paid or incurred in disputing or defending any Losses) which it may incur or which may be made against it arising out of or in relation to or in connection with its gross negligence, bad faith or wilful default or that of its directors, officers, employees or agents.

17.3 Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, no Agent or Paying Agent shall in any event be liable for the following direct losses: loss of profits, loss of contracts or loss of goodwill. Under no circumstances will any Agent or Paying Agent be liable to the Issuer or any other party to this Agreement for any consequential loss or damage (including but not limited to, loss of business, goodwill, opportunity or profit), even if advised of the possibility of such loss or damage.

17.4 The indemnities set out above shall survive any termination and expiry of this Agreement.

18. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PAYING AGENTS

18.1 No Paying Agent shall be responsible to anyone with respect to the validity of this Agreement or the Notes, Receipts or Coupons or for any act or omission by it in connection with this Agreement or any Note, Receipt or Coupon except for its own negligence, default or bad faith, including that of its officers and employees.

18.2 No Paying Agent shall have any duty or responsibility in the case of any default by the Issuer in the performance of its obligations under the Conditions or, in the case of receipt of a written demand from a Noteholder or Couponholder, with respect to such default, provided however that immediately on receiving any notice given by a Noteholder in accordance with Condition 10 (*Events of Default*), the Agent notifies the Issuer of the fact and furnishes it with a copy of the notice.

18.3 Whenever in the performance of its duties under this Agreement a Paying Agent shall deem it desirable that any matter be established by the Issuer prior to taking or suffering any action under this Agreement, the matter may be deemed to be conclusively established by a certificate signed by the Issuer and delivered to the Paying Agent and the certificate shall be a full authorisation to the

Paying Agent for any action taken or suffered in good faith by it under the provisions of this Agreement in reliance upon the certificate.

19. CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT

- 19.1 Each Paying Agent shall be entitled to deal with money paid to it by the Issuer for the purpose of this Agreement in the same manner as other money paid to a banker by its customers except:
- (a) that it shall not exercise any right of set-off, lien or similar claim in respect of the money; and
 - (b) that it shall not be liable to account to the Issuer for any interest on the money.
- 19.2 In acting under this Agreement and in connection with the Notes, each Paying Agent shall act solely as an agent of the Issuer and will not assume any obligations towards or relationship of agency or trust for or with any of the owners or holders of the Notes, Receipts, Coupons or Talons.
- 19.3 Each Paying Agent undertakes to the Issuer to perform its duties, and shall be obliged to perform the duties and only the duties, specifically stated in this Agreement (including Schedule 8 in the case of the Agent), the Conditions and the Procedures Memorandum, and no implied duties or obligations shall be read into any of those documents against any Paying Agent, other than the duty to act honestly and in good faith and to exercise the diligence of a reasonably prudent agent in comparable circumstances. Each of the Paying Agents (other than the Agent) agrees that if any information that is required by the Agent to perform the duties set out in Schedule 8 becomes known to it, it will promptly provide such information to the Agent.
- 19.4 The Agent may consult with legal and other professional advisers with respect to its rights and duties hereunder and the opinion of the advisers shall be full and complete protection in respect of any action taken, omitted or suffered under this Agreement in good faith and in accordance with the opinion of the advisers. Failure to consult with such advisers on any matter shall not be construed as evidence of the Agent not acting in good faith.
- 19.5 Each Paying Agent shall be protected and shall incur no liability in respect of any action taken, omitted or suffered in reliance on any instruction from an authorised officer of the Issuer given in accordance with this Agreement or any document which it reasonably believes to be genuine and to have been delivered by the proper party or on written instructions from an authorised officer of the Issuer as provided in subclause 19.7. No Paying Agent shall be under any obligation to act if such Paying Agent reasonably believes that in doing so it will incur expenses for which it will not be reimbursed under this Agreement and in not acting on the basis of such reasonably held belief, such Paying Agent shall bear no liability therefor.
- 19.6 Any Paying Agent and its officers, directors and employees may become the owner of, and/or acquire any interest in, any Notes, Receipts, Coupons or Talons with the same rights that it or he would have had if the Paying Agent concerned were not appointed under this Agreement, and may engage or be interested in any financial or other transaction with the Issuer and may act on, or as depositary, trustee or agent for, any committee or body of holders of Notes or Coupons or in connection with any other obligations of the Issuer as freely as if the Paying Agent were not appointed under this Agreement.
- 19.7 The Issuer shall provide the Agent with a certified copy of the list of persons authorised to execute documents and take action on its behalf in connection with this Agreement and shall notify the Agent immediately in writing if any of those persons ceases to be authorised or if any additional person becomes authorised together, in the case of an additional authorised person, with evidence satisfactory to the Agent that the person has been authorised.

- 19.8 Except as otherwise permitted in the Conditions or as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or as required by law or applicable regulations, the Issuer and each of the Paying Agents shall be entitled to treat the bearer of any Note, Receipt or Coupon as the absolute owner of it (whether or not it is overdue and notwithstanding any notice of ownership or writing on it or notice of any previous loss or theft of it).
- 19.9 The amount of the Programme may be increased by the Issuer in accordance with the procedure set out in the Programme Agreement. Upon any increase being effected, all references in this Agreement to the amount of the Programme shall be deemed to be references to the increased amount.
- 19.10 Subject to the Issuer's written consent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld), if in the Agent's opinion, acting reasonably, it deems it appropriate to delegate any of its roles, duties or obligations under this Agreement to a third party, the Issuer hereby acknowledges the potential for such delegation.

The Agent shall be and remain liable for any act or omission committed by such delegate, to the same extent as it would have been liable hereunder had it performed such act or omission itself.

- 19.11 Each of the Paying Agents and the Issuer undertake to respect and protect the confidentiality of all information acquired as a result of or pursuant to this Agreement and will not, without the other parties' prior written consent, disclose any such information to a third party, unless it is required to do so by any applicable law or regulation or is specifically authorised to do so hereunder or by any separate agreement, especially where the provision of such information is the object or part of the service to be provided by the relevant Paying Agent.

In order to provide its services to the Issuer and to satisfy legal obligations it is subject to, each Paying Agent will process (in particular, without being limited to, by collecting, recording, organising, storing, adapting or altering, retrieving, consulting, using, disclosing by transmission, disseminating or otherwise making available to third parties) data relating to the Issuer (including, without being limited to the Issuer's name, address, occupation, nationality, corporate form, etc.). The Issuer may freely refuse to provide any Paying Agent with this information and thus prevent the relevant Paying Agent from using these data-processing systems. However, such a refusal will be an obstacle preventing the start or continuation of business relations between the Issuer and the relevant Paying Agent. The Agent will only ask for the information needed to fulfil its obligations and provide the Issuer with its services. The Issuer may, at its request, access the data relating to it and will be entitled to have it amended. The data will be kept for the period which the relevant Paying Agent is required to keep it by law.

The Issuer expressly authorises the transfer of data to third parties or to the head office of each Paying Agent (or any other person providing services to such Paying Agent) if such transmission is required to allow such Paying Agent to provide its services to the Issuer or to satisfy legal obligations it or such third party is subject to. The Issuer expressly authorises such transfer, including, to the extent relevant, any transfer to third parties established outside the European Communities.

20. COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES

A copy of all communications relating to the subject matter of this Agreement between the Issuer and any Paying Agent (other than the Agent) shall be sent to the Agent.

21. CHANGES IN PAYING AGENTS

- 21.1 The Issuer agrees that, for so long as any Note is outstanding, or until moneys for the payment of all amounts in respect of all outstanding Notes have been made available to the Agent and have been returned to the Issuer, as provided in this Agreement:
- (a) so long as any Notes are listed on any Stock Exchange, there will at all times be a Paying Agent, which may be the Agent, with a specified office in the place required by the rules and regulations of the relevant Stock Exchange or any other relevant authority;
 - (b) there will at all times be an Agent;
 - (c) there will at all times be a Paying Agent in a Member State of the European Union that will not be obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive; and
 - (d) there will at all times be a Paying Agent in a jurisdiction within Europe, other than the jurisdiction in which the Issuer is incorporated.

In addition, the Issuer shall immediately appoint a Paying Agent having a specified office in New York City in the circumstances described in Condition 6.4 (*Payments - General provisions applicable to payments*). Any variation, termination, appointment or change shall only take effect (other than in the case of insolvency (as provided in subclause 21.5), when it shall be of immediate effect) after not less than 30 nor more than 45 days' prior notice shall have been given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*).

- 21.2 The Agent may (subject as provided in subclause 21.4) at any time resign by giving at least 90 days' written notice to the Issuer specifying the date on which its resignation shall become effective.
- 21.3 The Agent may (subject as provided in subclause 21.4) be removed at any time by the Issuer on at least 45 days' notice in writing from the Issuer specifying the date when the removal shall become effective.
- 21.4 Any resignation under subclause 21.2 or removal of the Agent under subclauses 21.3 or 21.5 shall only take effect upon the appointment by the Issuer of a successor Agent and (other than in cases of insolvency of the Agent) on the expiry of the notice to be given under clause 23. The Issuer agrees with the Agent that if, by the day falling 10 days before the expiry of any notice under subclause 21.2 and subclause 21.3, the Issuer has not appointed a successor Agent then the Agent shall be entitled, on behalf of the Issuer, to appoint in its place as a successor Agent a reputable financial institution of good standing which meets the criteria in Clause 21.1 and which the Issuer shall approve.
- 21.5 In case at any time any Paying Agent resigns, or is removed, or becomes incapable of acting or is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent, or files a voluntary petition in bankruptcy or makes an assignment for the benefit of its creditors or consents to the appointment of an administrator, liquidator or administrative or other receiver of all or a substantial part of its property, or admits in writing its inability to pay or meet its debts as they mature or suspends payment of its debts, or if any order of any court is entered approving any petition filed by or against it under the provisions of any applicable bankruptcy or insolvency law or if a receiver of it or of all or a substantial part of its property is appointed or if any officer takes charge or control of it or of its property or affairs for the purpose of rehabilitation, conservation or liquidation, a successor Paying Agent which shall be a reputable financial institution of good standing may be appointed by the Issuer. Upon the appointment of a successor Paying Agent and acceptance by it of its appointment and (other than in

case of insolvency of the Paying Agent when it shall be of immediate effect) upon expiry of the notice to be given under clause 23, the Paying Agent so superseded shall cease to be a Paying Agent under this Agreement.

- 21.6 Subject to subclause 21.1, the Issuer may, after prior consultation with the Agent, terminate the appointment of any of the other Paying Agents at any time and/or appoint one or more further or other Paying Agents by giving to the Agent and to the relevant other Paying Agent at least 45 days' notice in writing to that effect (other than in the case of insolvency).
- 21.7 Subject to subclause 21.1, all or any of the Paying Agents (other than the Agent) may resign their respective appointments under this Agreement at any time by giving the Issuer and the Agent at least 45 days' written notice to that effect.
- 21.8 Upon its resignation or removal becoming effective, a Paying Agent shall:
- (a) in the case of the Agent, immediately transfer all moneys and records held by it under this Agreement to the successor Agent; and
 - (b) be entitled to the payment by the Issuer of the commissions, fees and expenses payable in respect of its services under this Agreement before termination in accordance with the terms of clause 16.
- 21.9 Upon its appointment becoming effective, a successor or new Paying Agent shall, without any further action, become vested with all the authority, rights, powers, duties and obligations of its predecessor or, as the case may be, a Paying Agent with the same effect as if originally named as a Paying Agent under this Agreement.
- 21.10 The termination of the appointment of the Agent or any other Paying Agent under this Clause 21 shall not entitle the Agent or, as the case may be, any other Paying Agent to any amount by way of compensation but shall be without prejudice to any amount already accrued and due.

22. MERGER AND CONSOLIDATION

Any corporation into which any Paying Agent may be merged or converted, or any corporation with which a Paying Agent may be consolidated, or any corporation to which the business of any Paying Agent may be transferred, or any corporation resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which a Paying Agent shall be a party, or any corporation to which a Paying Agent shall sell or otherwise transfer all or substantially all of its assets shall, on the date when the merger, conversion, consolidation or transfer becomes effective and to the extent permitted by any applicable laws, become the successor Paying Agent under this Agreement without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of the parties to this Agreement, unless otherwise required by the Issuer and after the said effective date all references in this Agreement to the relevant Paying Agent shall be deemed to be references to such successor corporation. Written notice of any such merger, conversion, consolidation or transfer shall immediately be given to the Issuer by the relevant Paying Agent.

23. NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES TO PAYING AGENTS

Following receipt of notice of resignation from a Paying Agent and immediately after appointing a successor or new Paying Agent or on giving notice to terminate the appointment of any Paying Agent, the Agent (on behalf of and at the expense of the Issuer) shall give or cause to be given not more than 45 days' nor less than 30 days' notice of the fact to the Noteholders in accordance with the Conditions.

24. CHANGE OF SPECIFIED OFFICE

If any Paying Agent determines to change its specified office it shall give to the Issuer and the Agent written notice of that fact giving the address of the new specified office which shall be in the same city and stating the date on which the change is to take effect, which shall not be less than 45 days after the notice. The Agent (on behalf and at the expense of the Issuer) shall within 15 days of receipt of the notice (unless the appointment of the relevant Paying Agent is to terminate pursuant to clause 21 on or prior to the date of the change) give or cause to be given not more than 45 days' nor less than 30 days' notice of the change to the Noteholders in accordance with the Conditions.

25. COMMUNICATIONS

25.1 All communications shall be by fax or letter delivered by hand or (but only where specifically provided in the Procedures Memorandum) by telephone. Each communication shall be made to the relevant party at the fax number or address or telephone number and, in the case of a communication by fax or letter, marked for the attention of, or (in the case of a communication by telephone) made to, the person or department from time to time specified in writing by that party to the others for the purpose. The initial telephone number, fax number and person or department so specified by each party are set out in the Procedures Memorandum.

25.2 A communication shall be deemed received (if by fax) when an acknowledgement of receipt is received, (if by telephone) when made or (if by letter) when delivered to the address specified in subclause 25.1, in each case in the manner required by this clause. However, if a communication is received after 4:00 p.m. (Luxembourg time) on any business day or on a day which is not a business day in the place of receipt it shall be deemed to be received and become effective at 10:00 a.m. (Luxembourg time) on the next business day in the place of receipt. Every communication shall be irrevocable save in respect of any manifest error in it.

25.3 Any notice given under or in connection with this Agreement shall be in English. All other documents provided under or in connection with this Agreement shall be:

- (a) in English; or
- (b) if not in English, accompanied by a certified English translation and, in this case, the English translation shall prevail unless the document is a statutory or other official document.

26. TAXES AND STAMP DUTIES

The Issuer agrees to pay any and all stamp and other documentary taxes or duties which may be payable in connection with the execution, delivery, performance and enforcement of this Agreement.

27. CURRENCY INDEMNITY

If, under any applicable law and whether pursuant to a judgment being made or registered against the Issuer or in the liquidation, insolvency or any similar process of the Issuer or for any other reason, any payment under or in connection with this Agreement is made or falls to be satisfied in a currency (the **other currency**) other than that in which the relevant payment is expressed to be due (the **required currency**) under this Agreement, then, to the extent that the payment (when converted into the required currency at the rate of exchange on the date of payment or, if it is not practicable for the relevant Paying Agent to purchase the required currency with the other currency on the date of payment, at the rate of exchange as soon thereafter as it is practicable for it to do so or, in the case of a liquidation, insolvency or analogous process, at the rate of exchange on the latest date permitted by applicable law for the determination of liabilities in such liquidation, insolvency or analogous process) actually received by the relevant Paying Agent falls short of the amount due under the terms

of this Agreement, the Issuer undertakes that it shall, as a separate and independent obligation, indemnify and hold harmless the Paying Agent against the amount of the shortfall. For the purpose of this clause 27, **rate of exchange** means the rate at which the relevant Paying Agent is able on the London foreign exchange market on the relevant date to purchase the required currency with the other currency and shall take into account any premium and other reasonable costs of exchange.

28. AMENDMENTS

The Agent and the Issuer may agree, without the consent of the Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders, to:

- (a) any modification of this Agreement which is not prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders; or
- (b) any modification (except as mentioned in the Conditions) of the Notes, the Receipts, the Coupons or this Agreement which is of a formal, minor or technical nature or is made to correct a manifest error or to comply with mandatory provisions of law.

Any modification so made shall be binding on the Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders and shall be notified to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*) as soon as practicable after it has been agreed.

29. CONTRACTS (RIGHTS OF THIRD PARTIES) ACT 1999

A person who is not a party to this Agreement has no right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this Agreement, but this does not affect any right or remedy of a third party which exists or is available apart from that Act.

30. GOVERNING LAW AND SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION

- 30.1 This Agreement and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with it are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, the laws of England.
- 30.2 The Issuer irrevocably agrees for the benefit of the Paying Agents that the courts of England are to have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any disputes which may arise out of or in connection with this Agreement (including any dispute relating to any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with this Agreement) and that accordingly any suit, action or proceedings (together referred to as **Proceedings**) arising out of or in connection with this Agreement (including any Proceedings relating to any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with this Agreement) may be brought in such courts.
- 30.3 The Issuer irrevocably waives any objection which it may have to the laying of the venue of any Proceedings in any such courts and any claim that any such Proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum and further irrevocably agrees that a judgment in any Proceedings brought in the English courts shall be conclusive and binding upon it and may be enforced in the courts of any other jurisdiction.
- 30.4 Nothing contained in this clause shall limit any right to take Proceedings against the Issuer in any other court of competent jurisdiction, nor shall the taking of Proceedings in one or more jurisdictions preclude the taking of Proceedings in any other jurisdiction, whether concurrently or not.
- 30.5 The Issuer appoints Wilmington Trust SP Services (London) Limited at its registered office at Third Floor, 1 King's Arms Yard, London EC2R 7AF as its agent for service of process, and undertakes that, in the event of Wilmington Trust SP Services (London) Limited ceasing so to act or ceasing to

be registered in England, it will appoint another person, as the Agent may approve, as its agent for service of process in England in respect of any Proceedings. Nothing in this clause 30 shall affect the right to serve process in any other manner permitted by law.

31. COUNTERPARTS

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, and this has the same effect as if the signatures on the counterparts were on a single copy of this Agreement.

SCHEDULE 1
FORM OF CALCULATION AGENCY AGREEMENT

CALCULATION AGENCY AGREEMENT

DATED []

SNAM S.p.A.

€8,000,000,000
EURO MEDIUM TERM NOTE PROGRAMME

THIS AGREEMENT is dated []

BETWEEN:

- (1) **Snam S.p.A.** (the **Issuer**); and
- (2) [] of [] (the **Calculation Agent**, which expression shall include any successor calculation agent appointed under this Agreement).

IT IS AGREED:

1. APPOINTMENT OF THE CALCULATION AGENT

The Calculation Agent is appointed, and the Calculation Agent agrees to act, as Calculation Agent in respect of each Series of Notes described in the Schedule (the **Relevant Notes**) for the purposes set out in clause 2 and on the terms of this Agreement. The agreement of the parties that this Agreement is to apply to each Series of Relevant Notes shall be evidenced by the manuscript annotation and signature in counterpart of the Schedule.

2. DUTIES OF CALCULATION AGENT

The Calculation Agent shall in relation to each series of Relevant Notes (each a **Series**) perform all the functions and duties imposed on the Calculation Agent by the terms and conditions of the Relevant Notes (the **Conditions**) including endorsing the Schedule appropriately in relation to each Series of Relevant Notes. In addition, the Calculation Agent agrees that it will provide a copy of all calculations made by it which affect the nominal amount outstanding of any Relevant Notes which are identified on the Schedule as being NGNs to BNP Paribas Securities Services, Luxembourg Branch as agent of the Issuer (or its successor or assignee) to the contact details set out on the signature page hereof.

3. EXPENSES

The arrangements in relation to expenses will be separately agreed in relation to each issue of Relevant Notes.

4. INDEMNITY

The Issuer shall indemnify the Calculation Agent against any losses, liabilities, costs, claims, actions, demands or expenses (together, **Losses**) (including, but not limited to, all reasonable costs, legal fees, charges and expenses (together, **Expenses**) paid or incurred in disputing or defending any Losses) which it may incur or which may be made against it as a result of or in connection with its appointment or the exercise of its powers and duties under this Agreement except for any Losses or Expenses resulting from its own default, negligence or bad faith or that of its officers, directors or employees or the breach by it of the terms of this Agreement.

5. CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT

- 5.1 In acting under this Agreement and in connection with the Relevant Notes, the Calculation Agent shall act solely as an agent of the Issuer and will not assume any obligations towards or relationship of agency or trust for or with any of the owners or holders of the Relevant Notes or the receipts or coupons (if any) appertaining to the Relevant Notes (the **Receipts** and the **Coupons**, respectively).

- 5.2 In relation to each issue of Relevant Notes, the Calculation Agent shall be obliged to perform the duties and only the duties specifically stated in this Agreement and the Conditions and no implied duties or obligations shall be read into this Agreement or the Conditions against the Calculation Agent, other than the duty to act honestly and in good faith and to exercise the diligence of a reasonably prudent expert in comparable circumstances.
- 5.3 The Calculation Agent may consult with legal and other professional advisers in respect of its rights and duties under this Agreement and the opinion of the advisers shall be full and complete protection in respect of any action taken, omitted or suffered under this Agreement in good faith and in accordance with the opinion of the advisers.
- 5.4 The Calculation Agent shall be protected and shall incur no liability in respect of any action taken, omitted or suffered in reliance on any instruction from the Issuer or any document which it reasonably believes to be genuine and to have been delivered by the proper party or on written instructions from the Issuer.
- 5.5 The Calculation Agent and any of its officers, directors and employees may become the owner of, or acquire any interest in, any Notes, Receipts or Coupons (if any) with the same rights that it or he would have had if the Calculation Agent were not appointed under this Agreement, and may engage or be interested in any financial or other transaction with the Issuer and may act on, or as depositary, trustee or agent for, any committee or body of holders of Notes or Coupons or in connection with any other obligations of the Issuer as freely as if the Calculation Agent were not appointed under this Agreement.

6. TERMINATION OF APPOINTMENT

- 6.1 The Issuer may terminate the appointment of the Calculation Agent at any time by giving to the Calculation Agent at least 45 days' prior written notice to that effect, provided that, so long as any of the Relevant Notes is outstanding:
- (a) the notice shall not expire less than 45 days before any date on which any calculation is due to be made in respect of any Relevant Notes; and
 - (b) notice shall be given in accordance with the Conditions to the holders of the Relevant Notes at least 30 days before any removal of the Calculation Agent.
- 6.2 Notwithstanding the provisions of subclause 6.1, if at any time:
- (a) the Calculation Agent becomes incapable of acting, or is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent, or files a voluntary petition in bankruptcy or makes an assignment for the benefit of its creditors or consents to the appointment of an administrator, liquidator or administrative or other receiver of all or any substantial part of its property, or admits in writing its inability to pay or meet its debts as they may mature or suspends payment of its debts, or if any order of any court is entered approving any petition filed by or against it under the provisions of any applicable bankruptcy or insolvency law or if a receiver of it or of all or a substantial part of its property is appointed or if any officer takes charge or control of the Calculation Agent or of its property or affairs for the purpose of rehabilitation, conservation or liquidation; or
 - (b) the Calculation Agent fails duly to perform any function or duty imposed on it by the Conditions and this Agreement,

the Issuer may immediately without notice terminate the appointment of the Calculation Agent, in which event notice of the termination shall be given to the holders of the Relevant Notes in accordance with the Conditions as soon as practicable.

- 6.3 The termination of the appointment of the Calculation Agent under subclauses 6.1 or 6.2 shall not entitle the Calculation Agent to any amount by way of compensation but shall be without prejudice to any amount then accrued due.
- 6.4 The Calculation Agent may resign its appointment under this Agreement at any time by giving to the Issuer at least 90 days' prior written notice to that effect. Following receipt of a notice of resignation from the Calculation Agent, the Issuer shall promptly give notice of the resignation to the holders of the Relevant Notes in accordance with the Conditions.
- 6.5 Notwithstanding the provisions of subclauses 6.1, 6.2 and 6.4 and, so long as any of the Relevant Notes is outstanding, the termination of the appointment of the Calculation Agent (whether by the Issuer or by the resignation of the Calculation Agent) shall not be effective unless upon the expiry of the relevant notice a successor Calculation Agent has been appointed. The Issuer agrees with the Calculation Agent that if, by the day falling 10 days before the expiry of any notice under subclause 6.4, the Issuer has not appointed a replacement Calculation Agent, the Calculation Agent shall be entitled, on behalf of the Issuer, to appoint as a successor Calculation Agent in its place a reputable financial institution of good standing which the Issuer shall approve.
- 6.6 Upon its appointment becoming effective, a successor Calculation Agent shall without any further action, become vested with all the authority, rights, powers, duties and obligations of its predecessor with the same effect as if originally named as the Calculation Agent under this Agreement.
- 6.7 If the appointment of the Calculation Agent under this Agreement is terminated (whether by the Issuer or by the resignation of the Calculation Agent), the Calculation Agent shall on the date on which the termination takes effect deliver to the successor Calculation Agent any records concerning the Relevant Notes maintained by it (except those documents and records which it is obliged by law or regulation to retain or not to release), but shall have no other duties or responsibilities under this Agreement.
- 6.8 Any corporation into which the Calculation Agent may be merged or converted, or any corporation with which the Calculation Agent may be consolidated, or any corporation resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which the Calculation Agent shall be a party, or any corporation to which the Calculation Agent shall sell or otherwise transfer all or substantially all of its assets shall, on the date when the merger, consolidation or transfer becomes effective and to the extent permitted by any applicable laws, become the successor Calculation Agent under this Agreement without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of any of the parties to this Agreement, unless otherwise required by the Issuer, and after the said effective date all references in this Agreement to the Calculation Agent shall be deemed to be references to such successor corporation. Written notice of any such merger, conversion, consolidation or transfer shall immediately be given to the Issuer and the Agent by the Calculation Agent.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

- 7.1 All communications shall be by fax or letter delivered by hand. Each communication shall be made to the relevant party at the fax number or address and marked for the attention of the person or department from time to time specified in writing by that party to the others for the purpose. The initial fax number and person or department so specified by each party are set out in the Procedures Memorandum or, in the case of the Calculation Agent, on the signature page of this Agreement.
- 7.2 A communication shall be deemed received (if by fax) when an acknowledgement of receipt is received or (if by letter) when delivered, in each case in the manner required by this clause 7. However, if a communication is received after business hours on any business day or on a day which is not a business day in the place of receipt it shall be deemed to be received and become effective at

the opening of business on the next business day in the place of receipt. Every communication shall be irrevocable save in respect of any manifest error in it.

7.3 Any notice given under or in connection with this Agreement shall be in English. All other documents provided under or in connection with this Agreement shall be:

- (a) in English; or
- (b) if not in English, accompanied by a certified English translation and, in this case, the English translation shall prevail unless the document is a statutory or other official document.

8. DESCRIPTIVE HEADINGS AND COUNTERPARTS

8.1 The descriptive headings in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not define or limit the provisions hereof.

8.2 This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, and this has the same effect as if the signatures on the counterparts were on a single copy of this Agreement.

9. CONTRACTS (RIGHTS OF THIRD PARTIES) ACT 1999

A person who is not a party to this Agreement has no right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this Agreement, but this does not affect any right or remedy of a third party which exists or is available apart from that Act.

10. GOVERNING LAW AND SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION

10.1 This Agreement and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with it are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, the laws of England.

10.2 The Issuer irrevocably agrees for the benefit of the Calculation Agent that the courts of England are to have jurisdiction to settle any disputes which may arise out of or in connection with this Agreement (including any dispute relating to any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with this Agreement) and that accordingly any suit, action or proceedings (together referred to as **Proceedings**) arising out of or in connection with this Agreement (including any Proceedings relating to any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with this Agreement) may be brought in such courts.

10.3 The Issuer irrevocably waives any objection which it may have to the laying of the venue of any Proceedings in any such courts and any claim that any Proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum and further irrevocably agrees that a judgment in any Proceedings brought in the English courts shall be conclusive and binding upon it and may be enforced in the courts of any other jurisdiction.

10.4 Nothing contained in this clause shall limit any right to take Proceedings against the Issuer in any other court of competent jurisdiction, nor shall the taking of Proceedings in one or more jurisdictions preclude the taking of Proceedings in any other jurisdiction, whether concurrently or not.

10.5 The Issuer appoints Wilmington Trust SP Services (London) Limited at its registered office at Third Floor, 1 King's Arms Yard, London EC2R 7AF as its agent for service of process, and undertakes that, in the event of Wilmington Trust SP Services (London) Limited ceasing so to act or ceasing to be registered in England, it will appoint another person, as the Calculation Agent may approve, as its agent for the service of process in England in respect of any Proceedings. Nothing in this clause 10 shall affect the right to serve process in any other manner permitted by law.

10.6 This Agreement has been entered into on the date stated at the beginning of this Agreement.

SNAM S.p.A.

By:

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SCHEDULE ONE
TO THE CALCULATION AGENCY AGREEMENT

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SCHEDULE 2
TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES

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The following are the Terms and Conditions of the Notes which will be incorporated by reference into each Global Note (as defined below) and each definitive Note, in the latter case only if permitted by the relevant stock exchange or other relevant authority (if any) and agreed by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer at the time of issue but, if not so permitted and agreed, such definitive Note will have endorsed thereon or attached thereto such Terms and Conditions. The applicable Final Terms in relation to any Tranche of Notes may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with the following Terms and Conditions, replace or modify the following Terms and Conditions for the purpose of such Notes. The applicable Final Terms (or the relevant provisions thereof) will be endorsed upon, or attached to, each Global Note and definitive Note. Reference should be made to "Form of the Notes" for a description of the content of Final Terms which will specify which of such terms are to apply in relation to the relevant Notes.

This Note is one of a Series (as defined below) of Notes issued by Snam S.p.A. (the **Issuer**) pursuant to the Agency Agreement (as defined below).

References herein to the **Notes** shall be references to the Notes of this Series and shall mean:

- (a) in relation to any Notes represented by a global Note (a **Global Note**), units of each Specified Denomination in the Specified Currency;
- (b) any Global Note; and
- (c) any definitive Notes issued in exchange for a Global Note.

The Notes, the Receipts (as defined below) and the Coupons (as defined below) have the benefit of an Agency Agreement (such Agency Agreement as amended and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the **Agency Agreement**) dated 15 June 2012 and made between the Issuer, BNP Paribas Securities Services, Luxembourg Branch as issuing and principal paying agent and agent bank (the **Agent**, which expression shall include any successor agent) and the other paying agents named therein (together with the Agent, the **Paying Agents**, which expression shall include any additional or successor paying agents).

Interest bearing definitive Notes have interest coupons (**Coupons**) and, if indicated in the applicable Final Terms, talons for further Coupons (**Talons**) attached on issue. Any reference herein to Coupons or coupons shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be deemed to include a reference to Talons or talons. Definitive Notes repayable in instalments have receipts (**Receipts**) for the payment of the instalments of principal (other than the final instalment) attached on issue. Global Notes do not have Receipts, Coupons or Talons attached on issue.

The final terms for this Note (or the relevant provisions thereof) are set out in Part A of the Final Terms attached to or endorsed on this Note which supplement these Terms and Conditions (the **Conditions**) and may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with the Conditions, replace or modify the Conditions for the purposes of this Note. References to the **applicable Final Terms** are to Part A of the Final Terms (or the relevant provisions thereof) attached to or endorsed on this Note.

Any reference to **Noteholders** or **holders** in relation to any Notes shall mean the holders of the Notes and shall, in relation to any Notes represented by a Global Note, be construed as provided below. Any reference herein to **Receiptholders** shall mean the holders of the Receipts and any reference herein to **Couponholders** shall mean the holders of the Coupons and shall, unless the context otherwise requires, include the holders of the Talons.

As used herein, **Tranche** means Notes which are identical in all respects (including as to listing and admission to trading) and **Series** means a Tranche of Notes together with any further Tranche or

Tranches of Notes which are (a) expressed to be consolidated and form a single series and (b) identical in all respects (including as to listing and admission to trading) except for their respective Issue Dates, (unless this is a Zero Coupon Note) Interest Commencement Dates and/or Issue Prices.

The Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders are entitled to the benefit of the Deed of Covenant (the **Deed of Covenant**) dated 15 June 2012 and made by the Issuer. The original of the Deed of Covenant is held by the common depository for Euroclear (as defined below) and Clearstream, Luxembourg (as defined below).

Copies of the Agency Agreement and the Deed of Covenant are available for inspection during normal business hours at the specified office of each of the Paying Agents. Copies of the applicable Final Terms are available for viewing at the registered office of the Issuer and of the Agent and copies may be obtained from those offices save that, if this Note is neither admitted to trading on a regulated market in the European Economic Area nor offered in the European Economic Area in circumstances where a prospectus is required to be published under the Prospectus Directive (Directive 2003/71/EC), the applicable Final Terms will only be obtainable by a Noteholder holding one or more Notes and such Noteholder must produce evidence satisfactory to the Issuer and the relevant Paying Agent as to its holding of such Notes and identity. The Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders are deemed to have notice of, and are entitled to the benefit of, all the provisions of the Agency Agreement, the Deed of Covenant and the applicable Final Terms which are applicable to them. The statements in the Conditions include summaries of, and are subject to, the detailed provisions of the Agency Agreement.

Words and expressions defined in the Agency Agreement or used in the applicable Final Terms shall have the same meanings where used in the Conditions unless the context otherwise requires or unless otherwise stated and provided that, in the event of inconsistency between the Agency Agreement and the applicable Final Terms, the applicable Final Terms will prevail.

1. FORM, DENOMINATION AND TITLE

The Notes are in bearer form and, in the case of definitive Notes, serially numbered, in the Specified Currency and the Specified Denomination(s). Notes of one Specified Denomination may not be exchanged for Notes of another Specified Denomination.

This Note may be a Fixed Rate Note, a Floating Rate Note, a Zero Coupon Note, an Index Linked Interest Note, a Dual Currency Interest Note or a combination of any of the foregoing, depending upon the Interest Basis shown in the applicable Final Terms.

This Note may be an Index Linked Redemption Note, an Instalment Note, a Dual Currency Redemption Note, a Partly Paid Note or a combination of any of the foregoing, depending upon the Redemption/Payment Basis shown in the applicable Final Terms.

Definitive Notes are issued with Coupons attached, unless they are Zero Coupon Notes in which case references to Coupons and Couponholders in the Conditions are not applicable.

Subject as set out below, title to the Notes, Receipts and Coupons will pass by delivery. The Issuer and the Paying Agents will (except as otherwise required by law) deem and treat the bearer of any Note, Receipt or Coupon as the absolute owner thereof (whether or not overdue and notwithstanding any notice of ownership or writing thereon or notice of any previous loss or theft thereof) for all purposes but, in the case of any Global Note, without prejudice to the provisions set out in the next succeeding paragraph.

For so long as any of the Notes is represented by a Global Note held on behalf of Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. (**Euroclear**) and/or Clearstream Banking, société anonyme (**Clearstream, Luxembourg**), each person (other than Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg) who is for the time being shown in the records of Euroclear or of Clearstream, Luxembourg as the holder of a

particular nominal amount of such Notes (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as to the nominal amount of such Notes standing to the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes save in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and the Paying Agents as the holder of such nominal amount of such Notes for all purposes other than with respect to the payment of principal or interest on such nominal amount of such Notes, for which purpose the bearer of the relevant Global Note shall be treated by the Issuer and any Paying Agent as the holder of such nominal amount of such Notes in accordance with and subject to the terms of the relevant Global Note and the expressions **Noteholder** and **holder of Notes** and related expressions shall be construed accordingly.

Notes which are represented by a Global Note will be transferable only in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be. References to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any additional or alternative clearing system specified in the applicable Final Terms.

2. STATUS OF THE NOTES

The Notes and any relative Receipts and Coupons are direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and (subject to the provisions of Condition 3 (Negative Pledge) unsecured obligations of the Issuer and rank *pari passu* among themselves and (save for certain obligations required to be preferred by law) equally with all other unsecured obligations (other than subordinated obligations, if any) of the Issuer, from time to time outstanding.

3. NEGATIVE PLEDGE

So long as any of the Notes remains outstanding, the Issuer will not, and will ensure that none of its Material Subsidiaries will, create or permit to subsist any Security upon the whole or any part of the assets or revenues, present or future, of the Issuer and/or any of its Material Subsidiaries to secure any Indebtedness, except for Permitted Encumbrances, unless:

- (a) the same Security shall forthwith be extended equally and rateably to secure all amounts payable under the Notes and any related Receipts and Coupons; or
- (b) such other Security or guarantee (or other arrangement) as shall be approved by an Extraordinary Resolution (as defined in the Agency Agreement), shall previously have been or shall forthwith be extended equally and rateably to secure all amounts payable under the Notes and any related Receipts and Coupons.

As used herein:

Group means the Issuer and its Subsidiaries;

Indebtedness means any present or future indebtedness for borrowed money which is in the form of, or represented by, bonds, notes, debentures or other debt securities and which is or are intended to be quoted, listed or ordinarily dealt in on any stock exchange, over-the-counter or regulated securities market;

Material Subsidiary means any consolidated Subsidiary of the Issuer:

- (a) whose total assets (consolidated in the case of a Subsidiary which itself has Subsidiaries) represent not less than 10% of the consolidated total assets of the Issuer and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole, as calculated respectively by reference to the then latest audited accounts (consolidated or, as the case may be, unconsolidated) of the Subsidiary and the then latest audited consolidated accounts of the Issuer and its Subsidiaries; or

- (b) to which is transferred the whole or substantially the whole of the undertaking and assets of a Subsidiary of the Issuer which immediately before the transfer is a Material Subsidiary of the Issuer.

A report by two officers of the Issuer stating that in their opinion a Subsidiary of the Issuer is or is not or was or was not at any particular time or throughout any specified period a Material Subsidiary shall, in the absence of manifest or proven error, be conclusive and binding on all parties;

Permitted Encumbrances means:

- (a) any Security arising pursuant to any mandatory provision of law other than as a result of any action taken by the Issuer or a Material Subsidiary; or
- (b) any Security in existence as at the date of issuance of the Notes, including any extension, renewal or replacement (or successive extensions, renewals or replacements), as a whole or in part, of any Security referred to in this paragraph, or of any Indebtedness secured thereby; provided that the principal amount of Indebtedness secured thereby shall not exceed the principal amount of Indebtedness so secured at the time of such extension, renewal or replacement, and that such extension, renewal or replacement Security shall be limited to all or any part of the same property or shares of stock that secured the Indebtedness extended, renewed or replaced (plus improvements on such property), or property received or shares of stock issued in substitution or exchange therefor; or
- (c) in the case of any entity which becomes a Material Subsidiary or is merged, consolidated or amalgamated into a Material Subsidiary or the Issuer after the date of issuance of the Notes, any Security existing over such entity's assets at the time it becomes (or is merged, consolidated or amalgamated into) such member of the Group, provided that the Security was not created in contemplation of, or in connection with, its becoming (or being merged, consolidated or amalgamated into) such member of the Group and provided further that the amounts secured have not been increased in contemplation of, or in connection with, its becoming (or is merged, consolidated or amalgamated into) such member of the Group; or
- (d) any Security securing Project Finance Indebtedness; or
- (e) any Security which is created in connection with, or pursuant to, a limited-recourse financing, factoring, securitisation, asset-backed commercial paper programme or other like arrangement where the payment obligations in respect of the Indebtedness secured by the relevant Security are to be discharged solely from the revenues generated by the assets over which such Security is created (including, without limitation, receivables); or
- (f) any Security created after the date of issuance of the Notes on any asset acquired by the person creating the Security and securing only Indebtedness incurred for the sole purpose of financing or re-financing that acquisition, provided that the principal amount of such Indebtedness so secured does not exceed the overall cost of that acquisition; or
- (g) any Security created after the date of issuance of the Notes on any asset improved, constructed, altered or repaired and securing only Indebtedness incurred for the sole purpose of financing or re-financing such improvement, construction, alteration or repair, provided that the principal amount of such Indebtedness so secured does not exceed the overall cost of that improvement, construction, alteration or repair; or
- (h) any Security that does not fall within subparagraphs (a) to (g) above and that secures Indebtedness which, when aggregated with Indebtedness secured by all other Security permitted under this subparagraph, does not exceed 5% of the Regulatory Asset Base of the Group as at the date of the creation of the Security;

Person means any individual, company, corporation, firm, partnership, joint venture, association, organisation, state or agency of a state or other entity, whether or not having separate legal personality;

Project Finance Indebtedness means any present or future Indebtedness incurred in financing or refinancing the ownership, acquisition, construction, development, leasing, maintenance and/or operation of an asset or assets, whether or not an asset of a member of the Group:

- (a) which is incurred by a Project Finance Subsidiary; or
- (b) in respect of which the Person or Persons to whom any such Indebtedness is or may be owed by the relevant borrower (whether or not a member of the Group) has or have no recourse whatsoever to any member of the Group (other than a Project Finance Subsidiary) for the repayment thereof other than:
 - (i) recourse for amounts limited to the cash flow or the net cash flow (other than historic cash flow or historic net cash flow) from such asset or assets or the income or other proceeds deriving therefrom; and/or
 - (ii) recourse for the purpose only of enabling amounts to be claimed in respect of such Indebtedness in an enforcement of any Security given by such borrower over such asset or assets or the income, cash flow or other proceeds, deriving therefrom (or given by any shareholder or the like in the borrower over its shares or the like in the capital of the borrower) to secure such Indebtedness,

provided that (a) the extent of such recourse is limited solely to the amount of any recoveries made on any such enforcement, and (b) such Person or Persons is or are not entitled, by virtue of any right or claim arising out of or in connection with such Indebtedness, to commence any proceedings of whatever nature against any member of the Group (other than a Project Finance Subsidiary) and (c) an equity contribution in the borrower by the Issuer or Material Subsidiary, according to the then project finance market standard, shall not be deemed as a “recourse” to the relevant member of the Group;

Project Finance Subsidiary means any direct or indirect Subsidiary of the Issuer either:

- (a) (i) which is a single-purpose company whose principal assets and business are constituted by the ownership, acquisition, construction, development, leasing, maintenance and/or operation of an asset or assets; and
- (ii) none of whose Indebtedness in respect of the financing of such ownership, acquisition, construction, development, leasing, maintenance and/or operation of an asset or assets is subject to any recourse whatsoever to any member of the Group (other than such Subsidiary or another Project Finance Subsidiary) in respect of the repayment thereof, except as expressly referred to in subparagraph (b)(ii) of the definition of Project Finance Indebtedness; or
- (b) at least 70% in principal amount of whose Indebtedness is Project Finance Indebtedness;

Regulatory Asset Base means the regulated assets of the Group the value of which is determined by reference to the net capital invested in assets (*capitale investito netto*) as calculated by reference to applicable AEEG Regulations and on the basis of which gas transportation, storage, re-gasification, distribution tariffs are determined by AEEG;

Security means any mortgage, lien, pledge, charge or other security interest;

Subsidiary means, in respect of any Person (the **first Person**) at any particular time, any other Person (the **second Person**):

- (a) whose majority of votes in ordinary shareholders' meetings of the second Person is held by the first Person; or
- (b) in which the first Person holds a sufficient number of votes giving the first Person a dominant influence in ordinary shareholders' meetings of the second Person; or
- (c) whose accounts are required to be consolidated with those of the first Person pursuant to article 26 of Law 127 of 1991;

in the case of (a) and (b), pursuant to the provisions of Article 2359, first paragraph, no. 1 and no. 2, of the Italian Civil Code.

4. REDENOMINATION

4.1 Redenomination

Where redenomination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being applicable, the Issuer may, without the consent of the Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders on giving prior notice to the Agent, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and at least 30 days' prior notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 (Notices), elect that, with effect from the Redenomination Date specified in the notice, the Notes shall be redenominated in euro.

The election will have effect as follows:

- (a) the Notes and the Receipts shall be deemed to be redenominated in euro in the denomination of euro 0.01 with a nominal amount for each Note and Receipt equal to the nominal amount of that Note or Receipt in the Specified Currency, converted into euro at the Established Rate, provided that, if the Issuer determines, with the agreement of the Agent, that the then market practice in respect of the redenomination in euro of internationally offered securities is different from the provisions specified above, such provisions shall be deemed to be amended so as to comply with such market practice and the Issuer shall promptly notify the Noteholders, the stock exchange (if any) on which the Notes may be listed and the Paying Agents of such deemed amendments;
- (b) save to the extent that an Exchange Notice has been given in accordance with paragraph (d) below, the amount of interest due in respect of the Notes will be calculated by reference to the aggregate nominal amount of Notes held (or, as the case may be, in respect of which Coupons are presented for payment) by the relevant holder and the amount of such payment shall be rounded down to the nearest euro 0.01;
- (c) if definitive Notes are required to be issued after the Redenomination Date, they shall be issued at the expense of the Issuer (i) in the case of Relevant Notes in the denomination of euro 100,000 and/or such higher amounts as the Agent may determine and notify to the Noteholders and any remaining amounts less than euro 100,000 shall be redeemed by the Issuer and paid to the Noteholders in euro in accordance with Condition 6 (Payments); and (ii) in the case of Notes which are not Relevant Notes, in the denominations of euro 1,000, euro 10,000, euro 100,000 and (but only to the extent of any remaining amounts less than euro 1,000 or such smaller denominations as the Agent may approve) euro 0.01 and such other denominations as the Agent shall determine and notify to the Noteholders;

- (d) if issued prior to the Redenomination Date, all unmatured Coupons denominated in the Specified Currency (whether or not attached to the Notes) will become void with effect from the date on which the Issuer gives notice (the **Exchange Notice**) that replacement euro-denominated Notes, Receipts and Coupons are available for exchange (provided that such securities are so available) and no payments will be made in respect of them. The payment obligations contained in any Notes and Receipts so issued will also become void on that date although those Notes and Receipts will continue to constitute valid exchange obligations of the Issuer. New euro-denominated Notes, Receipts and Coupons will be issued in exchange for Notes, Receipts and Coupons denominated in the Specified Currency in such manner as the Agent may specify and as shall be notified to the Noteholders in the Exchange Notice. No Exchange Notice may be given less than 15 days prior to any date for payment of principal or interest on the Notes;
- (e) after the Redenomination Date, all payments in respect of the Notes, the Receipts and the Coupons, other than payments of interest in respect of periods commencing before the Redenomination Date, will be made solely in euro as though references in the Notes to the Specified Currency were to euro. Payments will be made in euro by credit or transfer to a euro account (or any other account to which euro may be credited or transferred) specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque;
- (f) if the Notes are Fixed Rate Notes and interest for any period ending on or after the Redenomination Date is required to be calculated for a period ending other than on an Interest Payment Date, it will be calculated:
 - (i) in the case of the Notes represented by a Global Note, by applying the Rate of Interest to the aggregate outstanding nominal amount of the Notes represented by such Global Note; and
 - (ii) in the case of definitive Notes, by applying the Rate of Interest to the Calculation Amount;and, in each case, multiplying such sum by the applicable Day Count Fraction, and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest sub-unit of the relevant Specified Currency, half of any such sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention. Where the Specified Denomination of a Fixed Rate Note in definitive form is a multiple of the Calculation Amount, the amount of interest payable in respect of such Fixed Rate Note shall be the product of the amount (determined in the manner provided above) for the Calculation Amount and the amount by which the Calculation Amount is multiplied to reach the Specified Denomination without any further rounding; and
- (g) if the Notes are Floating Rate Notes, the applicable Final Terms will specify any relevant changes to the provisions relating to interest.

4.2 Definitions

In these Conditions, the following expressions have the following meanings:

Established Rate means the rate for the conversion of the Specified Currency (including compliance with rules relating to roundings in accordance with applicable European Union regulations) into euro established by the Council of the European Union pursuant to Article 140 of the Treaty;

euro means the currency introduced at the start of the third stage of European economic and monetary union pursuant to the Treaty;

Redenomination Date means (in the case of interest bearing Notes) any date for payment of interest under the Notes or (in the case of Zero Coupon Notes) any date, in each case specified by the Issuer in the notice given to the Noteholders pursuant to paragraph 4.1 above and which falls on or after the date on which the country of the Specified Currency first participates in the third stage of European economic and monetary union;

Relevant Notes means all Notes where the applicable Final Terms provide for a minimum Specified Denomination in the Specified Currency which is equivalent to at least euro 100,000 and which are admitted to trading on a regulated market in the European Economic Area; and

Treaty means the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, as amended.

5. INTEREST

5.1 Interest on Fixed Rate Notes

Each Fixed Rate Note bears interest from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date at the rate(s) per annum equal to the Rate(s) of Interest. Interest will be payable in arrear on the Interest Payment Date(s) in each year up to (and including) the Maturity Date.

If the Notes are in definitive form, except as provided in the applicable Final Terms, the amount of interest payable on each Interest Payment Date in respect of the Fixed Interest Period ending on (but excluding) such date will amount to the Fixed Coupon Amount. Payments of interest on any Interest Payment Date will, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms, amount to the Broken Amount so specified.

As used in the Conditions, **Fixed Interest Period** means the period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Payment Date.

Except in the case of Notes in definitive form where an applicable Fixed Coupon Amount or Broken Amount is specified in the applicable Final Terms, interest shall be calculated in respect of any period by applying the Rate of Interest to:

- (a) in the case of Fixed Rate Notes which are represented by a Global Note, the aggregate outstanding nominal amount of the Fixed Rate Notes represented by such Global Note (or, if they are Partly Paid Notes, the aggregate amount paid up); or
- (b) in the case of Fixed Rate Notes in definitive form, the Calculation Amount;

and, in each case, multiplying such sum by the applicable Day Count Fraction, and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest sub-unit of the relevant Specified Currency, half of any such sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention. Where the Specified Denomination of a Fixed Rate Note in definitive form is a multiple of the Calculation Amount, the amount of interest payable in respect of such Fixed Rate Note shall be the product of the amount (determined in the manner provided above) for the Calculation Amount and the amount by which the Calculation Amount is multiplied to reach the Specified Denomination, without any further rounding.

Day Count Fraction means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest, in accordance with this Condition 5.1:

- (a) if “Actual/Actual (ICMA)” is specified in the applicable Final Terms:
 - (i) in the case of Notes where the number of days in the relevant period from (and including) the most recent Interest Payment Date (or, if none, the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the relevant payment date (the **Accrual**

Period) is equal to or shorter than the Determination Period during which the Accrual Period ends, the number of days in such Accrual Period divided by the product of (1) the number of days in such Determination Period and (2) the number of Determination Dates (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) that would occur in one calendar year; or

- (ii) in the case of Notes where the Accrual Period is longer than the Determination Period during which the Accrual Period ends, the sum of:
 - (A) the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the Determination Period in which the Accrual Period begins divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Dates that would occur in one calendar year; and
 - (B) the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the next Determination Period divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Dates that would occur in one calendar year; and
- (b) if “30/360” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the period from (and including) the most recent Interest Payment Date (or, if none, the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the relevant payment date (such number of days being calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months) divided by 360.

In these Conditions:

Determination Period means each period from (and including) a Determination Date to (but excluding) the next Determination Date (including, where either the Interest Commencement Date or the final Interest Payment Date is not a Determination Date, the period commencing on the first Determination Date prior to, and ending on the first Determination Date falling after, such date); and

sub-unit means, with respect to any currency other than euro, the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the country of such currency and, with respect to euro, one cent.

5.2 Interest on Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes

(a) Interest Payment Dates

Each Floating Rate Note and Index Linked Interest Note bears interest from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date and such interest will be payable in arrear on either:

- (i) the Specified Interest Payment Date(s) in each year specified in the applicable Final Terms; or
- (ii) if no Specified Interest Payment Date(s) is/are specified in the applicable Final Terms, each date (each such date, together with each Specified Interest Payment Date, an **Interest Payment Date**) which falls the number of months or other period specified as the Specified Period in the applicable Final Terms after the preceding Interest Payment Date or, in the case of the first Interest Payment Date, after the Interest Commencement Date.

Such interest will be payable in respect of each Interest Period (which expression shall, in these Conditions, mean the period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Payment Date).

If a Business Day Convention is specified in the applicable Final Terms and (x) if there is no numerically corresponding day on the calendar month in which an Interest Payment Date should occur or (y) if any Interest Payment Date would otherwise fall on a day which is not a Business Day, then, if the Business Day Convention specified is:

- (A) in any case where Specified Periods are specified in accordance with Condition 5.2 (a)(ii) (Interest - Interest on Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes – Interest Payment Dates) above, the Floating Rate Convention, such Interest Payment Date (i) in the case of (x) above, shall be the last day that is a Business Day in the relevant month and the provisions of (2) below shall apply *mutatis mutandis* or (ii) in the case of (y) above, shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event (1) such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day and (2) each subsequent Interest Payment Date shall be the last Business Day in the month which falls in the Specified Period after the preceding applicable Interest Payment Date occurred; or
- (B) the Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day; or
- (C) the Modified Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day; or
- (D) the Preceding Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day.

In these Conditions, **Business Day** means a day which is both:

- (a) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in any Additional Business Centre specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
- (b) either (1) in relation to any sum payable in a Specified Currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the principal financial centre of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (which if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars shall be Sydney and Auckland, respectively) or (2) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer (TARGET 2) System (the **TARGET 2 System**) is open.

(b) **Rate of Interest**

The Rate of Interest payable from time to time in respect of Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes will be determined in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms.

(i) **ISDA Determination for Floating Rate Notes**

Where ISDA Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will be the relevant ISDA Rate plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the Margin (if any). For the purposes of this subparagraph (i), **ISDA Rate** for an Interest Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rate that would be determined by the

Agent under an interest rate swap transaction if the Agent were acting as Calculation Agent for that swap transaction under the terms of an agreement incorporating the 2006 ISDA Definitions, as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. and as amended and updated as at the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes (the **ISDA Definitions**) and under which:

- (A) the Floating Rate Option is as specified in the applicable Final Terms;
- (B) the Designated Maturity is a period specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
- (C) the relevant Reset Date is either (1) if the applicable Floating Rate Option is based on the London interbank offered rate (**LIBOR**) or on the Euro-zone interbank offered rate (**EURIBOR**), the first day of that Interest Period or (2) in any other case, as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

For the purposes of this subparagraph (i), **Floating Rate**, **Calculation Agent**, **Floating Rate Option**, **Designated Maturity** and **Reset Date** have the meanings given to those terms in the ISDA Definitions.

Unless otherwise stated in the applicable Final Terms the Minimum Rate of Interest shall be deemed to be zero.

(ii) **Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Notes**

Where Screen Rate Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject as provided below, be either:

- (A) the offered quotation; or
- (B) the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the offered quotations,

(expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the Reference Rate which appears or appear, as the case may be, on the Relevant Screen Page as at 11.00 a.m. (London time, in the case of LIBOR, or Brussels time, in the case of EURIBOR) on the Interest Determination Date in question plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the Margin (if any), all as determined by the Agent. If five or more of such offered quotations are available on the Relevant Screen Page, the highest (or, if there is more than one such highest quotation, one only of such quotations) and the lowest (or, if there is more than one such lowest quotation, one only of such quotations) shall be disregarded by the Agent for the purpose of determining the arithmetic mean (rounded as provided above) of such offered quotations.

The Agency Agreement contains provisions for determining the Rate of Interest in the event that the Relevant Screen Page is not available or if, in the case of (A) above, no such offered quotation appears or, in the case of (B) above, fewer than three such offered quotations appear, in each case as at the time specified in the preceding paragraph.

If the Reference Rate from time to time in respect of Floating Rate Notes is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being other than LIBOR or EURIBOR, the Rate of Interest in respect of such Notes will be determined as provided in the applicable Final Terms.

(c) **Minimum Rate of Interest and/or Maximum Rate of Interest**

If the applicable Final Terms specifies a Minimum Rate of Interest for any Interest Period, then, in the event that the Rate of Interest in respect of such Interest Period determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b) above is less than such Minimum Rate of Interest, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be such Minimum Rate of Interest.

If the applicable Final Terms specifies a Maximum Rate of Interest for any Interest Period, then, in the event that the Rate of Interest in respect of such Interest Period determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b) above is greater than such Maximum Rate of Interest, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be such Maximum Rate of Interest.

(d) **Determination of Rate of Interest and calculation of Interest Amounts**

The Agent, in the case of Floating Rate Notes, and the Calculation Agent, in the case of Index Linked Interest Notes, will at or as soon as practicable after each time at which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, determine the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period. In the case of Index Linked Interest Notes, the Calculation Agent will notify the Agent of the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period as soon as practicable after calculating the same.

The Agent will calculate the amount of interest (the **Interest Amount**) payable on the Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes for the relevant Interest Period by applying the Rate of Interest to:

- (i) in the case of Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes which are represented by a Global Note, the aggregate outstanding nominal amount of the Notes represented by such Global Note (or, if they are Partly Paid Notes, the aggregate amount paid up); or
- (ii) in the case of Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes in definitive form, the Calculation Amount;

and, in each case, multiplying such sum by the applicable Day Count Fraction, and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest sub-unit of the relevant Specified Currency, half of any such sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention. Where the Specified Denomination of a Floating Rate Note or an Index Linked Interest Note in definitive form is a multiple of the Calculation Amount, the Interest Amount payable in respect of such Note shall be the product of the amount (determined in the manner provided above) for the Calculation Amount and the amount by which the Calculation Amount is multiplied to reach the Specified Denomination without any further rounding.

Day Count Fraction means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest in accordance with this Condition 5.2:

- (i) if “Actual/Actual (ISDA)” or “Actual/Actual” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of that Interest Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (I) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (II) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365);
- (ii) if “Actual/365 (Fixed)” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365;
- (iii) if “Actual/365 (Sterling)” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 or, in the case of an Interest Payment Date falling in a leap year, 366;

- (iv) if “Actual/360” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360;
- (v) if “30/360”, “360/360” or “Bond Basis” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

Y₁ is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

Y₂ is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

M₁ is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

M₂ is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

D₁ is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless such number is 31, in which case D₁ will be 30; and

D₂ is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31 and D₁ is greater than 29, in which case D₂ will be 30;

- (vi) if “30E/360” or “Eurobond Basis” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

Y₁ is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

Y₂ is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

M₁ is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

M₂ is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

D₁ is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D₁ will be 30; and

D₂ is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D₂ will be 30;

- (vii) if “30E/360 (ISDA)” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

Y_1 is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

Y_2 is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

M_1 is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

M_2 is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

D_1 is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case D_1 will be 30; and

D_2 is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February but not the Maturity Date or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case D_2 will be 30.

(e) **Notification of Rate of Interest and Interest Amounts**

The Agent will cause the Rate of Interest and each Interest Amount for each Interest Period and the relevant Interest Payment Date to be notified to the Issuer and any stock exchange on which the relevant Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes are for the time being listed (by no later than the first day of each Interest Period) and notice thereof to be published in accordance with Condition 14 (Notices) as soon as possible after their determination but in no event later than the fourth London Business Day thereafter. Each Interest Amount and Interest Payment Date so notified may subsequently be amended (or appropriate alternative arrangements made by way of adjustment) without prior notice in the event of an extension or shortening of the Interest Period. Any such amendment will be promptly notified to each stock exchange on which the relevant Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes are for the time being listed and to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 (Notices). For the purposes of this paragraph, the expression **London Business Day** means a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which banks and foreign exchange markets are open for general business in London.

(f) **Certificates to be final**

All certificates, communications, opinions, determinations, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of the provisions of this Condition 5.2 (Interest on Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes), whether by the Agent or, if applicable, the Calculation Agent, shall (in the absence of wilful default, bad faith or manifest error) be binding on the Issuer, the Agent, the Calculation Agent (if applicable), the other Paying Agents and all Noteholders, Receiptholders and Couponholders and (in the absence of wilful default or bad faith) no liability to the Issuer, the Noteholders, the Receiptholders or the Couponholders shall attach to the Agent or, if applicable, the Calculation Agent in connection with the exercise or non exercise by it of its powers, duties and discretions pursuant to such provisions.

5.3 Interest on Dual Currency Interest Notes

The rate or amount of interest payable in respect of Dual Currency Interest Notes shall be determined in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms.

5.4 Interest on Partly Paid Notes

In the case of Partly Paid Notes (other than Partly Paid Notes which are Zero Coupon Notes), interest will accrue as aforesaid on the paid-up nominal amount of such Notes and otherwise as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

5.5 Accrual of interest

Each Note (or in the case of the redemption of part only of a Note, that part only of such Note) will cease to bear interest (if any) from the date for its redemption unless payment of principal is improperly withheld or refused. In such event, interest will continue to accrue until whichever is the earlier of:

- (a) the date on which all amounts due in respect of such Note have been paid; and
- (b) five days after the date on which the full amount of the moneys payable in respect of such Note has been received by the Agent and notice to that effect has been given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 (Notices).

6. PAYMENTS

6.1 Method of payment

Subject as provided below:

- (a) payments in a Specified Currency other than euro will be made by credit or transfer to an account in the relevant Specified Currency maintained by the payee with, or, at the option of the payee, by a cheque in such Specified Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Specified Currency (which, if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars, shall be Sydney and Auckland, respectively); and
- (b) payments will be made in euro by credit or transfer to a euro account (or any other account to which euro may be credited or transferred) specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque.

Payments will be subject in all cases to any fiscal or other laws and regulations applicable thereto in the place of payment, but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 8 (Taxation).

6.2 Presentation of definitive Notes, Receipts and Coupons

Payments of principal in respect of definitive Notes will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner provided in paragraph 6.1 above only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of definitive Notes, and payments of interest in respect of definitive Notes will (subject as provided below) be made as aforesaid only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of Coupons, in each case at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States (which expression, as used herein, means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia and its possessions)).

Payments of instalments of principal (if any) in respect of definitive Notes, other than the final instalment, will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner provided in Condition 6.1 above only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of the relevant Receipt in accordance with the preceding paragraph. Payment of the final instalment will be made in the manner provided in Condition 6.1 above only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of the relevant Note in accordance with the preceding paragraph. Each Receipt must be presented for payment of the relevant instalment together with the definitive Note to which it appertains. Receipts presented without the definitive Note to which they appertain do not constitute valid obligations of the Issuer. Upon the date on which any definitive Note becomes due and repayable, unmatured Receipts (if any) relating thereto (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment shall be made in respect thereof.

Fixed Rate Notes in definitive form (other than Dual Currency Notes, Index Linked Notes or Long Maturity Notes (as defined below)) should be presented for payment together with all unmatured Coupons appertaining thereto (which expression shall for this purpose include Coupons falling to be issued on exchange of matured Talons), failing which the amount of any missing unmatured Coupon (or, in the case of payment not being made in full, the same proportion of the amount of such missing unmatured Coupon as the sum so paid bears to the sum due) will be deducted from the sum due for payment. Each amount of principal so deducted will be paid in the manner mentioned above against surrender of the relative missing Coupon at any time before the expiry of ten years after the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 8 (Taxation)) in respect of such principal (whether or not such Coupon would otherwise have become void under Condition 9 (Prescription)) or, if later, five years from the date on which such Coupon would otherwise have become due, but in no event thereafter.

Upon any Fixed Rate Note in definitive form becoming due and repayable prior to its Maturity Date, all unmatured Talons (if any) appertaining thereto will become void and no further Coupons will be issued in respect thereof.

Upon the date on which any Floating Rate Note, Dual Currency Note, Index Linked Note or Long Maturity Note in definitive form becomes due and repayable, unmatured Coupons and Talons (if any) relating thereto (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment or, as the case may be, exchange for further Coupons shall be made in respect thereof. A **Long Maturity Note** is a Fixed Rate Note (other than a Fixed Rate Note which on issue had a Talon attached) whose nominal amount on issue is less than the aggregate interest payable thereon provided that such Note shall cease to be a Long Maturity Note on the Interest Payment Date on which the aggregate amount of interest remaining to be paid after that date is less than the nominal amount of such Note.

If the due date for redemption of any definitive Note is not an Interest Payment Date, interest (if any) accrued in respect of such Note from (and including) the preceding Interest Payment Date or, as the case may be, the Interest Commencement Date shall be payable only against surrender of the relevant definitive Note.

6.3 Payments in respect of Global Notes

Payments of principal and interest (if any) in respect of Notes represented by any Global Note will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner specified above in relation to definitive Notes or otherwise in the manner specified in the relevant Global Note, where applicable against presentation or surrender, as the case may be, of such Global Note at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States. A record of each payment, distinguishing between any payment of principal and any payment of interest, will be made on such Global Note either by the Paying Agent to which it was presented or in the records of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable.

6.4 General provisions applicable to payments

The holder of a Global Note shall be the only person entitled to receive payments in respect of Notes represented by such Global Note and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the holder of such Global Note in respect of each amount so paid. Each of the persons shown in the records of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as the beneficial holder of a particular nominal amount of Notes represented by such Global Note must look solely to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, for his share of each payment so made by the Issuer to, or to the order of, the holder of such Global Note.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Condition, if any amount of principal and/or interest in respect of Notes is payable in U.S. dollars, such U.S. dollar payments of principal and/or interest in respect of such Notes will be made at the specified office of a Paying Agent in the United States if:

- (a) the Issuer has appointed Paying Agents with specified offices outside the United States with the reasonable expectation that such Paying Agents would be able to make payment in U.S. dollars at such specified offices outside the United States of the full amount of principal and interest on the Notes in the manner provided above when due;
- (b) payment of the full amount of such principal and interest at all such specified offices outside the United States is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions on the full payment or receipt of principal and interest in U.S. dollars; and
- (c) such payment is then permitted under United States law without involving, in the opinion of the Issuer, adverse tax consequences to the Issuer.

6.5 Payment Day

If the date for payment of any amount in respect of any Note, Receipt or Coupon is not a Payment Day, the holder thereof shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day in the relevant place and shall not be entitled to further interest or other payment in respect of such delay. For these purposes, **Payment Day** means any day which (subject to Condition 9 (Prescription)) is:

- (a) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in:
 - (i) in the case of Notes in definitive form only, the relevant place of presentation;
 - (ii) each Additional Financial Centre specified in the applicable Final Terms;
- (b) either (1) in relation to any sum payable in a Specified Currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the principal financial centre of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (which if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars shall be Sydney and Auckland, respectively) or (2) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day on which the TARGET 2 System is open.

6.6 Interpretation of principal and interest

Any reference in the Conditions to principal in respect of the Notes shall be deemed to include, as applicable:

- (a) any additional amounts which may be payable with respect to principal under Condition 8 (Taxation);

- (b) the Final Redemption Amount of the Notes;
- (c) the Early Redemption Amount of the Notes;
- (d) the Optional Redemption Amount(s) (if any) of the Notes;
- (e) in relation to Notes redeemable in instalments, the Instalment Amounts;
- (f) in relation to Zero Coupon Notes, the Amortised Face Amount (as defined in Condition 7.5 (Early Redemption Amounts)); and
- (g) any premium and any other amounts (other than interest) which may be payable by the Issuer under or in respect of the Notes.

Any reference in the Conditions to interest in respect of the Notes shall be deemed to include, as applicable, any additional amounts which may be payable with respect to interest under Condition 8 (Taxation).

7. REDEMPTION AND PURCHASE

7.1 Redemption at maturity

Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled as specified below, each Note (including each Index Linked Redemption Note and Dual Currency Redemption Note) will be redeemed by the Issuer at its Final Redemption Amount specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Final Terms in the relevant Specified Currency on the Maturity Date.

7.2 Redemption for tax reasons

The Notes may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer in whole, but not in part, at any time (if this Note is neither a Floating Rate Note, an Index Linked Interest Note nor a Dual Currency Interest Note) or on any Interest Payment Date (if this Note is either a Floating Rate Note, an Index Linked Interest Note or a Dual Currency Interest Note), on giving not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice to the Agent and, in accordance with Condition 14 (Notices), the Noteholders (which notice shall be irrevocable), if:

- (a) on the occasion of the next payment due under the Notes, the Issuer has or will become obliged to pay additional amounts as provided or referred to in Condition 8 (Taxation) as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of the Tax Jurisdiction (as defined in Condition 8 (Taxation)) or any change in the application or official interpretation of such laws or regulations, which change or amendment becomes effective on or after the date on which agreement is reached to issue the first Tranche of the Notes; and
- (b) such obligation cannot be avoided by the Issuer taking reasonable measures available to it,

provided that no such notice of redemption shall be given earlier than 90 days prior to the earliest date on which the Issuer would be obliged to pay such additional amounts were a payment in respect of the Notes then due.

Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this Condition, the Issuer shall deliver to the Agent a certificate signed by two officers of the Issuer stating that the Issuer is entitled to effect such redemption and setting forth a statement of facts showing that the conditions precedent to the right of the Issuer so to redeem have occurred, and an opinion of independent legal advisers of recognised standing to the effect that the Issuer has or will become obliged to pay such additional amounts as a result of such change or amendment.

Notes redeemed pursuant to this Condition 7.2 (Redemption for tax reasons) will be redeemed at their Early Redemption Amount referred to in paragraph 7.5 below together (if appropriate) with interest accrued to (but excluding) the date of redemption.

7.3 Redemption at the option of the Issuer (Issuer Call)

If Issuer Call is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may, having given:

- (a) not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 (Notices); and
- (b) not less than 15 days before the giving of the notice referred to in (a) above, notice to the Agent;

(which notices shall be irrevocable and shall specify the date fixed for redemption), redeem all or some only of the Notes then outstanding on any Optional Redemption Date and at the Optional Redemption Amount(s) specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Final Terms together, if appropriate, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the relevant Optional Redemption Date. Any such redemption must be of a nominal amount not less than the Minimum Redemption Amount and not more than the Maximum Redemption Amount in each case as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms. In the case of a partial redemption of Notes, the Notes to be redeemed (**Redeemed Notes**) will be selected individually by lot, in the case of Redeemed Notes represented by definitive Notes, and in accordance with the rules of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (to be reflected in the records of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg as either a pool factor or a reduction in nominal amount, at their discretion), in the case of Redeemed Notes represented by a Global Note, not more than 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption (such date of selection being hereinafter called the **Selection Date**). In the case of Redeemed Notes represented by definitive Notes, a list of the serial numbers of such Redeemed Notes will be published in accordance with Condition 14 (Notices) not less than 15 days prior to the date fixed for redemption. No exchange of the relevant Global Note will be permitted during the period from (and including) the Selection Date to (and including) the date fixed for redemption pursuant to this paragraph 7.3 and notice to that effect shall be given by the Issuer to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 (Notices) at least five days prior to the Selection Date.

7.4 Redemption at the option of the Noteholders (Investor Put)

If Investor Put is specified in the applicable Final Terms, upon the holder of any Note giving to the Issuer in accordance with Condition 14 (Notices) not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' notice, upon the expiry of such notice, the Issuer will redeem, subject to, and in accordance with, the terms specified in the applicable Final Terms, such Note on the Optional Redemption Date and at the Optional Redemption Amount together, if appropriate, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the Optional Redemption Date.

It may be that before an Investor Put can be exercised, certain conditions and/or circumstances will need to be satisfied. Where relevant, the provisions will be set out in the applicable Final Terms.

To exercise the right to require redemption of this Note the holder of this Note must, if this Note is in definitive form and held outside Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, deliver, at the specified office of any Paying Agent at any time during normal business hours of such Paying Agent falling within the notice period, a duly completed and signed notice of exercise in the form (for the time being current) obtainable from any specified office of any Paying Agent (a **Put Notice**) and in which the holder must specify a bank account (or, if payment is required to be made by cheque, an address) to which payment is to be made under this Condition accompanied by this Note or evidence satisfactory to the Paying Agent concerned that this Note

will, following delivery of the Put Notice, be held to its order or under its control. If this Note is represented by a Global Note or is in definitive form and held through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, to exercise the right to require redemption of this Note the holder of this Note must, within the notice period, give notice to the Agent of such exercise in accordance with the standard procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (which may include notice being given on his instruction by Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or any common depositary or common safekeeper, as the case may be, for them to the Agent by electronic means) in a form acceptable to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg from time to time.

Any Put Notice or other notice given in accordance with the standard procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg given by a holder of any Note pursuant to this Condition 7.4 shall be irrevocable except where, prior to the due date of redemption, an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, in which event such holder, at its option, may elect by notice to the Issuer to withdraw the notice given pursuant to this Condition 7.4 and instead to declare such Note forthwith due and payable pursuant to Condition 10 (Events of Default).

7.5 Early Redemption Amounts

For the purpose of paragraph 7.2 above and Condition 10 (Events of Default), each Note will be redeemed at its Early Redemption Amount calculated as follows:

- (a) in the case of a Note with a Final Redemption Amount equal to the Issue Price, at the Final Redemption Amount thereof;
- (b) in the case of a Note (other than a Zero Coupon Note but including an Instalment Note and a Partly Paid Note) with a Final Redemption Amount which is or may be less or greater than the Issue Price or which is payable in a Specified Currency other than that in which the Note is denominated, at the amount specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Final Terms or, if no such amount or manner is so specified in the applicable Final Terms, at its nominal amount; or
- (c) in the case of a Zero Coupon Note, at an amount (the **Amortised Face Amount**) calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$\text{Early Redemption Amount} = \text{RP} \times (1 + \text{AY})^y$$

where:

RP means the Reference Price;

AY means the Accrual Yield expressed as a decimal; and

y is a fraction the numerator of which is equal to the number of days (calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of 12 months of 30 days each) from (and including) the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which such Note becomes due and repayable and the denominator of which is 360,

or on such other calculation basis as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms.

7.6 Instalments

Instalment Notes will be redeemed in the Instalment Amounts and on the Instalment Dates. In the case of early redemption, the Early Redemption Amount will be determined pursuant to Condition 7.5.

7.7 Partly Paid Notes

Partly Paid Notes will be redeemed, whether at maturity, early redemption or otherwise, in accordance with the provisions of this Condition and the applicable Final Terms.

7.8 Purchases

The Issuer or any Subsidiary of the Issuer may at any time purchase Notes (provided that, in the case of definitive Notes, all unmatured Receipts, Coupons and Talons appertaining thereto are purchased therewith) at any price in the open market or otherwise. All Notes so purchased will be surrendered to a Paying Agent for cancellation.

7.9 Cancellation

All Notes which are redeemed will forthwith be cancelled (together with all unmatured Receipts, Coupons and Talons attached thereto or surrendered therewith at the time of redemption). All Notes so cancelled and the Notes purchased and cancelled pursuant to paragraph 7.6 above (together with all unmatured Receipts, Coupons and Talons cancelled therewith) shall be forwarded to the Agent and cannot be reissued or resold.

7.10 Late payment on Zero Coupon Notes

If the amount payable in respect of any Zero Coupon Note upon redemption of such Zero Coupon Note pursuant to paragraph 7.1, 7.2, 7.3 or 7.4 above or upon its becoming due and repayable as provided in Condition 10 (Events of Default) is improperly withheld or refused, the amount due and repayable in respect of such Zero Coupon Note shall be the amount calculated as provided in paragraph 7.57.5(c) above as though the references therein to the date fixed for the redemption or the date upon which such Zero Coupon Note becomes due and payable were replaced by references to the date which is the earlier of:

- (a) the date on which all amounts due in respect of such Zero Coupon Note have been paid; and
- (b) five days after the date on which the full amount of the moneys payable in respect of such Zero Coupon Notes has been received by the Agent and notice to that effect has been given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 (Notices).

8. TAXATION

All payments of principal and interest in respect of the Notes, Receipts and Coupons by the Issuer will be made without withholding or deduction for or on account of any present or future taxes or duties of whatever nature imposed or levied by or on behalf of any Tax Jurisdiction unless such withholding or deduction is required by law. In such event, the Issuer will pay such additional amounts as shall be necessary in order that the net amounts received by the holders of the Notes, Receipts or Coupons after such withholding or deduction shall equal the respective amounts of principal and interest which would otherwise have been receivable in respect of the Notes, Receipts or Coupons, as the case may be, in the absence of such withholding or deduction; except that no such additional amounts shall be payable with respect to any Note, Receipt or Coupon:

- (a) in relation to any payment or deduction of any interest, principal or other proceeds of any Note, Receipt, or Coupon, presented for payment in the Republic of Italy; or
- (b) the holder of which is liable for such taxes or duties in respect of such Note, Receipt or Coupon by reason of his having some connection with a Tax Jurisdiction other than the mere holding of such Note, Receipt or Coupon; or

- (c) presented for payment more than 30 days after the Relevant Date (as defined below) except to the extent that the holder thereof would have been entitled to an additional amount on presenting the same for payment on such 30th day assuming that day to have been a Payment Day (as defined in Condition 6.5 (Payments – Payment Day)); or
- (d) presented for payment by or on behalf of a holder who would be able to avoid such withholding or deduction by making a declaration or any other statement, including but not limited to, a declaration of residence or non-residence, but fails to do so; or
- (e) where such withholding or deduction is imposed on a payment to an individual or “residual entities” within the meaning of European Council Directive 2003/48/EC and is required to be made pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC or any other Directive implementing the conclusions of the ECOFIN Council Meeting of 26-27 November 2000 on the taxation of savings income or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive; or
- (f) presented for payment by or on behalf of a holder who would have been able to avoid such withholding or deduction by presenting the relevant Note, Receipt or Coupon to another Paying Agent in a Member State of the European Union; or
- (g) in relation to any payment or deduction of any interest, principal or other proceeds of any Notes, Receipts or Coupons on account of *imposta sostitutiva* pursuant to Italian Legislative Decree No. 239 of 1 April 1996 or future similar law and any related implementing regulations (each as amended or supplemented from time to time); or
- (h) in the event of payment to a non-Italian resident legal entity or a non-Italian resident individual, to the extent that interest or other amounts are paid to a non-Italian resident legal entity or a non-Italian resident individual which is resident in a country which does not allow for a satisfactory exchange of information with the Republic of Italy.

As used herein:

- (i) **Tax Jurisdiction** means the Republic of Italy or any political subdivision or any authority thereof or therein having power to tax or any other jurisdiction or any political subdivision or any authority thereof or therein having power to tax to which the Issuer becomes subject by reason of its tax residence or a permanent establishment maintained therein in respect of payments made by it of principal and interest on the Notes, Receipts and Coupons; and
- (ii) the **Relevant Date** means the date on which such payment first becomes due, except that, if the full amount of the moneys payable has not been duly received by the Agent on or prior to such due date, it means the date on which, the full amount of such moneys having been so received, notice to that effect is duly given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 (Notices).

9. PRESCRIPTION

The Notes, Receipts and Coupons will become void unless claims in respect of principal and/or interest are made within a period of ten years (in the case of principal) and five years (in the case of interest) after the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 8 (Taxation)) therefor.

There shall not be included in any Coupon sheet issued on exchange of a Talon any Coupon the claim for payment in respect of which would be void pursuant to this Condition or Condition 6.2 (Payments – Presentation of definitive Notes, Receipts and Coupons) or any Talon which would be void pursuant to Condition 6.2 (Payments – Presentation of definitive Notes, Receipts and Coupons).

10. EVENTS OF DEFAULT

10.1 Events of Default

If any one or more of the following events (each an **Event of Default**) shall occur and be continuing:

- (a) if default is made in the payment in the Specified Currency of any principal or interest due in respect of the Notes or any of them and the default continues for a period of 14 days; or
- (b) if the Issuer fails to perform or observe any of its other obligations under these Conditions and (except in any case where the failure is incapable of remedy when no such continuation or notice as is hereinafter mentioned will be required) the failure continues for the period of 45 days next following the service by a Noteholder on the Issuer of notice requiring the same to be remedied; or
- (c) if any Indebtedness for Borrowed Money of the Issuer or any of its Material Subsidiaries becomes due and repayable prematurely by reason of an event of default (however described), or the Issuer or any of its Material Subsidiaries fails to make any payment in respect of any Indebtedness for Borrowed Money on the due date for payment (as extended by any originally applicable grace period) or default is made by the Issuer or any of its Material Subsidiaries in making any payment due under any guarantee and/or indemnity given by it in relation to any Indebtedness for Borrowed Money of any other person (as extended by any originally applicable grace period), provided that no such event shall constitute an Event of Default unless the aggregate Indebtedness for Borrowed Money relating to all such events which shall have occurred and be continuing shall exceed at any time €100,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency); or
- (d) any Security (other than any Security securing Project Finance Indebtedness or Indebtedness for Borrowed Money incurred in the circumstances described in the definition of Project Finance Indebtedness as if such definition referred to Indebtedness for Borrowed Money), present or future, created or assumed on or against all or a material part of the property, assets or revenues of the Issuer, becomes enforceable and any step is taken to enforce it (including the taking of possession or the appointment of a receiver, manager or other similar person) which is not contested in good faith by all appropriate means or discharged or cancelled within 60 days of such enforcement; or
- (e) if any order is made by any competent court or resolution passed for the liquidation, winding up or dissolution (*scioglimento o liquidazione*) of the Issuer or any of its Material Subsidiaries and such order or resolution is not discharged or cancelled within 60 days, save for the purposes of (i) a solvent amalgamation, merger, de-merger or reconstruction (a **Solvent Reorganisation**) under which the assets and liabilities of the Issuer or such Material Subsidiary, as the case may be, are assumed by the entity resulting from such Solvent Reorganisation and (A) such entity continues to carry on substantially the same business of the Issuer or such Material Subsidiary, as the case may be, and (B) in the case of a Solvent Reorganisation of the Issuer, such entity assumes all the obligations of the Issuer in respect of the Notes and the Coupons and an opinion of an independent legal adviser of recognised standing in the Republic of Italy has been delivered to the Agent confirming the same prior to the effective date of such Solvent Reorganisation, or (ii) a reorganisation on terms previously approved by an Extraordinary Resolution; or
- (f) if the Issuer or any of its Material Subsidiaries ceases or announces that it shall cease to carry on the whole or a substantial part of its business, save for the purposes of (i) a

Solvent Reorganisation under which the assets and liabilities of the Issuer are assumed by the entity resulting from such Solvent Reorganisation and such entity assumes all the obligations of the Issuer in respect of the Notes and the Coupons and an opinion of an independent legal adviser of recognised standing in the Republic of Italy has been delivered to the Agent confirming the same prior to the effective date of such Solvent Reorganisation, or (ii) a reorganisation on terms previously approved by an Extraordinary Resolution; or

- (g) if (i) proceedings are initiated against the Issuer or any of its Material Subsidiaries under any applicable insolvency, composition, reorganisation or other similar laws, or an application is made (or documents filed with a court) for the appointment of an administrative or other receiver, manager, administrator or other similar official, or an administrative or other receiver, manager, administrator or other similar official is appointed, in relation to the Issuer or any of its Material Subsidiaries or, as the case may be, in relation to the whole or a substantial part of the undertaking or assets of any of them, or an encumbrancer takes possession of the whole or a substantial part of the undertaking or assets of any of them, or a distress, execution, attachment, sequestration or other process is levied, enforced upon, sued out or put in force against the whole or a substantial part of the undertaking or assets of any of them and (ii) in any case (other than the appointment of an administrator) unless initiated by a member of the Group, is not contested in good faith by all appropriate means or is not discharged within 60 days; or
- (h) if the Issuer or any of its Material Subsidiaries fails to pay a final judgment (*sentenza passata in giudicato*, in the case of a judgment issued by an Italian court) of a court of competent jurisdiction within 60 days from the receipt of a notice that a final judgment in excess of an amount equal to the value of a substantial part of the assets or property of the Issuer or any of its Material Subsidiaries has been entered against it or an execution is levied, enforced upon or sued out against the whole or any substantial part of the assets or property of the Issuer or any of its Material Subsidiaries pursuant to any such judgment (for the purposes of paragraph (g) above and this paragraph (h), a “substantial part” of an entity’s assets or property means a part of the relevant entity’s assets or property which accounts for 30% or more of the relevant entity’s assets or property as determined by reference to the most recently audited consolidated financial statements of the relevant entity); or
- (i) if the Issuer or any of its Material Subsidiaries stops or announces that it shall stop payment of, or is unable to, or admits inability to, pay, its debts (or any class of its debts) as they fall due, or is deemed unable to pay its debts pursuant to or for the purposes of any applicable law, or is adjudicated or found bankrupt or insolvent, or initiates or consents to judicial proceedings relating to itself under any applicable liquidation, insolvency, composition, reorganisation or other similar laws (including the obtaining of a moratorium) or makes a conveyance or assignment for the benefit of, or enters into any composition or other arrangement with, its creditors generally (or any class of its creditors) or any meeting is convened to consider a proposal for an arrangement or composition with its creditors generally (or any class of its creditors) otherwise than for the purposes of a solvent amalgamation, merger, de-merger or reconstruction,

then any holder of a Note may, by written notice to the Issuer at the specified office of the Agent, effective upon the date of receipt thereof by the Agent, declare any Note held by it to be forthwith due and payable whereupon the same shall become forthwith due and payable at its Early Redemption Amount, together with accrued interest (if any) to the date of repayment, without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind.

10.2 Definitions

For the purposes of the Conditions:

Indebtedness for Borrowed Money means any present or future indebtedness (whether being principal, premium, interest or other amounts) for or in respect of (i) money borrowed, (ii) liabilities under or in respect of any acceptance or acceptance credit or (iii) any notes, bonds, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock or other securities offered, issued or distributed whether by way of public offer, private placing, acquisition consideration or otherwise and whether issued for cash or in whole or in part for a consideration other than cash.

11. REPLACEMENT OF NOTES, RECEIPTS, COUPONS AND TALONS

Should any Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon be lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed, it may be replaced at the specified office of the Agent upon payment by the claimant of such costs and expenses as may be incurred in connection therewith and on such terms as to evidence and indemnity as the Issuer may reasonably require. Mutilated or defaced Notes, Receipts, Coupons or Talons must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

12. PAYING AGENTS

The names of the initial Paying Agents and their initial specified offices are set out below.

The Issuer is entitled to vary or terminate the appointment of any Paying Agent and/or appoint additional or other Paying Agents and/or approve any change in the specified office through which any Paying Agent acts, provided that:

- (a) there will at all times be an Agent;
- (b) so long as the Notes are listed on any stock exchange or admitted to trading by any other relevant authority, there will at all times be a Paying Agent with a specified office in such place as may be required by the rules and regulations of the relevant stock exchange or other relevant authority;
- (c) there will at all times be a Paying Agent in a Member State of the European Union that will not be obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive; and
- (d) there will at all times be a Paying Agent in a jurisdiction within Europe, other than the jurisdiction in which the Issuer is incorporated.

In addition, the Issuer shall forthwith appoint a Paying Agent having a specified office in New York City in the circumstances described in Condition 6.4 (Payments – General provisions applicable to payments). Any variation, termination, appointment or change shall only take effect (other than in the case of insolvency, when it shall be of immediate effect) after not less than 30 nor more than 45 days' prior notice thereof shall have been given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 (Notices).

In acting under the Agency Agreement, the Paying Agents act solely as agents of the Issuer and do not assume any obligation to, or relationship of agency or trust with, any Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder. The Agency Agreement contains provisions permitting any entity into which any Paying Agent is merged or converted or with which it is consolidated or to which it transfers all or substantially all of its assets to become the successor paying agent.

13. EXCHANGE OF TALONS

On and after the Interest Payment Date on which the final Coupon comprised in any Coupon sheet matures, the Talon (if any) forming part of such Coupon sheet may be surrendered at the specified office of the Agent or any other Paying Agent in exchange for a further Coupon sheet including (if such further Coupon sheet does not include Coupons to (and including) the final date for the payment of interest due in respect of the Note to which it appertains) a further Talon, subject to the provisions of Condition 9 (Prescription).

14. NOTICES

All notices regarding the Notes will be deemed to be validly given if published (a) in a leading English language daily newspaper of general circulation in London, and (b) if and for so long as the Notes are admitted to trading on, and listed on the Official List of, the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, a daily newspaper of general circulation in Luxembourg or the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's website, www.bourse.lu. It is expected that any such publication in a newspaper will be made in the *Financial Times* in London and the *Luxemburger Wort* in Luxembourg. The Issuer shall also ensure that notices are duly published in a manner which complies with the rules of any stock exchange or other relevant authority on which the Notes are for the time being listed or by which they have been admitted to trading. Any such notice will be deemed to have been given on the date of the first publication or, where required to be published in more than one newspaper, on the date of the first publication in all required newspapers.

Until such time as any definitive Notes are issued, there may, so long as any Global Notes representing the Notes are held in their entirety on behalf of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, be substituted for such publication in such newspaper(s) or such mailing the delivery of the relevant notice to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg for communication by them to the holders of the Notes and, in addition, for so long as any Notes are listed on a stock exchange or are admitted to trading by another relevant authority and the rules of that stock exchange or relevant authority so require, such notice will be published in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the place or places required by those rules. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given to the holders of the Notes on the seventh day after the day on which the said notice was given to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg.

Notices to be given by any Noteholder shall be in writing and given by lodging the same, together (in the case of any Note in definitive form) with the relative Note or Notes, with the Agent. Whilst any of the Notes are represented by a Global Note, such notice may be given by any holder of a Note to the Agent through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, in such manner as the Agent, and Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, may approve for this purpose.

15. MEETINGS OF NOTEHOLDERS AND MODIFICATION

In accordance with the rules of the Italian Civil Code, the Agency Agreement contains provisions for convening meetings of the Noteholders to consider any matter affecting their interests, including the sanctioning by Extraordinary Resolution of a modification of the Notes, Receipts or Coupons or any of the provisions of the Agency Agreement.

All meetings of the Noteholders will be held in accordance with applicable provisions of Italian law in force at the time. In accordance with Article 2415 of the Italian Civil Code, the meeting of Noteholders is empowered to resolve upon the following matters: (i) the appointment and revocation of the Noteholders' Representative, (ii) any amendment to these Conditions, (iii) motions for the composition with creditors (*concordato*) of the relevant Issuer; (iv) establishment of a fund for the expenses necessary for the protection of the common interests of the Noteholders and the related statements of account; and (v) any other matter of common interest to the Noteholders.

Such a meeting may be convened by the Board of Directors of the Issuer or the Noteholders' Representative (as defined below) at their discretion and, in any event, upon the request of any Noteholder(s) holding not less than 5% in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being remaining outstanding. If the meeting has not been convened following such request of the Noteholders, the same may be convened by a decision of the competent court in accordance with the provisions of Article 2367 of the Italian Civil Code. Every such meeting shall be held at a place as provided pursuant to Article 2363 of the Italian Civil Code.

Such a meeting will be validly held if (a) in the case of a first meeting, there are one or more persons present being or representing Noteholders holding at least one half of the aggregate nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding; (b) in the case of an adjourned meeting, there are one or more persons present being or representing Noteholders holding more than one third of the aggregate nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding; and (c) in the case of a further adjourned meeting, there are one or more persons present being or representing Noteholders holding at least one fifth of the aggregate nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding.

The majority required to pass a resolution at any meeting (including any adjourned meeting) convened to vote on any resolution will be one or more persons holding or representing at least two thirds of the aggregate nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding represented at the meeting; provided, however, that certain proposals (including modifying the date of maturity of the Notes or any date for payment of interest thereon, reducing or cancelling the amount of principal or the rate of interest payable in respect of the Notes or altering the currency of payment of the Notes, the Receipts or the Coupons) may only be sanctioned by a resolution passed at a meeting (including adjourned meetings as provided under Article 2415 of the Italian Civil Code) of Noteholders by one or more persons holding or representing not less than one half of the aggregate nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding.

Officers and statutory auditors of the Issuer shall be entitled to attend the Noteholders' meetings but not participate or vote with reference to the Notes held by the Issuer. Any resolution duly passed at any such meeting shall be binding on all the Noteholders, whether or not they are present at the meeting, and on all Receiptholders and Couponholders.

A representative of the Noteholders (*rappresentante comune*) (the **Noteholders' Representative**), subject to applicable provisions of Italian law, is appointed pursuant to Article 2417 of the Italian Civil Code in order to represent the Noteholders' interests under these Conditions and to give effect to resolutions passed at a meeting of the Noteholders. If the Noteholders' Representative is not appointed by a meeting of such Noteholders, the Noteholders' Representative shall be appointed by a decree of the court where the Issuer has its registered office at the request of one or more Noteholders or at the request of the Board of Directors of the Issuer. The Noteholders' Representative shall remain appointed for a maximum period of three years but may be reappointed again thereafter.

In derogation from Article 2415 of the Italian Civil Code, the Agent and the Issuer may agree, without the consent of the Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders, to:

- (a) any modification (except such modifications in respect of which an increased quorum is required as mentioned above) of the Notes, the Receipts, the Coupons, the Deed of Covenant or the Agency Agreement which is not prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders; or
- (b) any modification of the Notes, the Receipts, the Coupons, the Deed of Covenant or the Agency Agreement which is of a formal, minor or technical nature or is made to correct a manifest or proven error or to comply with mandatory provisions of the law.

Any such modification shall be binding on the Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders and any such modification shall be notified to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 (Notices) as soon as practicable thereafter.

16. FURTHER ISSUES

The Issuer shall be at liberty from time to time without the consent of the Noteholders, the Receiptholders or the Couponholders to create and issue further notes having terms and conditions the same as the Notes or the same in all respects save for the amount and date of the first payment of interest thereon and so that the same shall be consolidated and form a single Series with the outstanding Notes.

17. CONTRACTS (RIGHTS OF THIRD PARTIES) ACT 1999

No person shall have any right to enforce any term or condition of this Note under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999, but this does not affect any right or remedy of any person which exists or is available apart from that Act.

18. GOVERNING LAW AND SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION

18.1 Governing law

The Agency Agreement, the Deed of Covenant, the Notes, the Receipts and the Coupons and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with Agency Agreement, the Deed of Covenant, the Notes, the Receipts and the Coupons, are and shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, English law.

18.2 Submission to jurisdiction

The Issuer irrevocably agrees, for the benefit of the Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders, that the courts of England are to have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any disputes which may arise out of or in connection with the Notes, the Receipts and/or the Coupons (including a dispute relating to any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the Notes, the Receipts and/or the Coupons) and accordingly submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

The Issuer waives any objection to the courts of England on the grounds that they are an inconvenient or inappropriate forum. The Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders may take any suit, action or proceedings (together referred to as **Proceedings**) arising out of or in connection with the Notes, the Receipts and the Coupons (including any Proceeding relating to any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the Notes, the Receipts and/or the Coupons) against the Issuer in any other court of competent jurisdiction and concurrent Proceedings in any number of jurisdictions.

18.3 Appointment of Process Agent

The Issuer appoints Wilmington Trust SP Services (London) Limited at its registered office at Third Floor, 1 King's Arms Yard, London EC2R 7AF as its agent for service of process, and undertakes that, in the event of Wilmington Trust SP Services (London) Limited ceasing so to act or ceasing to be registered in England, it will appoint another person as its agent for service of process in England in respect of any Proceedings. Nothing herein shall affect the right to serve proceedings in any other manner permitted by law.

18.4 Other documents

The Issuer has in the Agency Agreement and the Deed of Covenant submitted to the jurisdiction of the English courts and appointed an agent for service of process in terms substantially similar to those set out above.

AGENT AND PAYING AGENT

BNP PARIBAS SECURITIES SERVICES, LUXEMBOURG BRANCH

and/or any other or further Agent or Paying Agents and/or specified offices as may from time to time be duly appointed by the Issuer and notice of which has been given to the Noteholders.

SCHEDULE 3
FORM OF DEED OF COVENANT

DEED OF COVENANT

DATED 15 JUNE 2012

SNAM S.p.A.

€8,000,000,000
EURO MEDIUM TERM NOTE PROGRAMME

THIS DEED OF COVENANT is made on 15 June 2012 by Snam S.p.A. (the **Issuer**) in favour of the account holders or participants specified below of Clearstream Banking, société anonyme (**Clearstream, Luxembourg**), Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. (**Euroclear**) and/or any other additional clearing system or systems as is specified in the Final Terms relating to any Note (as defined below) (each a **Clearing System**).

WHEREAS:

- (A) The Issuer has entered into a Programme Agreement (the **Programme Agreement**, which expression includes the same as it may be amended, supplemented, novated or restated from time to time) dated 15 June 2012 with the Dealers named in it under which the Issuer proposes from time to time to issue Notes (the **Notes**).
- (B) The Issuer has also entered into an Agency Agreement (the **Agency Agreement**, which expression includes the same as it may be amended, supplemented, novated or restated from time to time) dated 15 June 2012 between, *inter alia*, the Issuer and BNP Paribas Securities Services, Luxembourg Branch (the **Agent**).
- (C) The Notes will initially be represented by, and comprised in, Global Notes (as defined in the Agency Agreement), in each case representing a certain number of underlying Notes (the **Underlying Notes**).
- (D) Each Global Note may, after issue, be deposited with a depository for one or more Clearing Systems (together, the **Relevant Clearing System**). Upon any deposit of a Global Note the Underlying Notes represented by the Global Note will be credited to a securities account or securities accounts with the Relevant Clearing System. Any account holder with the Relevant Clearing System which has Underlying Notes credited to its securities account from time to time (each a **Relevant Account Holder**) will, subject to and in accordance with the terms and conditions and operating procedures or management regulations of the Relevant Clearing System, be entitled to transfer the Underlying Notes and (subject to and upon payment being made by the Issuer to the bearer in accordance with the terms of the relevant Global Note) will be entitled to receive payments from the Relevant Clearing System calculated by reference to the Underlying Notes credited to its securities account.
- (E) In certain circumstances specified in each Global Note, a Global Note will become void. The time at which a Global Note becomes void is referred to as the **Relevant Time**. In those circumstances, each Relevant Account Holder will, subject to and in accordance with the terms of this Deed, acquire against the Issuer all those rights which the Relevant Account Holder would have had if, prior to the Global Note becoming void, duly executed and authenticated Definitive Notes (as defined in the Agency Agreement) had been issued in respect of its Underlying Notes and the Definitive Notes were held and beneficially owned by the Relevant Account Holder.

NOW THIS DEED WITNESSES as follows:

1. If any Global Note becomes void in accordance with its terms the Issuer covenants with each Relevant Account Holder (other than any Relevant Clearing System which is an account holder of any other Relevant Clearing System) that each Relevant Account Holder shall automatically acquire at the Relevant Time, without the need for any further action on behalf of any person, against the Issuer all those rights which the Relevant Account Holder would have had if at the Relevant Time it held and beneficially owned executed and authenticated Definitive Notes in respect of each Underlying Note represented by the Global Note which the Relevant Account Holder has credited to its securities account with the Relevant Clearing System at the Relevant Time.

The Issuer's obligation under this clause shall be a separate and independent obligation by reference to each Underlying Note which a Relevant Account Holder has credited to its securities account with

the Relevant Clearing System and the Issuer agrees that a Relevant Account Holder may assign its rights under this Deed in whole or in part.

2. The records of the Relevant Clearing System shall be conclusive evidence of the identity of the Relevant Account Holders and the number of Underlying Notes credited to the securities account of each Relevant Account Holder. For these purposes a statement issued by the Relevant Clearing System stating:

- (a) the name of the Relevant Account Holder to which the statement is issued; and
- (b) the aggregate nominal amount of Underlying Notes credited to the securities account of the Relevant Account Holder as at the opening of business on the first day following the Relevant Time on which the Relevant Clearing System is open for business,

shall be conclusive evidence of the records of the Relevant Clearing System at the Relevant Time.

3. In the event of a dispute, the determination of the Relevant Time by the Relevant Clearing System shall (in the absence of manifest error) be final and conclusive for all purposes in connection with the Relevant Account Holders with securities accounts with the Relevant Clearing System.

4. The Issuer undertakes in favour of each Relevant Account Holder that, in relation to any payment to be made by it under this Deed, it will comply with the provisions of Condition 8 (*Taxation*) to the extent that they apply to any payments in respect of Underlying Notes as if those provisions had been set out in full in this Deed.

5. The Issuer will pay any stamp and other duties and taxes, including interest and penalties, payable on or in connection with the execution of this Deed and any action taken by any Relevant Account Holder to enforce the provisions of this Deed.

6. The Issuer represents, warrants and undertakes with each Relevant Account Holder that it has all corporate power, and has taken all necessary corporate or other steps, to enable it to execute, deliver and perform this Deed, and that this Deed constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Issuer enforceable in accordance with its terms subject to the laws of bankruptcy and other laws affecting the rights of creditors generally.

7. This Deed shall take effect as a Deed Poll for the benefit of the Relevant Account Holders from time to time. This Deed shall be deposited with and held by the common depositary for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (being at the date of this Deed BNP Paribas Securities Services, Luxembourg Branch at 33, rue de Gasperich, Howald – Hesperange, L-2085 Luxembourg, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg) until all the obligations of the Issuer under this Deed have been discharged in full.

8. The Issuer acknowledges the right of every Relevant Account Holder to the production of, and the right of every Relevant Account Holder to obtain (upon payment of a reasonable charge) a copy of, this Deed, and further acknowledges and covenants that the obligations binding upon it contained in this Deed are owed to, and shall be for the account of, each and every Relevant Account Holder, and that each Relevant Account Holder shall be entitled severally to enforce those obligations against the Issuer.

9. This Deed and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with it are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, the laws of England.

The Issuer irrevocably agrees, for the exclusive benefit of the Relevant Account Holders, that the courts of England are to have jurisdiction to settle any disputes which may arise out of or in

connection with this Deed (including any dispute relating to any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with this Deed) and that accordingly any suit, action or proceedings (together referred to as Proceedings) arising out of or in connection with this Deed (including any Proceedings relating to any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with this Deed) may be brought in such courts.

The Issuer irrevocably waives any objection which it may have to the laying of the venue of any Proceedings in any such court and any claim that any such Proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum and further irrevocably agrees that a judgment in any Proceedings brought in the English courts shall be conclusive and binding upon it and may be enforced in the courts of any other jurisdiction. Nothing contained in this clause shall limit any right to take Proceedings against the Issuer in any other court of competent jurisdiction, nor shall the taking of Proceedings in one or more jurisdictions preclude the taking of Proceedings in any other jurisdiction, whether concurrently or not.

The Issuer appoints Wilmington Trust SP Services (London) Limited at its registered office at Third Floor, 1 King's Arms Yard, London EC2R 7AF as its agent for service of process, and undertakes that, in the event of Wilmington Trust SP Services (London) Limited ceasing so to act or ceasing to be registered in England, it will appoint another person as its agent for service of process in England in respect of any Proceedings. Nothing in this clause shall affect the right to serve process in any other manner permitted by law.

IN WITNESS whereof the Issuer has caused this Deed to be duly executed the day and year first above mentioned.

Executed as a deed)
by **Snam S.p.A.**)
acting by)
acting on the authority)
of that company)
in the presence of:)

Witness's Signature:.....

Name:

Address:

SCHEDULE 4

FORM OF PUT NOTICE

Snam S.p.A.
[*title of relevant Series of Notes*]

By depositing this duly completed Notice with any Paying Agent for the above Series of Notes (the **Notes**) the undersigned holder of the Notes surrendered with this Notice and referred to below irrevocably exercises its option to have [the full/.....] nominal amount of the Notes redeemed in accordance with Condition 7.4 (*Redemption and Purchase – Redemption at the option of the Noteholders (Investor Put)*) on [redemption date].

This Notice relates to Notes in the aggregate nominal amount of.....bearing the following serial numbers:
.....

If the Notes referred to above are to be returned to the undersigned under clause 10.4 of the Agency Agreement, they should be returned by post to:
.....

Payment Instructions

Please make payment in respect of the above-mentioned Notes by [cheque posted to the above address/transfer to the following bank account]:

Bank: Branch Address:

Branch Code: Account Number:

Signature of holder:

[*To be completed by recipient Paying Agent*]

Details of missing unmatured Coupons

Received by:
[*Signature and stamp of Paying Agent*]

At its office at: On:

NOTES:

1. Complete as appropriate.
2. The Agency Agreement provides that Notes so returned will be sent by post, uninsured and at the risk of the Noteholder, unless the Noteholder otherwise requests and pays the costs of such insurance to the relevant Paying Agent at the time of depositing the Note referred to above.
3. Only relevant for Fixed Rate Notes (which are not also Index Linked Redemption Notes, Dual Currency Redemption Notes or Long Maturity Notes) in definitive form.

N.B. The Paying Agent with whom the above-mentioned Notes are deposited will not in any circumstances be liable to the depositing Noteholder or any other person for any loss or damage arising from any act, default or omission of such Paying Agent in relation to the said Notes or any of them unless such loss or damage was caused by the fraud or negligence of such Paying Agent or its directors, officers or employees.

This Put Notice is not valid unless all of the paragraphs requiring completion are duly completed. Once validly given this Put Notice is irrevocable except in the circumstances set out in clause 10.4 of the Agency Agreement.

SCHEDULE 5

PROVISIONS FOR MEETINGS OF NOTEHOLDERS

DEFINITIONS

1. The provisions of this Schedule 5 are subject to the provisions of Condition 15 (*Meetings of Noteholders*) and in any event, to mandatory provisions of Italian law.
2. As used in this Schedule the following expressions shall have the following meanings unless the context otherwise requires:

Block Voting Instruction means an English and Italian language document, in the form provided by the Issuer, issued by a Paying Agent in which:

- (a) it is certified that on the date thereof Notes (whether in definitive form or represented by a Global Note) (not being Notes in respect of which a Voting Certificate has been issued and is outstanding in respect of the meeting specified in such Block Voting Instruction) have been deposited with such Paying Agent or (to the satisfaction of such Paying Agent) are held to its order or under its control or are blocked in an account with a Clearing System and that no such Notes will cease to be so deposited or held or blocked until the first to occur of:
 - (i) the conclusion of the meeting specified in such Block Voting Instruction; and
 - (ii) the surrender to the Paying Agent, not less than 48 Hours before the time for which such meeting is convened, of the receipt issued by such Paying Agent in respect of each such deposited Note which is to be released or (as the case may require) the Notes ceasing with the agreement of the Paying Agent to be held to its order or under its control or so blocked and the giving of notice by the Paying Agent to the Issuer in accordance with paragraph 4(f) of the necessary amendment to the Block Voting Instruction;
- (b) it is certified that each holder of such Notes has instructed such Paying Agent that the vote(s) attributable to the Notes so deposited or held or blocked should be cast in a particular way in relation to the resolution(s) to be put to such meeting and that all such instructions are, during the period commencing 48 Hours prior to the time for which such meeting is convened and ending at the conclusion or adjournment thereof, neither revocable nor capable of amendment;
- (c) the aggregate nominal amount of the Notes so deposited or held or blocked is listed distinguishing with regard to each such resolution between those in respect of which instructions have been given that the votes attributable thereto should be cast in favour of the resolution and those in respect of which instructions have been so given that the votes attributable thereto should be cast against the resolution; and
- (d) one or more persons named in such Block Voting Instruction (each hereinafter called a **proxy**) is or are authorised and instructed by such Paying Agent to cast the votes attributable to the Notes so listed in accordance with the instructions referred to in (c) above as set out in such Block Voting Instruction, provided that no single proxy may attend and/or vote on behalf of more than such number of Noteholders at any meeting as would exceed the limit specified in article 2372 of the Italian Civil Code to the extent applicable;

Clearing System means Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and includes in respect of any Note any clearing system on behalf of which such Note is held or which is the bearer or holder of a Note, in either case whether alone or jointly with any other Clearing System(s);

Eligible Person means any one of the following persons who shall be entitled to attend and vote at a meeting:

- (a) a holder of a Note in definitive form;
- (b) a bearer of any Voting Certificate; and
- (c) a proxy specified in any Block Voting Instruction;

Extraordinary Resolution means:

- (a) a resolution passed at a meeting of the Noteholders duly convened on First Call or Second Call or Third Call (each as defined below) in accordance with paragraph 8 of this Schedule 5 and otherwise held in accordance with mandatory provisions of Italian law and with provisions of these presents; or
- (b) a resolution in writing signed by or on behalf of all of the Noteholders, which resolution may be contained in one document or in several documents in like form each signed by or on behalf of one or more of the Noteholders;

Voting Certificate means an English and Italian language certificate, in the form provided by the Issuer, issued by a Paying Agent in which it is stated:

- (a) that on the date thereof Notes (whether in definitive form or represented by a Global Note) (not being Notes in respect of which a Block Voting Instruction has been issued and is outstanding in respect of the meeting specified in such Voting Certificate) were deposited with such Paying Agent or (to the satisfaction of such Paying Agent) are held to its order or under its control or are blocked in an account with a Clearing System and that no such Notes will cease to be so deposited or held or blocked until the first to occur of:
 - (i) the conclusion of the meeting specified in such Voting Certificate; and
 - (ii) the surrender of the Voting Certificate to the Paying Agent who issued the same; and
- (b) that the bearer thereof is entitled to attend and vote at such meeting in respect of the Notes represented by such Voting Certificate;

24 Hours means a period of 24 hours including all or part of a day upon which banks are open for general business in both the place where the relevant meeting is to be held and in each of the places where the Paying Agents have their specified offices (disregarding for this purpose the day upon which such meeting is to be held) and such period shall be extended by one period or, to the extent necessary, more periods of 24 hours until there is included as aforesaid all or part of a day upon which banks are open for general business in all of the places as aforesaid; and

48 Hours means a period of 48 hours including all or part of two days upon which banks are open for general business both in the place where the relevant meeting is to be held and in each of the places where the Paying Agents have their specified offices (disregarding for this purpose the day upon which such meeting is to be held) and such period shall be extended by one period or, to the extent necessary, more periods of 24 hours until there is included as aforesaid all or part of two days upon which banks are open for general business in all of the places as aforesaid.

For the purposes of calculating a period of **Clear Days** in relation to a meeting, no account shall be taken of the day on which the notice of such meeting is given (or, in the case of an adjourned meeting, the day on which the meeting to be adjourned is held) or the day on which such meeting is held.

All references in this Schedule to a "meeting" shall, where the context so permits, include any relevant adjourned meeting.

The provisions of this Schedule regarding, inter alia, Noteholders' meetings and the Noteholders' Representative shall be interpreted also in accordance with the mandatory provisions of Italian law applicable from time to time to the Issuer, to the extent such provisions differ from the contents of this Schedule.

EVIDENCE OF ENTITLEMENT TO ATTEND AND VOTE

3. A holder of a Note (whether in definitive form or represented by a Bearer Global Note) may require the issue by a Paying Agent of Voting Certificates and Block Voting Instructions in accordance with the terms of paragraph 4.

For the purposes of paragraph 4, the Agent and each Paying Agent shall be entitled to rely, without further enquiry, on any information or instructions received from a Clearing System and shall have no liability to any Noteholder or other person for any loss, damage, cost, claim or other liability occasioned by its acting in reliance thereon, nor for any failure by a Clearing System to deliver information or instructions to the Agent or any Paying Agent.

The holder of any Voting Certificate or the proxies named in any Block Voting Instruction shall for all purposes in connection with the relevant meeting be deemed to be the holder of the Notes to which such Voting Certificate or Block Voting Instruction relates and the Paying Agent with which such Notes have been deposited or the person holding Notes to the order or under the control of such Paying Agent or the Clearing System in which such Notes have been blocked shall be deemed for such purposes not to be the holder of those Notes.

PROCEDURE FOR ISSUE OF VOTING CERTIFICATES, BLOCK VOTING INSTRUCTIONS AND PROXIES

4. (a) *Definitive Notes not held in a Clearing System - Voting Certificate*

A holder of a Note in definitive form which is not held in an account with any Clearing System (not being a Note in respect of which a Block Voting Instruction has been issued and is outstanding in respect of the meeting specified in such Voting Certificate) may obtain a Voting Certificate in respect of such Note from a Paying Agent subject to such Noteholder having procured that such Note is deposited with such Paying Agent or (to the satisfaction of such Paying Agent) is held to its order or under its control upon terms that no such Note will cease to be so deposited or held until the first to occur of:

- (i) the conclusion of the meeting specified in such Voting Certificate; and
- (ii) the surrender of the Voting Certificate to the Paying Agent who issued the same.

- (b) *Global Notes and definitive Notes held in a Clearing System - Voting Certificate*

A holder of a Note (not being a Note in respect of which instructions have been given to the Agent in accordance with paragraph 4(d)) represented by a Global Note or which is in definitive form and is held in an account with any Clearing System may procure the delivery

of a Voting Certificate in respect of such Note by giving notice to the Clearing System through which such Noteholder's interest in the Note is held specifying by name a person (an **Identified Person**) (which need not be the Noteholder himself) to collect the Voting Certificate and attend and vote at the meeting. The relevant Voting Certificate will be made available at or shortly prior to the commencement of the meeting by the Agent against presentation by such Identified Person of the form of identification previously notified by such Noteholder to the Clearing System. The Clearing System may prescribe forms of identification (including, without limitation, a passport or driving licence) which it deems appropriate for these purposes. Subject to receipt by the Agent from the Clearing System, no later than 24 Hours prior to the time for which such meeting is convened, of notification of the nominal amount of the Notes to be represented by any such Voting Certificate and the form of identification against presentation of which such Voting Certificate should be released, the Agent shall, without any obligation to make further enquiry, make available Voting Certificates against presentation of the form of identification corresponding to that notified.

(c) *Definitive Notes not held in a Clearing System - Block Voting Instruction*

A holder of a Note in definitive form which is not held in an account with any Clearing System (not being a Note in respect of which a Voting Certificate has been issued and is outstanding in respect of the meeting specified in such Block Voting Instruction) may require a Paying Agent to issue a Block Voting Instruction in respect of such Note by depositing such Note with such Paying Agent or (to the satisfaction of such Paying Agent) by procuring that, not less than 48 Hours before the time fixed for the relevant meeting, such Note is held to the Paying Agent's order or under its control, in each case on terms that no such Note will cease to be so deposited or held until the first to occur of:

- (i) the conclusion of the meeting specified in such Block Voting Instruction; and
- (ii) the surrender to the Paying Agent, not less than 48 Hours before the time for which such meeting is convened, of the receipt issued by such Paying Agent in respect of each such deposited or held Note which is to be released or (as the case may require) the Note or Notes ceasing with the agreement of the Paying Agent to be held to its order or under its control and the giving of notice by the Paying Agent to the Issuer in accordance with paragraph 4(f) hereof of the necessary amendment to the Block Voting Instruction;

and instructing the Paying Agent that the vote(s) attributable to the Note or Notes so deposited or held should be cast in a particular way in relation to the resolution or resolutions to be put to such meeting and that all such instructions are, during the period commencing 48 Hours prior to the time for which such meeting is convened and ending at the conclusion or adjournment thereof, neither revocable nor capable of amendment.

(d) *Global Notes and definitive Notes held in a Clearing System - Block Voting Instruction*

A holder of a Note (not being a Note in respect of which a Voting Certificate has been issued) represented by a Global Note or which is in definitive form and is held in an account with any Clearing System may require the Agent to issue a Block Voting Instruction in respect of such Note by first instructing the Clearing System through which such Noteholder's interest in the Note is held to procure that the votes attributable to such Note should be cast at the meeting in a particular way in relation to the resolution or resolutions to be put to the meeting. Any such instruction shall be given in accordance with the rules of the Clearing System then in effect. Subject to receipt by the Agent of instructions from the

Clearing System, no later than 24 Hours prior to the time for which such meeting is convened, of notification of the nominal amount of the Notes in respect of which instructions have been given and the manner in which the votes attributable to such Notes should be cast, the Agent shall, without any obligation to make further enquiry, appoint a proxy to attend the meeting and cast votes in accordance with such instructions.

- (e) Each Block Voting Instruction, together (if so requested by the Noteholders' Representative) with proof satisfactory to the Noteholders' Representative of its due execution on behalf of the relevant Paying Agent, shall be deposited by the relevant Paying Agent at such place as the Noteholders' Representative shall approve not less than 24 Hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting at which the proxy or proxies named in the Block Voting Instruction proposes to vote, and in default the Block Voting Instruction shall not be treated as valid unless the Chairman of the meeting decides otherwise before such meeting proceeds to business. A copy of each Block Voting Instruction shall be deposited with the Noteholders' Representative before the commencement of the meeting but the Noteholders' Representative shall not thereby be obliged to investigate or be concerned with the validity of or the authority of the proxy or proxies named in any such Block Voting Instruction.
- (f) Any vote given in accordance with the terms of a Block Voting Instruction shall be valid notwithstanding the previous revocation or amendment of the Block Voting Instruction or of any of the instructions of the relevant Noteholder or the relevant Clearing System (as the case may be) pursuant to which it was executed **provided that** no intimation in writing of such revocation or amendment has been received from the relevant Paying Agent by the Issuer at its registered office (or such other place as may have been required or approved by the Noteholders' Representative for the purpose) by the time being 24 Hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting at which the Block Voting Instruction is to be used.

CONVENING OF MEETINGS, QUORUM AND ADJOURNED MEETINGS

- 5. Subject to mandatory provisions of Italian law, the directors of the Issuer or the Noteholders' Representative may at any time, and shall upon a requisition in writing signed by the holders of not less than one-twentieth of the principal amount of the Notes of any Series for the time being outstanding, convene a meeting and if the directors of the Issuer or the Noteholders' Representative default in convening such a meeting following such requisition the same shall be convened by the competent court in accordance with articles 2367, paragraph 2, of the Italian Civil Code. Whenever the directors of the Issuer are about to convene any such meeting the Issuer shall forthwith give notice in writing to the holders of the Notes of the day, time and place thereof and of the nature of the business to be transacted thereat. Every such meeting shall be held at such place as provided pursuant to article 2363 of the Italian Civil Code.
- 6. At least 30 Clear Days' notice, or different term provided for by applicable mandatory Italian laws, specifying the place, day and hour of (i) the sole call of the meeting (a **Single Call Meeting**) or, depending on the applicable provisions of Italian law and the Issuer's by-laws, (ii) each of the first, second and third call of the meeting (the **First Call**, the **Second Call** and the **Third Call**, respectively and collectively, a **Multiple Call Meeting**) shall be given to the Noteholders prior to any meeting in the manner provided by Condition 14 and in accordance with the provisions of Italian law (including, without limitation, Legislative Decree No.58 of 24 February 1998 as amended) and the Issuer's by-laws in force from time to time. Such notice, which shall be in the Italian language and in English translation, shall state generally the nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting thereby convened and shall either specify in such notice the terms of such resolution or state fully the effect on the Noteholders of such resolution, if passed. Such notice shall include statements as to the manner in which Noteholders may arrange for Voting Certificates or Block Voting Instructions to be issued and all other information required to be included in such notice pursuant to

applicable laws and regulations. Notices of all meetings shall also be published and given in any other manner pursuant to the Issuer's by-laws and the law and regulations applicable from time to time. A copy of the notice shall be sent by registered post to the Issuer (unless the meeting is convened by the directors of the Issuer) and to the Noteholders' Representative (unless the meeting is convened by the Noteholders' Representative). For the avoidance of doubt, each meeting will be held as a Single Call Meeting or as a Multiple Call Meeting depending on the applicable provisions of Italian law and the Issuer's by-laws as applicable from time to time.

7. Subject to mandatory provisions of Italian law, a person (who may but need not be a Noteholder) nominated pursuant to article 2371 of the Italian Civil Code or in writing by the Noteholders' Representative shall be entitled to take the chair at the relevant meeting, but if no such nomination is made or if at any meeting the person nominated shall not be present within 15 minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting the Noteholders present shall choose by a majority vote one of their number to be Chairman. The Chairman of an adjourned meeting need not be the same person as was Chairman of the meeting from which the adjournment took place.
8. In addition to the matters described in paragraph 18 below, meetings of the Noteholders may resolve (*inter alia*): (a) to appoint or revoke the appointment of the Noteholders' Representative ("*rappresentante comune*"); (b) to modify the Conditions (as provided below); (c) to approve motions for "*Concordato*", as set forth in the bankruptcy laws of Italy; (d) to establish a fund for the expenses necessary for the protection of common interests of the Noteholders and related statements of account; and (e) to pass a resolution concerning any other matter of common interest to the Noteholders.

The constitution of meetings and the validity of resolutions thereof shall be governed pursuant to the Italian Civil Code and, as long as the Issuer has its shares listed on a regulated market in Italy or an other EU member country, pursuant to Legislative Decree no. 58 of 24 February 1998 (as amended from time to time) and the Issuer's by-laws in force from time to time. Italian law currently provides that (subject as provided below):

(A) in the case of a Single Call Meeting, one or more persons present holding Notes in definitive form or voting certificates or being proxies and holding or representing in the aggregate at least one-fifth of the principal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding or such other majority as may be provided for in the Issuer's by-laws, or

(B) in the case of a Multiple Call Meeting: (i) in the case of a First Call meeting, one or more persons present holding Notes in definitive form or voting certificates or being proxies and holding or representing in the aggregate at least one-half of the principal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding or such higher majority as may be provided for in the Issuer's by-laws, (ii) in the case of a Second Call meeting, one or more persons present holding Notes in definitive form or voting certificates or being proxies and holding or representing in the aggregate more than one-third of the principal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding or such higher majority as may be provided for in the Issuer's by-laws, (iii) in the case of a Third Call meeting one or more persons present holding Notes in definitive form or voting certificates or being proxies and holding or representing in the aggregate at least one-fifth of the principal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding,

shall form a quorum for the transaction of business and no business (other than the choosing of a Chairman) shall be transacted at any meeting unless the requisite quorum is present at the commencement of the relevant business.

The majority required at any such meeting (including any adjourned meetings) for passing an Extraordinary Resolution shall (subject as provided below) be such number of votes as may be cast

by one or more Eligible Persons present holding or representing at least two-thirds of the aggregate nominal amount of the Notes outstanding represented at the meeting, **PROVIDED THAT** at any meeting (including adjourned meetings as provided under Article 2415 of the Italian Civil Code) the business of which includes a modification to the Conditions of the Notes as provided under Article 2415, first paragraph, number 2, of the Italian Civil Code, (including, for the avoidance of doubt, (a) any reduction or cancellation of the amount payable or, where applicable, modification, of the method of calculating the amount payable or modification of the date of maturity or redemption or any date for payment of interest or, where applicable, of the method of calculating the date of payment in respect of any principal or interest in respect of the Notes or of the provisions relating to the status, and (b) any alteration of the currency in which payments under the Notes and Coupons are to be made or the denomination of the Notes) or any of the following matters:

- (i) alteration of the quorum required at any meeting of Noteholders or the majority required to pass an Extraordinary Resolution;
- (ii) the sanctioning of any scheme or proposal or substitution as is described in paragraphs 18(h) and 18(i) below; and
- (iii) alteration of this proviso,

(each of which shall only be capable of being effected after having been approved by Extraordinary Resolution) the quorum of the meetings and the majority required to pass the requisite Extraordinary Resolution shall be votes cast by one or more persons present holding Notes in definitive form or voting certificates or being proxies and holding or representing in the aggregate not less than one-half of the principal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding as set out in the second sentence of the third paragraph of Article 2415 of the Italian Civil Code referring to any resolution for the purpose of making a modification to the Conditions of the Notes.

9. If within 15 minutes (or such longer period not exceeding 30 minutes as the Chairman may decide) after the time appointed for any such meeting a quorum is not present for the transaction of any particular business, then, subject and without prejudice to the transaction of the business (if any) for which a quorum is present, the meeting shall if convened upon the requisition of Noteholders be dissolved. In any other case it shall stand adjourned to the Second Call and thereafter (if applicable), to the Third Call.

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS AT MEETINGS

10. Every question submitted to a meeting shall be decided in the first instance by a show of hands. A poll may be demanded (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands) by the Chairman, the Issuer, the Noteholders' Representative or any Eligible Person (whatever the amount of the Notes so held or represented by him).
11. At any meeting, unless a poll is duly demanded, a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has been carried or carried by a particular majority or lost or not carried by a particular majority shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against such resolution.
12. Subject to paragraph 14, if at any such meeting a poll is so demanded it shall be taken in such manner and, subject as hereinafter provided, either at once or after an adjournment as the Chairman directs and the result of such poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded as at the date of the taking of the poll. The demand for a poll shall not prevent the continuance of the meeting for the transaction of any business other than the motion on which the poll has been demanded.

13. The Chairman may, with the consent of (and shall if directed by) any such meeting, adjourn the same from time to time and from place to place; but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting except business which might lawfully have been transacted at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.
14. Any poll demanded at any such meeting on the election of a Chairman or on any question of adjournment shall be taken at the meeting without adjournment.
15. The Noteholders' Representative, its lawyers and financial advisors and any director, statutory auditor or officer of the Issuer, its lawyers and financial advisors, any director or officer of any of the Paying Agents and any other person authorised so to do by the Noteholders' Representative may attend and speak at any meeting. Save as aforesaid, no person shall be entitled to attend and speak nor shall any person be entitled to vote at any meeting unless he is an Eligible Person. No person shall be entitled to vote at any meeting in respect of Notes which are deemed to be not outstanding by virtue of the proviso to the definition of "outstanding" in Clause 1 of the Agency Agreement.
16. At any meeting:
 - (a) on a show of hands every Eligible Person present shall have one vote; and
 - (b) on a poll every Eligible Person present shall have one vote;

in each case in respect of each €1.00 (or, in the case of meetings of holders of Notes denominated in another currency, such amount in such other currency as the Noteholders' Representative or, if none, the Agent in its absolute discretion may stipulate), in nominal amount of the Notes held or represented by such Eligible Person.

Without prejudice to the obligations of the proxies named in any Block Voting Instruction, any Eligible Person entitled to more than one vote need not use all his votes or cast all the votes to which he is entitled in the same way.
17. The proxies named in any Block Voting Instruction need not be Noteholders. Nothing herein shall prevent any of the proxies named in any Block Voting Instruction from being a director, officer or representative of or otherwise connected with the Issuer.
18. A meeting shall subject to the Conditions, in addition to the powers hereinbefore given, have the following powers, by Extraordinary Resolution (subject to the provisions relating to quorum and majorities contained in paragraph 8 above) namely:
 - (a) Power to sanction any compromise or arrangement proposed to be made between the Issuer, any Appointee and the Noteholders and Couponholders or any of them.
 - (b) Power to sanction any abrogation, modification, compromise or arrangement in respect of the rights of any Appointee, the Noteholders, the Couponholders or the Issuer against any other or others of them or against any of their property whether such rights arise under these presents or otherwise.
 - (c) Power to assent to any modification of the provisions of these presents which is proposed by the Issuer or any Noteholder.
 - (d) Power to give any authority or sanction which under the provisions of these presents is required to be given by Extraordinary Resolution.

- (e) Power to appoint any persons (whether Noteholders or not) as a committee or committees to represent the interests of the Noteholders and to confer upon such committee or committees any powers or discretions which the Noteholders could themselves exercise by Extraordinary Resolution.
 - (f) Power to discharge or exonerate any Appointee from all liability in respect of any act or omission for which such Appointee may have become or may become responsible under these presents.
 - (g) Power to authorise any Appointee to concur in and execute and do all such deeds, instruments, acts and things as may be necessary to carry out and give effect to any Extraordinary Resolution.
 - (h) Power to sanction any scheme or proposal for the exchange or sale of the Notes for or the conversion of the Notes into or the cancellation of the Notes in consideration of shares, stock, notes, bonds, debentures, debenture stock and/or other obligations and/or securities of the Issuer or any other company formed or to be formed, or for or into or in consideration of cash, or partly for or into or in consideration of such shares, stock, notes, bonds, debentures, debenture stock and/or other obligations and/or securities as aforesaid and partly for or into or in consideration of cash.
 - (i) Power to approve the substitution of any entity for the Issuer (or any previous substitute) as principal debtor under these presents save for a Solvent Reorganisation of the Issuer adopted or implemented pursuant to any mandatory provisions of law.
19. Any resolution passed at a meeting of the Noteholders duly convened and held in accordance with these presents shall be binding upon all the Noteholders whether or not present or whether or not represented at such meeting and whether or not voting and upon all Receiptholders, Couponholders and Talonholders and each of them shall be bound to give effect thereto accordingly and the passing of any such resolution shall be conclusive evidence that the circumstances justify the passing thereof. Notice of the result of the voting on any resolution duly considered by the Noteholders shall be published in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*) by the Issuer within 14 days of such result being known, **PROVIDED THAT** the non-publication of such notice shall not invalidate such result.
20. Minutes of all resolutions and proceedings at every meeting shall be drawn up by a notary public, registered in the competent trade register and made and entered in books to be from time to time provided for that purpose by the Issuer and any such minutes as aforesaid, if purporting to be signed by the Chairman of the meeting at which such resolutions were passed or proceedings transacted, shall be conclusive evidence of the matters therein contained and, until the contrary is proved, every such meeting in respect of the proceedings of which minutes have been made shall be deemed to have been duly held and convened and all resolutions passed or proceedings transacted thereat to have been duly passed or transacted.
21. (a) If and whenever the Issuer has issued and has outstanding Notes of more than one Series, the foregoing provisions of this Schedule shall have effect subject to the following modifications:
- (i) a resolution which affects the Notes of only one Series shall be deemed to have been duly passed if passed at a separate meeting of the holders of the Notes of that Series;
 - (ii) a resolution which affects the Notes of more than one Series but does not give rise to a conflict of interest between the holders of Notes of any of the Series so affected

shall be deemed to have been duly passed if passed at a single meeting of the holders of the Notes of all the Series so affected;

- (iii) a resolution which affects the Notes of more than one Series and gives or may give rise to a conflict of interest between the holders of the Notes of one Series or group of Series so affected and the holders of the Notes of another Series or group of Series so affected shall be deemed to have been duly passed only if passed at separate meetings of the holders of the Notes of each Series or group of Series so affected; and
 - (iv) to all such meetings all the preceding provisions of this Schedule shall *mutatis mutandis* apply as though references therein to Notes and Noteholders were references to the Notes of the Series or group of Series in question or to the holders of such Notes, as the case may be.
- (b) If the Issuer has issued and has outstanding Notes which are not denominated in euro, or in the case of any meeting of the holders of Notes of more than one currency, the nominal amount of such Notes shall:
- (i) for the purposes of paragraph 5, be the equivalent in euro at the spot rate of a bank nominated by the Agent for the conversion of the relevant currency or currencies into euro on the seventh dealing day prior to the day on which the requisition in writing is received by the Issuer; and
 - (ii) for the purposes of paragraphs 5, 8 and 16 (whether in respect of the meeting or any adjourned such meeting or any poll resulting therefrom), be the equivalent at such spot rate on the seventh dealing day prior to the day of such meeting.

In such circumstances, on any poll each person present shall have one vote for each €1.00 in the nominal amount of the Notes (converted as above) which he holds or represents.

22. All the provisions set out in this Schedule are subject to compliance with the laws, legislation, rules and regulations of the Republic of Italy in force from time to time.

SCHEDULE 6

FORMS OF GLOBAL AND DEFINITIVE NOTES, RECEIPTS, AND COUPONS AND TALONS

PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6

ANY UNITED STATES PERSON WHO HOLDS THIS OBLIGATION WILL BE SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS UNDER THE UNITED STATES INCOME TAX LAWS INCLUDING THE LIMITATIONS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 165(J) AND 1287(A) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.

SNAM S.p.A.

TEMPORARY GLOBAL NOTE

This Global Note is a Temporary Global Note in respect of a duly authorised issue of Notes (the **Notes**) of Snam S.p.A. (the **Issuer**) described, and having the provisions specified, in Part A of the attached Final Terms (the **Final Terms**). References in this Global Note to the Conditions shall be to the Terms and Conditions of the Notes as set out in Schedule 2 to the Agency Agreement (as defined below) as modified and supplemented by the information set out in the Final Terms, but in the event of any conflict between the provisions of (a) that Schedule or (b) this Global Note and the information set out in the Final Terms, the Final Terms will prevail.

Words and expressions defined or set out in the Conditions and/or the Final Terms shall have the same meaning when used in this Global Note.

This Global Note is issued subject to, and with the benefit of, the Conditions and an Agency Agreement (the **Agency Agreement**, which expression shall be construed as a reference to that agreement as the same may be amended, supplemented, novated or restated from time to time) dated 15 June 2012 and made between the Issuer, BNP Paribas Securities Services, Luxembourg Branch (the **Agent**) and the other agents named in it.

For value received the Issuer, subject to and in accordance with the Conditions, promises to pay to the bearer of this Global Note on each Instalment Date (if the Notes are repayable in instalments) and on the Maturity Date (if any) and/or on such earlier date(s) as all or any of the Notes represented by this Global Note may become due and repayable in accordance with the Conditions, the amount payable under the Conditions in respect of the Notes represented by this Global Note on each such date and to pay interest (if any) on the nominal amount of the Notes from time to time represented by this Global Note calculated and payable as provided in the Conditions together with any other sums payable under the Conditions, upon (if the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is not intended to be a New Global Note) presentation and, at maturity, surrender of this Global Note to or to the order of the Agent or any of the other paying agents located outside the United States (except as provided in the Conditions) from time to time appointed by the Issuer in respect of the Notes, but in each case subject to the requirements as to certification provided below.

If the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is intended to be a New Global Note, the nominal amount of Notes represented by this Global Note shall be the aggregate amount from time to time entered in the records of both Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme (together, the **relevant Clearing Systems**). The records of the relevant Clearing Systems (which expression in this Global Note means the records that each relevant Clearing System holds for its customers which reflect the amount of such customer's interest in the Notes) shall be conclusive evidence of the nominal amount of Notes represented by this Global Note and, for these purposes, a statement issued by a relevant Clearing System

stating the nominal amount of Notes represented by this Global Note at any time (which statement shall be made available to the bearer upon request) shall be conclusive evidence of the records of the relevant Clearing System at that time.

If the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is not intended to be a New Global Note, the nominal amount of the Notes represented by this Global Note shall be the aggregate nominal amount stated in the Final Terms or, if lower, the nominal amount most recently entered by or on behalf of the Issuer in the relevant column in Part 2, 3 or 4 of Schedule One or in Schedule Two.

On any redemption or payment of an instalment or interest being made in respect of, or purchase and cancellation of, any of the Notes represented by this Global Note the Issuer shall procure that:

- (a) if the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is intended to be a New Global Note, details of such redemption, payment or purchase and cancellation (as the case may be) shall be entered pro rata in the records of the relevant Clearing Systems and, upon any such entry being made, the nominal amount of the Notes recorded in the records of the relevant Clearing Systems and represented by this Global Note shall be reduced by the aggregate nominal amount of the Notes so redeemed or purchased and cancelled or by the aggregate amount of such instalment so paid; or
- (b) if the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is not intended to be a New Global Note, details of such redemption, payment or purchase and cancellation (as the case may be) shall be entered by or on behalf of the Issuer in Schedule One and the relevant space in Schedule One recording any such redemption, payment or purchase and cancellation (as the case may be) shall be signed by or on behalf of the Issuer. Upon any such redemption, payment of an instalment or purchase and cancellation, the nominal amount of the Notes represented by this Global Note shall be reduced by the nominal amount of the Notes so redeemed or purchased and cancelled or by the amount of such instalment so paid.

Payments due in respect of Notes for the time being represented by this Global Note shall be made to the bearer of this Global Note and each payment so made will discharge the Issuer's obligations in respect thereof. Any failure to make the entries referred to above shall not affect such discharge.

Prior to the Exchange Date (as defined below), all payments (if any) on this Global Note will only be made to the bearer hereof to the extent that there is presented to the Agent by a relevant Clearing System a certificate to the effect that it has received from or in respect of a person entitled to a particular nominal amount of the Notes (as shown by its records) a certificate of non-US beneficial ownership in the form required by it. The bearer of this Global Note will not be entitled to receive any payment of interest due on or after the Exchange Date unless upon due certification exchange of this Global Note is improperly withheld or refused.

On or after the date (the **Exchange Date**) which is 40 days after the Issue Date, this Global Note may be exchanged in whole or in part (free of charge) for, as specified in the Final Terms, either:

- (a) security printed Definitive Notes and (if applicable) Coupons, Receipts and Talons in the form set out in Part 3, Part 4, Part 5 and Part 6 respectively of Schedule 6 to the Agency Agreement (on the basis that all the appropriate details have been included on the face of such Definitive Notes and (if applicable) Coupons, Receipts and Talons and the Final Terms (or the relevant provisions of the Final Terms) have been endorsed on or attached to such Definitive Notes); or
- (b) either, (i) if the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is intended to be a New Global Note, interests recorded in the records of the relevant Clearing Systems in a Permanent Global Note, or (ii) if the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is not intended to be a New Global Note, a

Permanent Global Note, which, in either case, is in or substantially in the form set out in Part 2 of Schedule 6 to the Agency Agreement (together with the Final Terms attached to it),

in each case upon notice being given by a relevant Clearing System acting on the instructions of any holder of an interest in this Global Note.

If Definitive Notes and (if applicable) Coupons, Receipts and/or Talons have already been issued in exchange for all the Notes represented for the time being by the Permanent Global Note, then this Global Note may only thereafter be exchanged for Definitive Notes and (if applicable) Coupons, Receipts and/or Talons in accordance with the terms of this Global Note.

This Global Note may be exchanged by the bearer hereof on any day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which banks are open for general business in Luxembourg. The Issuer shall procure that, as appropriate, (i) the Definitive Notes or (as the case may be) the Permanent Global Note (where the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is not intended to be a New Global Note), shall be so issued and delivered, or (ii) the interests in the Permanent Global Note (where the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is intended to be a New Global Note) shall be recorded in the records of the relevant Clearing System, in each case in exchange for only that portion of this Global Note in respect of which there shall have been presented to the Agent by a relevant Clearing System a certificate to the effect that it has received from or in respect of a person entitled to a beneficial interest in a particular nominal amount of the Notes (as shown by its records) a certificate of non-US beneficial ownership from such person in the form required by it. The aggregate nominal amount of Definitive Notes or interests in a Permanent Global Note issued upon an exchange of this Global Note will, subject to the terms hereof, be equal to the aggregate nominal amount of this Global Note submitted by the bearer for exchange (to the extent that such nominal amount does not exceed the aggregate nominal amount of this Global Note).

On an exchange of the whole of this Global Note, this Global Note shall be surrendered to or to the order of the Agent. On an exchange of part only of this Global Note, the Issuer shall procure that:

- (a) if the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is intended to be a New Global Note, details of such exchange shall be entered *pro rata* in the records of the relevant Clearing Systems; or
- (b) if the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is not intended to be a New Global Note, details of such exchange shall be entered by or on behalf of the Issuer in Schedule Two and the relevant space in Schedule Two recording such exchange shall be signed by or on behalf of the Issuer, whereupon the nominal amount of this Global Note and the Notes represented by this Global Note shall be reduced by the nominal amount so exchanged. On any exchange of this Global Note for a Permanent Global Note, details of such exchange shall also be entered by or on behalf of the Issuer in Schedule Two to the Permanent Global Note and the relevant space in Schedule Two to the Permanent Global Note recording such exchange shall be signed by or on behalf of the Issuer.

Until the exchange of the whole of this Global Note, the bearer of this Global Note shall in all respects (except as otherwise provided in this Global Note) be entitled to the same benefits as if he were the bearer of Definitive Notes and the relative Coupons, Receipts and/or Talons (if any) represented by this Global Note. Accordingly, except as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or as required by law or applicable regulation, the Issuer and any Paying Agent may deem and treat the holder of this Global Note as the absolute owner of this Global Note for all purposes.

In the event that this Global Note (or any part of it) has become due and repayable in accordance with the Conditions or that the Maturity Date (if any) has occurred and, in either case, payment in full of the amount due has not been made to the bearer in accordance with the provisions set out above then this Global Note will become void at 8.00 p.m. (London time) on such day and the bearer will have no further rights under

this Global Note (but without prejudice to the rights which the bearer or any other person may have under the Deed of Covenant executed by the Issuer on 15 June 2012 in respect of the Notes.

No rights are conferred on any person under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this Global Note, but this does not affect any right or remedy of any person which exists or is available apart from that Act.

This Global Note and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with it are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, English law.

This Global Note shall not be valid unless authenticated by the Agent and, if the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility, effectuated by the entity appointed as common safekeeper by the relevant Clearing Systems.

IN WITNESS whereof the Issuer has caused this Global Note to be duly executed on its behalf.

Snam S.p.A.

By:

Dated as of the Issue Date

<p>Authenticated without recourse, warranty or liability by</p> <p>BNP Paribas Securities Services, Luxembourg Branch, acting as agent</p> <p>By:</p> <p>Effectuated without recourse, warranty or liability by</p> <p>..... as common safekeeper</p> <p>By:</p>

SCHEDULE THREE TO THE TEMPORARY GLOBAL NOTE

FURTHER INFORMATION RELATING TO THE ISSUER

1. Name: Snam S.p.A.
2. Objects: The corporate purpose is to exercise, directly or indirectly, in Italy and abroad, including through direct or indirect participation in companies, organisations or businesses, regulated activities in the field of transport, dispatch, distribution, regasification, and storage of hydrocarbons, and any other activity instrumental, ancillary or complementary to one or more of the activities mentioned above, including the production of hydrocarbons related to the storage thereof, storage of other gases, energy measurement, and management of organised gas markets, all in compliance with relevant concessions pursuant to law provisions.
3. Registered Office: Piazza Santa Barbara 7, 20097 San Donato Milanese, Milan, Italy
4. Company's registration number: Companies' Register of Milan, No. 13271390158
5. Amount of paid-up share capital: Paid-up share capital of €[], divided into no. [] ordinary shares of €1 each and reserves of €[].
6. Prospectus: Base Prospectus dated 15 June 2012, as supplemented from time to time.
7. Date of resolution authorising the issue and date of its registration: Resolution dated [], filed with the Companies' Register of Milan on [].

[any other information required pursuant to article 2414 of the Italian Civil Code]

PART 2 OF SCHEDULE 6

FORM OF PERMANENT GLOBAL NOTE

ANY UNITED STATES PERSON WHO HOLDS THIS OBLIGATION WILL BE SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS UNDER THE UNITED STATES INCOME TAX LAWS INCLUDING THE LIMITATIONS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 165(J) AND 1287(A) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.

SNAM S.p.A.

PERMANENT GLOBAL NOTE

This Global Note is a Permanent Global Note in respect of a duly authorised issue of Notes (the **Notes**) of Snam S.p.A. (the **Issuer**) described, and having the provisions specified, in Part A of the attached Final Terms (the **Final Terms**). References in this Global Note to the Conditions shall be to the Terms and Conditions of the Notes as set out in Schedule 2 to the Agency Agreement (as defined below) as modified and supplemented by the information set out in the Final Terms, but in the event of any conflict between the provisions of (a) that Schedule or (b) this Global Note and the information set out in the Final Terms, the Final Terms will prevail.

Words and expressions defined or set out in the Conditions and/or the Final Terms shall have the same meaning when used in this Global Note.

This Global Note is issued subject to, and with the benefit of, the Conditions and an Agency Agreement (the **Agency Agreement**, which expression shall be construed as a reference to that agreement as the same may be amended, supplemented, novated or restated from time to time) dated 15 June 2012 and made between the Issuer, BNP Paribas Securities Services, Luxembourg Branch (the **Agent**) and the other agents named in it.

For value received the Issuer, subject to and in accordance with the Conditions, promises to pay to the bearer of this Global Note on each Instalment Date (if the Notes are repayable in instalments) and on the Maturity Date (if any) and/or on such earlier date(s) as all or any of the Notes represented by this Global Note may become due and repayable in accordance with the Conditions, the amount payable under the Conditions in respect of the Notes represented by this Global Note on each such date and to pay interest (if any) on the nominal amount of the Notes from time to time represented by this Global Note calculated and payable as provided in the Conditions together with any other sums payable under the Conditions, upon (if the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is not intended to be a New Global Note) presentation and, at maturity, surrender of this Global Note to or to the order of the Agent or any of the other paying agents located outside the United States (except as provided in the Conditions) from time to time appointed by the Issuer in respect of the Notes.

If the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is intended to be a New Global Note, the nominal amount of Notes represented by this Global Note shall be the aggregate amount from time to time entered in the records of both Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme (together, the **relevant Clearing Systems**). The records of the relevant Clearing Systems (which expression in this Global Note means the records that each relevant Clearing System holds for its customers which reflect the amount of such customer's interest in the Notes) shall be conclusive evidence of the nominal amount of Notes represented by this Global Note and, for these purposes, a statement issued by a relevant Clearing System stating the nominal amount of Notes represented by this Global Note at any time (which statement shall be made available to the bearer upon request) shall be conclusive evidence of the records of the relevant Clearing System at that time.

If the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is not intended to be a New Global Note, the nominal amount of the Notes represented by this Global Note shall be the aggregate nominal amount stated in the Final Terms or, if lower, the nominal amount most recently entered by or on behalf of the Issuer in the relevant column in Part 2, 3 or 4 of Schedule One or in Schedule Two.

On any redemption or payment of an instalment or interest being made in respect of, or purchase and cancellation of, any of the Notes represented by this Global Note, the Issuer shall procure that:

- (i) if the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is intended to be a New Global Note, details of such redemption, payment or purchase and cancellation (as the case may be) shall be entered pro rata in the records of the relevant Clearing Systems and, upon any such entry being made, the nominal amount of the Notes recorded in the records of the relevant Clearing Systems and represented by this Global Note shall be reduced by the aggregate nominal amount of the Notes so redeemed or purchased and cancelled or by the aggregate amount of such instalment so paid; or
- (ii) if the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is not intended to be a New Global Note, details of such redemption, payment or purchase and cancellation (as the case may be) shall be entered by or on behalf of the Issuer in Schedule One and the relevant space in Schedule One recording any such redemption, payment or purchase and cancellation (as the case may be) shall be signed by or on behalf of the Issuer. Upon any such redemption, payment of an instalment or purchase and cancellation, the nominal amount of the Notes represented by this Global Note shall be reduced by the nominal amount of the Notes so redeemed or purchased and cancelled or by the amount of such instalment so paid.

Payments due in respect of Notes for the time being represented by this Global Note shall be made to the bearer of this Global Note and each payment so made will discharge the Issuer's obligations in respect thereof. Any failure to make the entries referred to above shall not affect such discharge.

Where the Notes have initially been represented by one or more Temporary Global Notes, on any exchange of any such Temporary Global Note for this Global Note or any part of it:

- (i) the Issuer shall procure that if the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is intended to be a New Global Note, details of such exchange shall be entered in the records of the relevant Clearing Systems; or
- (ii) if the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is not intended to be a New Global Note, details of such exchange shall be entered by or on behalf of the Issuer in Schedule Two and the relevant space in Schedule Two recording any such exchange shall be signed by or on behalf of the Issuer, whereupon the nominal amount of the Notes represented by this Global Note shall be increased by the nominal amount of any such Temporary Global Note so exchanged.

In certain circumstances further notes may be issued which are intended on issue to be consolidated and form a single Series with the Notes. In such circumstances the Issuer shall procure that:

- (i) if the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is intended to be a New Global Note, details of such further notes shall be entered in the records of the relevant Clearing Systems such that the nominal amount of Notes represented by this Global Note shall be increased by the amount of such further notes so issued; or
- (ii) if the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is not intended to be a New Global Note, details of such further notes shall be entered by or on behalf of the Issuer in Schedule Two and the relevant space in Schedule Two recording such further notes shall be signed by or on behalf of the Issuer, whereupon the nominal amount of the Notes represented by this Global Note shall be increased by the nominal amount of any such further notes so issued

This Global Note may be exchanged in whole but not in part (free of charge) for security printed Definitive Notes and (if applicable) Coupons, Receipts and/or Talons in the form set out in Part 3, Part 4, Part 5 and Part 6 respectively of Schedule 6 to the Agency Agreement (on the basis that all the appropriate details have been included on the face of such Definitive Notes and (if applicable) Coupons, Receipts and Talons and the Final Terms (or the relevant provisions of the Final Terms) have been endorsed on or attached to such Definitive Notes) either, as specified in the Final Terms:

- (a) upon not less than 60 days' written notice being given to the Agent by Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg acting on the instructions of any holder of an interest in this Global Note; or
- (b) only upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event.

An **Exchange Event** means:

- (i) an Event of Default (as defined in Condition 10 (*Events of Default*)) has occurred and is continuing; or
- (ii) the Issuer has been notified that both the relevant Clearing Systems have been closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of holiday, statutory or otherwise) or have announced an intention permanently to cease business or have in fact done so and no successor clearing system is available.

If this Global Note is only exchangeable following the occurrence of an Exchange Event:

- (A) the Issuer will promptly give notice to Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*) upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event; and
- (B) in the event of the occurrence of any Exchange Event, one or more of the relevant Clearing Systems acting on the instructions of any holder of an interest in this Global Note may give notice to the Agent requesting exchange.

Any such exchange shall occur no later than 45 days after the date of receipt of the first relevant notice by the Agent and will be made on any day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which banks are open for general business in Luxembourg. The aggregate nominal amount of Definitive Notes issued upon an exchange of this Global Note will be equal to the aggregate nominal amount of this Global Note at the time of such exchange.

On an exchange of this Global Note, this Global Note shall be surrendered to or to the order of the Agent.

Until the exchange of this Global Note, the bearer of this Global Note shall in all respects (except as otherwise provided in this Global Note) be entitled to the same benefits as if he were the bearer of Definitive Notes and the relative Coupons, Receipts and/or Talons (if any) represented by this Global Note. Accordingly, except as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or as required by law or applicable regulation, the Issuer and any Paying Agent may deem and treat the holder of this Global Note as the absolute owner of this Global Note for all purposes.

In the event that this Global Note (or any part of it) has become due and repayable in accordance with the Conditions or that the Maturity Date (if any) has occurred and, in either case, payment in full of the amount due has not been made to the bearer in accordance with the provisions set out above then this Global Note will become void at 8.00 p.m. (London time) on such day and the bearer will have no further rights under this Global Note (but without prejudice to the rights which the bearer or any other person may have under the Deed of Covenant executed by the Issuer on 15 June 2012 in respect of the Notes).

No rights are conferred on any person under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this Global Note, but this does not affect any right or remedy of any person which exists or is available apart from that Act.

This Global Note and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with it are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, English law.

This Global Note shall not be valid unless authenticated by the Agent and, if the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility, effectuated by the entity appointed as common safekeeper by the relevant Clearing Systems.

IN WITNESS whereof the Issuer has caused this Global Note to be duly executed on its behalf.

Snam S.p.A.

By:

Dated as of the Issue Date

<p>Authenticated without recourse, warranty or liability by</p> <p>BNP Paribas Securities Services, Luxembourg Branch, acting as agent</p> <p>By:</p> <p>Effectuated without recourse, warranty or liability by</p> <p>..... as common safekeeper</p> <p>By:</p>

SCHEDULE THREE TO THE PERMANENT GLOBAL NOTE
FURTHER INFORMATION RELATING TO THE ISSUER

1. Name: Snam S.p.A.
2. Objects: The corporate purpose is to exercise, directly or indirectly, in Italy and abroad, including through direct or indirect participation in companies, organisations or businesses, regulated activities in the field of transport, dispatch, distribution, regasification, and storage of hydrocarbons, and any other activity instrumental, ancillary or complementary to one or more of the activities mentioned above, including the production of hydrocarbons related to the storage thereof, storage of other gases, energy measurement, and management of organised gas markets, all in compliance with relevant concessions pursuant to law provisions.
3. Registered Office: Piazza Santa Barbara 7, 20097 San Donato Milanese, Milan, Italy.
4. Company's registration number: Companies' Register of Milan, No. 13271390158
5. Amount of paid-up share capital: Paid-up share capital of €[], divided into no. [] ordinary shares of €1 each and reserves of €[].
6. Prospectus: Base Prospectus dated 15 June 2012, as supplemented from time to time.
7. Date of resolution authorising the issue and date of its registration: Resolution dated [], filed with the Companies' Register of Milan on [].

[any other information required pursuant to article 2414 of the Italian Civil Code]

PART 3 OF SCHEDULE 6
FORM OF DEFINITIVE NOTE

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[ANY UNITED STATES PERSON WHO HOLDS THIS OBLIGATION WILL BE SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS UNDER THE UNITED STATES INCOME TAX LAWS, INCLUDING THE LIMITATIONS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 165(J) AND 1287(A) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.]*

Snam S.p.A.

[Specified Currency and Nominal Amount of Tranche] Notes [Due [Year of Maturity]]

This Note is one of a duly authorised issue of Notes denominated in the Specified Currency [and maturing on the Maturity Date] (the **Notes**) of Snam S.p.A. (the **Issuer**). References in this Note to the Conditions shall be to the Terms and Conditions [endorsed on this Note/attached to this Note/set out in Schedule 2 to the Agency Agreement (as defined below) which shall be incorporated by reference in this Note and have effect as if set out in it] as modified and supplemented by Part A of the Final Terms (the **Final Terms**) (or the relevant provisions of the Final Terms) endorsed on this Note but, in the event of any conflict between the provisions of the Conditions and the information in the Final Terms, the Final Terms will prevail.

This Note is issued subject to, and with the benefit of, the Conditions and an Agency Agreement (the **Agency Agreement**, which expression shall be construed as a reference to that agreement as the same may be amended, supplemented, novated or restated from time to time) dated 15 June 2012 and made between the Issuer, BNP Paribas Securities Services, Luxembourg Branch (the **Agent**) and the other agents named in it.

For value received, the Issuer, subject to and in accordance with the Conditions, promises to pay to the bearer of this Note [on each Instalment Date and] on the Maturity Date (if any) and/or on such earlier date(s) as this Note may become due and repayable in accordance with the Conditions, the amount payable under the Conditions in respect of this Note on each such date and to pay interest (if any) on this Note calculated and payable as provided in the Conditions together with any other sums payable under the Conditions.

This Note shall not be validly issued unless authenticated by the Agent.

IN WITNESS whereof the Issuer has caused this Note to be duly executed on its behalf.

* This legend can be deleted if the Notes have an initial maturity of 365 days or less.

Snam S.p.A.

By:

Authenticated without recourse,
warranty or liability by

**BNP Paribas Securities
Services, Luxembourg Branch**

By:

[Reverse of Note]

Terms and Conditions

*[Terms and Conditions to be as set out in
Schedule 2 to the Agency Agreement]*

Final Terms

*[Here may be set out text of Final Terms
relating to the Notes]*

SCHEDULE

FURTHER INFORMATION RELATING TO THE ISSUER

1. Name: Snam S.p.A.
2. Objects: The corporate purpose is to exercise, directly or indirectly, in Italy and abroad, including through direct or indirect participation in companies, organisations or businesses, regulated activities in the field of transport, dispatch, distribution, regasification, and storage of hydrocarbons, and any other activity instrumental, ancillary or complementary to one or more of the activities mentioned above, including the production of hydrocarbons related to the storage thereof, storage of other gases, energy measurement, and management of organised gas markets, all in compliance with relevant concessions pursuant to law provisions.
3. Registered Office: Piazza Santa Barbara 7, 20097 San Donato Milanese, Milan, Italy.
4. Company's registration number: Companies' Register of Milan, No. 13271390158
5. Amount of paid-up share capital: Paid-up share capital of €[], divided into no. [] ordinary shares of €1 each and reserves of €[].
6. Prospectus: Base Prospectus dated 15 June 2012, as supplemented from time to time.
7. Date of resolution authorising the issue and date of its registration: Resolution dated [], filed with the Companies' Register of Milan on [].

[any other information required pursuant to article 2414 of the Italian Civil Code]

PART 4 OF SCHEDULE 6

FORM OF COUPON

[Face of Coupon]

Snam S.p.A.

**[Specified Currency and Nominal Amount of Tranche]
Notes [Due [Year of Maturity]]
Part A**

For Fixed Rate Notes:

This Coupon is payable to bearer, separately negotiable and subject to the Terms and Conditions of the Notes to which it appertains. Coupon for [] due on []

Part B

For Floating Rate Notes, Index Linked Interest Notes or Dual Currency Interest Notes:

Coupon for the amount due in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Notes to which it appertains on the Interest Payment Date falling in []. Coupon due in []

This Coupon is payable to bearer, separately negotiable and subject to such Terms and Conditions, under which it may become void before its due date.

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* This legend can be deleted if the Notes have an initial maturity of 365 days or less.

PART 5 OF SCHEDULE 6

FORM OF RECEIPT

[Face of Receipt]

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Snam S.p.A.

[Specified Currency and Nominal Amount of Tranche] Notes [Due [Year of Final Maturity]]

Series No. []

Receipt for the sum of [] being the instalment of principal payable in accordance with the Terms and Conditions endorsed on the Note to which this Receipt appertains (the **Conditions**) on [].

This Receipt is issued subject to and in accordance with the Conditions which shall be binding upon the holder of this Receipt (whether or not it is for the time being attached to the Note) and is payable at the specified office of any of the Paying Agents set out on the reverse of the Note to which this Receipt appertains (and/or any other or further Paying Agents and/or specified offices as may from time to time be duly appointed and notified to the Noteholders).

This Receipt must be presented for payment together with the Note to which it appertains. The Issuer shall have no obligation in respect of any Receipt presented without the Note to which it appertains or any unmatured Receipts.

Snam S.p.A.

By:

PART 6 OF SCHEDULE 6

FORM OF TALON

[Face of Talon]

ANY UNITED STATES PERSON WHO HOLDS THIS OBLIGATION WILL BE SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS UNDER THE UNITED STATES INCOME TAX LAWS, INCLUDING THE LIMITATIONS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 165(j) AND 1287(a) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.

Snam S.p.A.

[Specified Currency and Nominal Amount of Tranche] Notes [Due [Year of Maturity]]

Series No. []

On and after [] further Coupons [and a further Talon] appertaining to the Note to which this Talon appertains will be issued at the specified office of any of the Paying Agents set out on the reverse hereof (and/or any other or further Paying Agents and/or specified offices as may from time to time be duly appointed and notified to the Noteholders) upon production and surrender of this Talon.

This Talon may, in certain circumstances, become void under the Terms and Conditions endorsed on the Note to which this Talon appertains.

Snam S.p.A.

By:

[Reverse of Coupon, Receipt and Talon]

AGENT AND PAYING AGENT

BNP Paribas Securities Services, Luxembourg Branch

and/or such other or further Agent or other Paying Agents and/or specified offices as may from time to time be duly appointed by the Issuer and notice of which has been given to the Noteholders.

SCHEDULE 7

ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF THE AGENT

In relation to each Series of Notes that are NGNs, the Agent will comply with the following provisions:

1. The Agent will inform each of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (the **ICSDs**), through the common service provider appointed by the ICSDs to service the Notes (the **CSP**), of the initial issue outstanding amount (**IOA**) for each Tranche on or prior to the relevant Issue Date.
2. If any event occurs that requires a mark up or mark down of the records which an ICSD holds for its customers to reflect such customers' interest in the Notes, the Agent will (to the extent known to it) promptly provide details of the amount of such mark up or mark down, together with a description of the event that requires it, to the ICSDs (through the **CSP**) to ensure that the IOA of the Notes remains at all times accurate.
3. The Agent will at least once every month reconcile its record of the IOA of the Notes with information received from the ICSDs (through the CSP) with respect to the IOA maintained by the ICSDs for the Notes and will promptly inform the ICSDs (through the CSP) of any discrepancies.
4. The Agent will promptly assist the ICSDs (through the CSP) in resolving any discrepancy identified in the IOA of the Notes.
5. The Agent will promptly provide to the ICSDs (through the CSP) details of all amounts paid by it under the Notes (or, where the Notes provide for delivery of assets other than cash, of the assets so delivered).
6. The Agent will (to the extent known to it) promptly provide to the ICSDs (through the CSP) notice of any changes to the Notes that will affect the amount of, or date for, any payment due under the Notes.
7. The Agent will (to the extent known to it) promptly provide to the ICSDs (through the CSP) copies of all information that is given to the holders of the Notes.
8. The Agent will promptly pass on to the Issuer all communications it receives from the ICSDs directly or through the CSP relating to the Notes.
9. The Agent will (to the extent known to it) promptly notify the ICSDs (through the CSP) of any failure by the Issuer to make any payment or delivery due under the Notes when due.

SIGNATORIES

This Agreement has been entered into on the date stated at the beginning of this Agreement.

The Issuer

Snam S.p.A.

By:

The Agent

BNP Paribas Securities Services, Luxembourg Branch

By:

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