

## TEMPORARY GLOBAL SECURITY

### ENEL – Società per Azioni

(incorporated with limited liability under the laws of the Republic of Italy)

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representing

### €750,000,000 Perpetual 9 Year Non-Call Capital Securities (ISIN: XS3271042254)

This Security is a temporary Global Security without interest coupons in respect of a duly authorised issue of Securities of ENEL – Società per Azioni (the "**Issuer**"), designated as specified in the title hereof (the "**Securities**"), limited to the aggregate principal amount of 750,000,000 euros (€750,000,000) and constituted by a Trust Deed dated 14 January 2026 (the "**Trust Deed**") between the Issuer and BNY Mellon Corporate Trustee Services Limited as trustee (the trustee for the time being thereof being herein called the "**Trustee**"). References herein to the "**Conditions**" (or to any particular numbered Condition) shall be to the Conditions (or that particular one of them) set out in Part D of the Schedule hereto. Words and terms defined in the Conditions and not otherwise defined in this temporary Global Security shall have the same meanings when used in this temporary Global Security. The aggregate principal amount from time to time of this temporary Global Security shall be 750,000,000 euros (€750,000,000) or, if less, that amount as shall be shown by the latest entry duly made in the Schedule hereto.

#### 1. **PROMISE TO PAY**

Subject as provided in this temporary Global Security the Issuer promises to pay to the bearer the principal amount of this temporary Global Security (being at the date hereof shall be 750,000,000 euros (€750,000,000) on the date fixed for redemption of the Securities provided for in the Conditions (or on such earlier date as the said principal amount may become repayable in accordance with the Conditions or the Trust Deed) and to pay interest annually in arrear on each Interest Payment Date on the principal amount from time to time of this temporary Global Security at rates determined in accordance with the Conditions together with such premium and other amounts (if any) as may be payable, all subject to and in accordance with the Conditions and the provisions of the Trust Deed.

#### 2. **EXCHANGE FOR PERMANENT GLOBAL SECURITY AND PURCHASES**

- 2.1 This temporary Global Security is exchangeable in whole or in part upon the request of the bearer for a further global Security in respect of up to €750,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Securities (the "**Permanent Global Security**") only on and subject to the terms and conditions set out below.
- 2.2 On and after 23 February 2026 (the "**Exchange Date**") this temporary Global Security may be exchanged in whole or in part at the specified office of the Principal Paying Agent (or such other place as the Trustee may agree) for the Permanent Global Security and the Issuer shall procure that the Principal Paying Agent shall issue and deliver, in full or partial exchange for this temporary Global Security, the Permanent Global Security (or, as the case may be, endorse the Permanent Global Security) in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of this temporary Global Security submitted for exchange **provided that** the Permanent Global Security shall be issued and delivered (or, as the case may be, endorsed) only if and to the extent that there shall have been presented to the Issuer a certificate from Euroclear Bank SA/NV ("**Euroclear**") or from Clearstream Banking, S.A. ("**Clearstream**") to the effect that it has received from or in respect of a person entitled to a particular principal amount of the Securities represented by this temporary Global

Security (as shown by its records) a certificate of non-US beneficial ownership in the form required by it.

- 2.3 Any person who would, but for the provisions of this temporary Global Security, the Permanent Global Security and the Trust Deed, otherwise be entitled to receive a definitive Security or definitive Securities shall not be entitled to require the exchange of an appropriate part of this temporary Global Security for a like part of the Permanent Global Security unless and until he shall have delivered or caused to be delivered to Euroclear or Clearstream a certificate of non-US beneficial ownership in the form required by it.
- 2.4 Upon (a) any exchange of a part of this temporary Global Security for a like part of the Permanent Global Security or (b) the purchase by or on behalf of the Issuer or any Subsidiary of the Issuer and cancellation of a part of this temporary Global Security in accordance with the Conditions, the portion of the principal amount hereof so exchanged or so purchased and cancelled shall be endorsed by or on behalf of the Principal Paying Agent on behalf of the Issuer on Part B of the Schedule hereto, whereupon the principal amount hereof shall be reduced for all purposes by the amount so exchanged or so purchased and cancelled and, in each case, endorsed.

3. **PAYMENTS**

- 3.1 Until the entire principal amount of this temporary Global Security has been extinguished, this temporary Global Security shall in all respects be entitled to the same benefits as the definitive Securities for the time being represented hereby and shall be entitled to the benefit of and be bound by the Trust Deed, except that the holder of this temporary Global Security shall not (unless upon due presentation of this temporary Global Security for exchange, issue and delivery (or, as the case may be, endorsement) of the Permanent Global Security is improperly withheld or refused and such withholding or refusal is continuing at the relevant payment date) be entitled (a) to receive any payment of interest on this temporary Global Security except (subject to (b) below) upon certification as hereinafter provided or (b) on and after the Exchange Date, to receive any payment on this temporary Global Security. Upon any payment of principal, premium or interest on this temporary Global Security the amount so paid shall be endorsed by or on behalf of the Principal Paying Agent on behalf of the Issuer on Part A of the Schedule hereto.
- 3.2 Payments of interest in respect of Securities for the time being represented by this temporary Global Security shall be made to the bearer only upon presentation to the Issuer of a certificate from Euroclear or from Clearstream to the effect that it has received from or in respect of a person entitled to a particular principal amount of the Securities represented by this temporary Global Security (as shown by its records) a certificate of non-US beneficial ownership in the form required by it. Any person who would, but for the provisions of this temporary Global Security and of the Trust Deed, otherwise be beneficially entitled to a payment of interest on this temporary Global Security shall not be entitled to require such payment unless and until he shall have delivered or caused to be delivered to Euroclear or Clearstream a certificate of non-US beneficial ownership in the form required by it.
- 3.3 Upon any payment of principal and endorsement of such payment on Part A of the Schedule hereto, the principal amount of this temporary Global Security shall be reduced for all purposes by the principal amount so paid and endorsed.
- 3.4 All payments of any amounts payable and paid to the bearer of this temporary Global Security shall be valid and, to the extent of the sums so paid, effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability for the moneys payable hereon, on the Permanent Global Security and on the relevant definitive Securities and Coupons.

#### 4. **ACCOUNTHOLDERS**

For so long as all of the Securities are represented by one or both of the Permanent Global Security and this temporary Global Security and such Global Security(s) is/are held on behalf of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, each person who is for the time being shown in the records of Euroclear or Clearstream as the holder of a particular principal amount of such Securities (each an "**Accountholder**") (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by Euroclear or Clearstream as to the principal amount of such Securities standing to the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes) shall be treated as the holder of such principal amount of such Securities for all purposes (including for the purposes of any quorum requirements of, or the right to demand a poll at, meetings of the Securityholders) other than with respect to the payment of principal, premium and interest on such Securities, the right to which shall be vested, as against the Issuer and the Trustee, solely in the bearer of the relevant Global Security in accordance with and subject to its terms and the terms of the Trust Deed. Each Accountholder must look solely to Euroclear or Clearstream, as the case may be, for its share of each payment made to the bearer of the relevant Global Security.

#### 5. **NOTICES**

- 5.1 For so long as all of the Securities are represented by one or both of the Permanent Global Security and this temporary Global Security and such Global Security(s) is/are held on behalf of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, notices to Securityholders may be given by delivery of the relevant notice to Euroclear and/or Clearstream (as the case may be) for communication to the relative Accountholders rather than by publication as required by Condition 12 (*Notices*) **provided that**, so long as the Securities are listed on Euronext Ireland and, if applicable, Borsa Italiana, all requirements of Euronext Dublin and, if applicable, Borsa Italiana have been complied with. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given to the Securityholders on the day on which such notice is delivered to Euroclear and/or Clearstream (as the case may be) as aforesaid.
- 5.2 Whilst any Securities held by a Securityholder are represented by a Global Security, notices to be given by such Securityholder may be given by such Securityholder to the Principal Paying Agent through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, as the case may be, in such a manner as the Principal Paying Agent and Euroclear and/or Clearstream, as the case may be, may approve for this purpose.

#### 6. **PRESCRIPTION**

Claims against the Issuer in respect of principal or premium and interest on the Securities represented by the Permanent Global Security or this temporary Global Security will be prescribed after 10 years (in the case of principal and premium) and five years (in the case of interest) from the Relevant Date.

#### 7. **EUROCLEAR AND CLEARSTREAM**

References herein to Euroclear and/or Clearstream shall be deemed to include references to any other clearing system approved by the Trustee.

#### 8. **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Further information relating to the Issuer and the Securities is provided, pursuant to Article 2414 of the Italian Civil Code, in Parts C and D of the Schedule hereto.

9. **AUTHENTICATION**

This temporary Global Security shall not be or become valid or obligatory for any purpose unless and until authenticated by or on behalf of the Principal Paying Agent.

10. **GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION**

This temporary Global Security 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 and the Issuer has in the Trust Deed submitted to the jurisdiction of the courts of England for all purposes in connection with this temporary Global Security.

11. **CONTRACTS (RIGHTS OF THIRD PARTIES) ACT 1999**

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

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the Issuer has caused this temporary Global Security to be signed manually or in facsimile by a person duly authorised on its behalf.

**ENEL – Società per Azioni**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Duly authorised)

Issued in London on 14 January 2026

**Certificate of authentication**

This temporary Global Security is duly authenticated without recourse, warranty or liability.

Duly authorised  
for and on behalf of

**The Bank of New York Mellon, London Branch**  
as Principal Paying Agent

## **The Schedule**

### **Part A**

#### **Payments of Principal, Premium and Interest**

The following payments on this temporary Global Security have been made:

| <b>Date made</b> | <b>Interest<br/>paid</b> | <b>Premium<br/>paid</b> | <b>Principal<br/>paid</b> | <b>Remaining<br/>principal<br/>amount of<br/>this<br/>temporary<br/>Global<br/>Security<br/>following<br/>such<br/>payment</b> | <b>Notation made<br/>on behalf of the<br/>Issuer</b> |
|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
|                  | €                        | €                       | €                         | €                                                                                                                              |                                                      |

| <b>Date made</b> | <b>Interest<br/>paid</b> | <b>Premium<br/>paid</b> | <b>Principal<br/>paid</b> | <b>Remaining<br/>principal<br/>amount of<br/>this<br/>temporary<br/>Global<br/>Security<br/>following<br/>such<br/>payment</b> | <b>Notation made<br/>on behalf of the<br/>Issuer</b> |
|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
|                  | €                        | €                       | €                         | €                                                                                                                              |                                                      |

## **Part B**

### **Exchanges for Permanent Global Security and Purchases and Cancellations**

The following exchanges of a part of this temporary Global Security for a like part of the Permanent Global Security and/or purchases and cancellations of a part of this temporary Global Security have been made:

| <b>Date made</b> | <b>Part of principal<br/>amount of this<br/>temporary<br/>Global Security<br/>exchanged for a<br/>like part of the<br/>Permanent<br/>Global Security</b> | <b>Part of principal<br/>amount of this<br/>temporary<br/>Global Security<br/>purchased and<br/>cancelled</b> | <b>Aggregate<br/>principal amount<br/>of this temporary<br/>Global Security<br/>following such<br/>exchange or<br/>purchase and<br/>cancellation</b> | <b>Notation made<br/>on behalf of the<br/>Issuer</b> |
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|                  | €                                                                                                                                                        | €                                                                                                             | €                                                                                                                                                    |                                                      |



| <b>Date made</b> | <b>Part of principal<br/>amount of this<br/>temporary<br/>Global Security<br/>exchanged for a<br/>like part of the<br/>Permanent<br/>Global Security</b> | <b>Part of principal<br/>amount of this<br/>temporary<br/>Global Security<br/>purchased and<br/>cancelled</b> | <b>Aggregate<br/>principal amount<br/>of this temporary<br/>Global Security<br/>following such<br/>exchange or<br/>purchase and<br/>cancellation</b> | <b>Notation made<br/>on behalf of the<br/>Issuer</b> |
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|                  | €                                                                                                                                                        | €                                                                                                             | €                                                                                                                                                    |                                                      |

**Part C**  
**Further Information relating to the Issuer**

Corporate purpose:

The corporate purpose of the Issuer, as set out in Article 4 of its By-laws is as follows:

1. The purpose of the Issuer shall be to acquire and manage equity holdings in Italian or foreign companies and firms, as well as to provide such subsidiary companies and firms with strategic guidelines and coordination with regard to both their industrial organisation and the business activities in which they engage.
2. Through affiliates or subsidiaries the Issuer shall operate especially:
  - (a) in the electricity industry, including the activities of production, importation and exportation, distribution and sale, as well as transmission within the limits of existing legislation;
  - (b) in the energy industry in general, including fuels, and in the field of environmental protection, as well as in the water sector;
  - (c) in the communications, telematics and information-technology industries and those of multimedia and interactive services;
  - (d) in network-based sectors (electricity, water, gas, district heating, telecommunications) or those which, in any case, provide urban services locally;
  - (e) in other sectors:
    - (i) in any way related to or connected with the activities carried out in the sectors mentioned above;
    - (ii) allowing the facilities, resources and expertise employed in the sectors mentioned above (such as, by way of example and without limitation: publishing, real estate and services to

firms) to be enhanced and better utilised;

- (iii) allowing the profitable use of the goods produced and the services provided in the sectors mentioned above;
- (f) in the carrying out of activities involving systems and installations design, construction, maintenance and management; the production and sale of equipment; research, consulting and assistance; as well as the acquisition, sale, marketing and trading of goods and services, all activities connected with the sectors mentioned above under (a), (b), (c) and (d).
- (g) In the interest of its affiliates or subsidiaries, the Issuer may also carry out directly any activity connected with or instrumental to its own business or that of its affiliates or subsidiaries themselves.
- (h) To this end, the Issuer shall in particular see to:
  - (i) the coordination of the managerial resources of its affiliates or subsidiaries, including the carrying out of appropriate training initiatives;
  - (ii) the administrative and financial coordination of its affiliates or subsidiaries, effecting in their favour all appropriate transactions, including granting loans and, more in general, the framework and management of their financial activities;
  - (iii) the supply of other services in favour of its affiliates or subsidiaries in areas of specific business interest.

In order to attain its corporate purpose, the Issuer may also carry out all transactions that are instrumentally necessary or useful

or at any rate related, such as, by way of example: the provision of collateral and/or personal guarantees for both its own and third-party commitments; transactions involving movables and real-estate and commercial operations; and anything else that is connected with its corporate purpose or that allows better use of its own facilities and/or resources or those of its affiliates or subsidiaries, with the exception of accepting monetary deposits from the public and providing investment services as defined by legislative decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998, as well as the activities referred to in section 106 of legislative decree No. 385 of 1 September 1993 insofar as they are also exercised *vis-à-vis* the public.

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| Registered Office:                                           | Viale Regina Margherita 137, Rome, Italy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Issuer's Registered Number:                                  | Companies' Registry of Rome No. 00811720580, Chamber of Commerce of Rome, Italy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Amount of share capital and reserves:                        | <p>Share capital: euro 10,166,679,946, consisting of 10,166,679,946 ordinary shares with no par value (of which 10,033,125,071 ordinary shares in circulation and 133,554,875 treasury shares) as of 19 December 2025.</p> <p>Reserves: euro 25,806,996,768 (divided between legal reserves of euro 2,033,335,989 and other reserves of euro 23,773,660,779) as of 31 December 2024.</p> |
| Date of resolutions authorising the issue of the Securities: | <p>Resolution passed on 18 December 2025 and registered at the Companies' Registry of Rome on 8 January 2026.</p> <p>Decision (<i>determina</i>) passed on 22 December 2025 and registered at the Companies' Registry of Rome on 9 January 2026.</p>                                                                                                                                     |
| Prospectus:                                                  | The Offering Circular of ENEL — Società per Azioni dated 12 January 2026.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

**Part D**  
**Terms and Conditions of the Securities**

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NC 9 SECURITIES

*The following is the text of the Terms and Conditions of the NC 9 Securities which (subject to modification) will be endorsed on each NC 9 Security in definitive form (if issued).*

*Text set out within the Terms and Conditions of the NC 9 Securities in italics is provided for information only and does not form part of the Terms and Conditions of the NC 9 Securities.*

The €750,000,000 Perpetual 9 Year Non-Call Capital Securities (the “**Securities**”, which expression shall in these Conditions, unless the context otherwise requires, include any further securities issued pursuant to Condition 15 and forming a single series with the Securities) of Enel S.p.A. (the “**Issuer**”) are constituted by a Trust Deed dated 14 January 2026, as amended or supplemented from time to time (the “**Trust Deed**”) made between the Issuer and BNY Mellon Corporate Trustee Services Limited (the “**Trustee**”, which expression shall include its successor(s)) as trustee for the holders of the Securities (the “**Securityholders**”) and the holders of the interest coupons appertaining to the Securities (the “**Couponholders**” and the “**Coupons**” respectively, which expressions shall, unless the context otherwise requires, include the talons for further interest coupons (the “**Talons**”) and the holders of the Talons).

The statements in these Conditions include summaries of, and are subject to, the detailed provisions of and definitions in the Trust Deed. Copies of the Trust Deed and the paying agency agreement dated 14 January 2026 (as amended or supplemented from time to time, the “**Agency Agreement**”) made between the Issuer, The Bank of New York Mellon, London Branch, as principal paying agent (the “**Principal Paying Agent**” and, together with any further paying agents appointed thereunder, the “**Paying Agents**”) and agent bank (the “**Agent Bank**”) (which shall be responsible for making certain determinations, as described in these Terms and Conditions) and the Trustee are available for inspection by appointment during normal business hours (being between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. (London time)) on any weekday by the Securityholders and the Couponholders at the registered office for the time being of the Trustee, being at the date of issue of the Securities at 160 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4LA, and at the specified office of each of the Paying Agents or at the Trustee’s or Paying Agent’s (as the case may be) option may be provided by email to such holder requesting copies of such documents, subject to the Paying Agent or the Trustee (as applicable) being supplied by the Issuer with copies of such documents. The Securityholders and the Couponholders are entitled to the benefit of, are bound by, and are deemed to have notice of, all the provisions of the Trust Deed and the provisions of the Agency Agreement applicable to them. References in these Conditions to the Trustee, the Agent Bank and the Paying Agents shall include any successor appointed under the Trust Deed or, as the case may be, the Agency Agreement.

### 1 Form, Denomination and Title

#### 1.1 Form and Denomination

The Securities are in bearer form, serially numbered, in the denominations of €100,000 and integral multiples of €1,000 in excess thereof, up to and including €199,000, with Coupons and one Talon attached on issue.

#### 1.2 Title

Title to the Securities and to the Coupons will pass by delivery.

### 1.3 Holder Absolute Owner

The Issuer, any Paying Agent and the Trustee may (to the fullest extent permitted by applicable laws) deem and treat the bearer of any Security or Coupon as the absolute owner for all purposes (whether or not the Security or Coupon is overdue and notwithstanding any notice of ownership or writing on the Security or Coupon or any notice of previous loss or theft of the Security or Coupon or of any trust or interest therein) and shall not be required to obtain any proof thereof or as to the identity of such bearer and no person shall be liable for so treating such holder.

## 2 Definitions and Interpretation

As used in these Conditions:

An “**Accounting Event**” shall occur if as a result of a change in the accounting practices or principles applicable to the Issuer (or a change in the interpretation thereof), which currently are the international accounting standards (International Accounting Standards — IAS and International Financial Reporting Standards — IFRS) issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB), the interpretations of the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) and the Standing Interpretations Committee (SIC), adopted by the European Union pursuant to Regulation (EC) 1606/2002 (“**IFRS**”), or any other accounting standards that may replace IFRS which becomes effective or applicable on or after the Issue Date (the “**Change**”), the obligations of the Issuer in respect of the Securities, following the official adoption of such Change, which may fall before the date on which the Change will come into effect, can no longer be recorded as “equity” (*strumento di capitale*), in accordance with accounting practices or principles applicable to the Issuer at the time of the next Financial Statements, and a recognised accountancy firm of international standing, acting upon instructions of the Issuer, has delivered an opinion, letter or report addressed to the Issuer to that effect.

“**Accrual Period**” has the meaning given to it in Condition 4.1(c).

“**Additional Amounts**” has the meaning given to it in Condition 8.1.

“**Adjustment Spread**” means either (a) a spread (which may be positive, negative or zero) or (b) a formula or methodology for calculating a spread, in each case to be applied to the Successor Rate or the Alternative Rate (as the case may be) and is the spread, formula or methodology which:

- (A) in the case of a Successor Rate, is formally recommended in relation to the replacement of the EUR 5-year Swap Rate with the Successor Rate by any Relevant Nominating Body; or
- (B) (if no such recommendation has been made, or in the case of an Alternative Rate) the Independent Adviser determines, is customarily applied to the relevant Successor Rate or the Alternative Rate (as the case may be) in international debt capital markets transactions to produce an industry-accepted replacement rate for the EUR 5-year Swap Rate; or
- (C) (if the Independent Adviser determines that no such spread is customarily applied) the Independent Adviser determines, is recognised or acknowledged as being the industry standard for over-the-counter derivative transactions which reference the EUR 5-year

Swap Rate, where such rate has been replaced by the Successor Rate or the Alternative Rate (as the case may be).

**“Alternative Rate”** means an alternative benchmark or screen rate which the Independent Adviser determines in accordance with Condition 4.4(b) is customary in market usage in the international debt capital markets for the purposes of determining rates of interest (or the relevant component part thereof) in Euro and with an interest period of a comparable duration to the relevant Reset Period.

**“Arrears of Interest”** has the meaning given to it in Condition 4.2(a).

**“Benchmark Amendments”** has the meaning given to it in Condition 4.4(d).

**“Benchmark Event”** means:

- (A) the EUR 5-year Swap Rate ceasing to be published for a period of at least 5 Business Days or ceasing to exist or to be administered; or
- (B) a public statement by the administrator of the EUR 5-year Swap Rate that it has ceased or that it will cease publishing the EUR 5-year Swap Rate permanently or indefinitely (in circumstances where no successor administrator has been appointed that will continue publication of the EUR 5-year Swap Rate); or
- (C) a public statement by the supervisor of the administrator of the EUR 5-year Swap Rate, that the EUR 5-year Swap Rate has been or will, by a specified date on or prior to the next Reset Interest Determination Date, be permanently or indefinitely discontinued; or
- (D) a public statement by the supervisor of the administrator of the EUR 5-year Swap Rate as a consequence of which the EUR 5-year Swap Rate will be prohibited from being used or that its use will be subject to restrictions or adverse consequences either generally, or in respect of the Securities, in each case on or prior to the next Reset Interest Determination Date; or
- (E) it has become unlawful for the Principal Paying Agent, the Agent Bank, the Issuer or other party to calculate any payments due to be made to any Securityholder using the EUR 5-year Swap Rate; or
- (F) the making of a public statement by the supervisor of the administrator of the EUR 5-year Swap Rate announcing that such EUR 5-year Swap Rate is no longer representative or may no longer be used, in each case in circumstances where the same shall be applicable to the Securities,

provided that in the case of sub-paragraphs (B), (C) and (D), the Benchmark Event shall occur on the later of (i) the date which is six months prior to the date of the cessation of publication of the EUR 5-year Swap Rate, the discontinuation of the EUR 5-year Swap Rate, or the prohibition of use of the EUR 5-year Swap Rate, as the case may be and (ii) the date of the relevant public statement.

**“Business Day”** means a day which is both 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 London and Milan and a T2 Settlement Day.

**“Calculation Amount”** has the meaning given to it in Condition 4.1(c).



**“Calculation Date”** means the third Business Day preceding the Make-whole Redemption Date.

**“Code”** has the meaning given to it in Condition 8.1.

**“Code of Business Crisis and Insolvency”** or **“Insolvency Code”** means Legislative Decree No. 14 of 12 January 2019 (*Codice della Crisi d’Impresa e dell’Insolvenza*), as amended and supplemented from time to time.

**“Decree No. 239”** means Italian Legislative Decree No. 239 of 1 April 1996, as amended, supplemented and/or replaced from time to time.

**“Decree No. 461”** means Italian Legislative Decree No. 461 of 21 November 1997, as amended, supplemented and/or replaced from time to time.

**“Decree No. 917”** means Italian Presidential Decree No. 917 of 22 December 1986, as amended, supplemented and/or replaced from time to time.

**“Deferral Notice”** has the meaning given to it in Condition 4.2(a).

**“Deferred Interest Payment”** has the meaning given to it in Condition 4.2(a).

**“Determination Period”** has the meaning given to it in Condition 4.1(c).

**“Early Redemption Date”** means the date of redemption of the Securities pursuant to Conditions 6.3 to 6.6 and 6.8.

**“Early Redemption Price”** will be the amount determined by the Agent Bank on the Redemption Calculation Date as follows:

- (A) in the case of a Withholding Tax Event or a Substantial Repurchase Event at any time, 100 per cent. of the principal amount of the Securities then outstanding; or
- (B) in the case of an Accounting Event, a Rating Methodology Event or a Tax Deductibility Event, either:
  - (i) 101 per cent. of the principal amount of the Securities then outstanding if the Early Redemption Date falls prior to the First Par Call Date; or
  - (ii) 100 per cent. of the principal amount of the Securities then outstanding if the Early Redemption Date falls on or after the First Par Call Date,

and in each case together with any accrued interest up to, but excluding, the relevant Early Redemption Date and any outstanding Arrears of Interest.

**“equity credit”** shall include such other nomenclature as any Rating Agency may use from time to time to describe the degree to which an instrument exhibits the characteristics of an ordinary share.

**“EUR 5 year Swap Rate”** has the meaning given to it in Condition 4.1(b).

**“EUR 5 year Swap Rate Quotation”** means, in relation to any Reset Period, the arithmetic mean of the bid and offered rates for the annual fixed leg (calculated on a 30/360 day count basis) of a fixed-for-floating euro interest rate swap which (i) has a term of 5 years commencing on the relevant Reset Interest Determination Date, (ii) is in an amount that is representative of a single transaction in the relevant market at the relevant time with an acknowledged dealer of good

credit in the swap market, and (iii) has a floating leg based on the 6-month EURIBOR rate (calculated on an Actual/360 day count basis);

**“EUR Reset Reference Bank Rate”** means the percentage rate determined by the Agent Bank on the basis of the EUR 5 year Swap Rate Quotations provided by the EUR Reset Reference Banks to the Issuer and notified to the Agent Bank at approximately 11:00 a.m. (CET) on the relevant Reset Interest Determination Date.

**“EUR Reset Reference Banks”** means five major banks in the Euro-zone interbank market selected by the Issuer.

**“EUR Reset Screen Page”** means the Thomson Reuters screen “ICESWAP2 / EURSFIXA” (or such other page as may replace it on Thomson Reuters or, as the case may be, on such other information service that may replace Reuters providing or sponsoring the information appearing there for the purpose of displaying rates comparable to the EUR 5 Year Swap Rate).

**“EURIBOR”** means the Euro-zone interbank offered rate.

**“Euronext Dublin”** means the Irish Stock Exchange plc trading as Euronext Dublin.

**“Exchanged Securities”** has the meaning given to it in Condition 7.1.

**“FATCA Withholding”** has the meaning given to it in Condition 8.1.

**“Financial Statements”** means either of:

- (A) audited annual consolidated financial statements of the Issuer; or
- (B) unaudited condensed consolidated half-year financial statements of the Issuer which are subject to a formal “review” from an independent auditor,

in each case prepared in accordance with IFRS or any successor accounting standards applicable to the Issuer.

**“First Par Call Date”** means 14 October 2034, being the date falling three months prior to the First Reset Date.

**“First Reset Date”** means 14 January 2035.

**“Fitch”** means, jointly, Fitch Ratings Ireland Limited and its affiliates and branches established in the EU.

**“Independent Adviser”** means an independent financial institution of international repute or an independent financial adviser with appropriate expertise in the international capital markets, in each case appointed by the Issuer under Condition 4.4(a).

**“Insolvency Proceedings”** means any insolvency proceedings (*procedura concorsuale*) or proceedings equivalent or analogous thereto under the laws of any applicable jurisdiction, including, but not limited to, the judicial liquidation (*liquidazione giudiziale*) pursuant to articles 121 and following of the Code of Business Crisis and Insolvency, the composition with creditors (*concordato preventivo*) pursuant to articles 84 and following of the Code of Business Crisis and Insolvency, the composition with creditors in the judicial liquidation (*concordato nella liquidazione giudiziale*) pursuant to articles 240 and following of the Code of Business Crisis and Insolvency, the compulsory administrative liquidation (*liquidazione coatta amministrativa*) pursuant to articles

293 and following of the Code of Business Crisis and Insolvency, the extraordinary administration for large insolvent companies (*amministrazione straordinaria delle grandi imprese in stato di insolvenza*) pursuant to the Legislative Decree No. 270 of 8 July 1999 (as amended), the Law Decree No. 347 of 23 December 2003, converted into law, with amendments, by Law No. 39 of 18 February 2004 (as amended), the extraordinary administration for the industrial restructuring of large insolvent companies (*amministrazione straordinaria per la ristrutturazione industriale delle grandi imprese insolventi*) pursuant to Law Decree No. 347 of 23 December 2003, the debt restructuring agreements (*accordi di ristrutturazione dei debiti*) pursuant to article 57 of the Code of Business Crisis and Insolvency, the facilitated debt restructuring agreements (*accordi di ristrutturazione agevolato*) pursuant to article 60 of the Code of Business Crisis and Insolvency, the debt restructuring agreements with extended effects (*accordi di ristrutturazione ad efficacia estesa*) pursuant to article 61 of the Code of Business Crisis and Insolvency, the standstill agreement (*convenzione di moratoria*) pursuant to article 62 of the Code of Business Crisis and Insolvency, the restructuring plan subject to homologation (*piano di ristrutturazione soggetto ad omologazione*) pursuant to articles 64-bis and following of the Code of Business Crisis and Insolvency, the minor composition with creditors (*concordato minore*) pursuant to articles 74 and following of the Code of Business Crisis and Insolvency, as well as, the negotiated crisis settlement procedure (*composizione negoziata della crisi*) pursuant to articles 12 and following of the Code of Business Crisis and Insolvency, the assignment for the benefit of creditors (*cessione dei beni ai creditori*) pursuant to article 1977 of the Italian Civil Code, the tax settlement (*transazione fiscale*) pursuant to article 63 of the Code of Business Crisis and Insolvency, the simplified composition with creditors proceeding for the liquidation of assets (*concordato semplificato per la liquidazione del patrimonio*) pursuant to articles 25-sexies and following of the Code of Business Crisis and Insolvency, the certified restructuring plan (*piano attestato di risanamento*) pursuant to article 56 of the Code of Business Crisis and Insolvency, or a “liquidation proceeding” (*procedura di liquidazione*) under the relevant legislation, as amended from time to time (in particular Insolvency Code, Italian Banking Act, Legislative Decree no. 170 of 21 May 2004, Regulation EU 2015/848 and Directive 2019/1023/EU related to insolvency procedure and Directive 2014/59/EU and the relevant implementing laws, including, without limitation the procedures for the resolution of the over-indebtedness crisis (*procedure per la composizione della crisi da sovraindebitamento*), and any of the situations provided for under articles 2446, 2447, 2482-bis or 2482-ter of the Italian Civil Code or any similar situation), as well as any similar proceedings in any jurisdiction.

**“Interest Payment Date”** means 14 January in each year, commencing on, and including, 14 January 2027.

**“Interest Period”** means the period from (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the first Interest Payment Date and each successive period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date to (but excluding) the next succeeding Interest Payment Date ending on the date fixed for redemption.

**“Issue Date”** means 14 January 2026.

**“Italian Insolvency Laws”** means the Italian insolvency laws in force, such as, *inter alia*, the Code of Business Crisis and Insolvency (*Codice della Crisi d'Impresa e dell'Insolvenza*), Legislative Decree No. 270 of 8 July 1999 (as amended), Law Decree No. 347 of 23 December 2003, converted into law, with amendments, by Law No. 39 of 18 February 2004 (as amended)

and Law Decree No. 134 of 28 August 2008, converted into law, with amendments, by Law No. 166 of 27 October 2008 (as amended).

**“Junior Securities”** means:

- (A) the ordinary shares (*azioni ordinarie*) of the Issuer;
- (B) any other class of the Issuer's share capital (including savings shares (*azioni di risparmio*) and preferred shares (*azioni privilegiate*)); and
- (C) any securities
  - (i) of the Issuer (including *strumenti finanziari* issued under Article 2346 of the Italian Civil Code); and
  - (ii) issued by a company other than the Issuer which have the benefit of a guarantee or similar instrument from the Issuer,

which securities (in the case of (C)(i)) or guarantee or similar instrument (in the case of (C)(ii)) rank or are expressed to rank *pari passu* with the claims described under (A) and (B) above and/or junior to the Securities.

**“Liquidation Event Date”** has the meaning given to it in Condition 6.1.

**“Listing Venue”** means Euronext Dublin and any other stock exchange or securities market in relation to which the Issuer applies for the Securities to be admitted to listing and/or trading.

**“Make-whole Redemption Amount”** means the amount which is equal to (i) the greater of (a) the principal amount of the Securities and (b) the sum of the then present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest on the Securities (determined on the basis of redemption of the Securities at their principal amount on the First Par Call Date, and excluding any interest accrued up to (but excluding) the Make-whole Redemption Date and any outstanding Arrears of Interest) discounted to the Make-whole Redemption Date on an annual basis at a discount rate equal to the Make-whole Redemption Rate plus 0.30 per cent., plus (ii) any interest accrued up to (but excluding) the Make-whole Redemption Date and any outstanding Arrears of Interest, all as determined by the Reference Dealers and as notified on the Calculation Date by the Reference Dealers to the Issuer.

**“Make-whole Redemption Date”** has the meaning given to it in Condition 6.7.

**“Make-whole Redemption Rate”** means (a) the mid-market yield to maturity of the Reference Security which appears on the Relevant Make-whole Screen Page at 11:00 a.m. (Central European Time) on the Calculation Date or (b) to the extent that the mid-market yield to maturity does not appear on the Relevant Make-whole Screen Page at such time, the arithmetic average of the number of quotations given by the Reference Dealers of the mid-market yield to maturity of the Reference Security at or around 11:00 a.m. (Central European Time) on the Calculation Date.

A **“Mandatory Arrears of Interest Settlement Event”** shall have occurred if:

- (A) a dividend (either interim or final) or any other distribution or payment was validly resolved on, declared, paid or made in respect of any Junior Securities, except where such

dividend, distribution or payment was contractually required to be resolved upon, declared, paid or made under the terms of such Junior Securities; or

- (B) a dividend (either interim or final) or any other distribution or payment was validly resolved on, declared, paid or made in respect of any Parity Securities, except where such dividend, distribution or payment was contractually required to be resolved upon, declared, paid or made under the terms of such Parity Securities (including, without limitation, where any such payment occurs mandatorily at the maturity of such Parity Securities); or
- (C) the Issuer or any Subsidiary has repurchased, purchased, redeemed or otherwise acquired any Junior Securities, except where (x) such repurchase, purchase, redemption or acquisition was undertaken in connection with the satisfaction by the Issuer or any Subsidiary of its respective obligations under (i) any share buy-back programme existing at the Issue Date or (ii) any stock option plan or free share allocation plan reserved for directors, officers and/or employees of the Issuer or any Subsidiary or any associated hedging transaction or (y) such repurchase, purchase, redemption or acquisition is contractually required to be made under the terms of such Junior Securities; or
- (D) the Issuer or any Subsidiary has repurchased, purchased, redeemed or otherwise acquired any Parity Securities, except where (x) such repurchase, purchase, redemption or acquisition is contractually required to be made under the terms of such Parity Securities (including, without limitation, where any such payment occurs mandatorily at the maturity of such Parity Securities) or (y) such repurchase, purchase, redemption or acquisition is effected as a public tender offer or public exchange offer at a purchase price per security which is below its par value.

**“Mandatory Settlement Date”** means the earliest of:

- (A) the fifth Business Day following the date on which a Mandatory Arrears of Interest Settlement Event occurs;
- (B) following any Deferred Interest Payment, on the next scheduled Interest Payment Date on which the Issuer does not elect to defer all of the interest accrued in respect of the relevant Interest Period; and
- (C) the date on which the Securities are redeemed or repaid in accordance with Condition 6, including at the Liquidation Event Date (unless otherwise required by mandatory provisions of applicable law).

**“Moody’s”** means, jointly, Moody’s France S.A.S. and its affiliates and branches established in the EU.

**“Par Call Date”** has the meaning given to it in Condition 6.2.

**“Parity Securities”** means:

- (A) any securities or other instruments issued by the Issuer which rank, or are expressed to rank, *pari passu* with the Issuer’s obligations under the Securities and includes the Issuer’s €750,000,000 Perpetual 8.5 Year Non-Call Capital Securities (ISIN: XS1713463559); the Issuer’s €600,000,000 Perpetual 6.5 Year Non-Call Capital Securities (ISIN: XS2228373671); the Issuer’s €1,250,000,000 Perpetual 6.5 Year Non-Call Capital

Securities (ISIN: XS2312744217); the Issuer's €1,000,000,000 Perpetual 9.5 Year Non-Call Capital Securities (ISIN: XS2312746345); the Issuer's €1,000,000,000 Perpetual 5.5 Year Non-Call Capital Securities (ISIN: XS2576550086); the Issuer's €750,000,000 Perpetual 8.5 Year Non-Call Capital Securities (ISIN: XS2576550243); the Issuer's €900,000,000 Perpetual 5.25 Year Non-Call Capital Securities (ISIN: XS2770512064); the Issuer's €1,000,000,000 Perpetual 5.25 Year Non-Call Capital Securities (ISIN: XS2975137618) and the Issuer's €1,000,000,000 Perpetual 8 Year Non-Call Capital Securities (ISIN: XS2975137964); and

- (B) any securities or other instruments issued by a company or entity other than the Issuer which have the benefit of a guarantee or similar instrument from the Issuer, which guarantee or similar instrument ranks or is expressed to rank *pari passu* with the Issuer's obligations under the Securities.

**"Prevailing Interest Rate"** means the rate of interest payable on the Securities applicable from time to time pursuant to Condition 4.

**"Rating Agency"** means any of Moody's, S&P, Fitch and any other rating agency substituted for any of them by the Issuer with the prior written approval of the Trustee and, in each case, any of their respective successors to the rating business thereof.

**"Rating Agency Confirmation"** means a written confirmation from a Rating Agency which has assigned ratings to the Issuer on a basis sponsored by the Issuer which is either received by the Issuer directly from the relevant Rating Agency or indirectly via publication by such Rating Agency.

A **"Rating Methodology Event"** shall be deemed to have occurred if the Issuer has received a Rating Agency Confirmation stating that:

- (A) due to an amendment to, clarification of or change in the "equity credit" (or such similar nomenclature then used by such Rating Agency) criteria of such Rating Agency, which amendment, clarification or change has occurred after the Relevant Rating Date, (i) the Securities are eligible for a level of equity credit that is lower than the level or equivalent level of equity credit assigned to the Securities by such Rating Agency on the Relevant Rating Date or (ii) the period of time during which such Rating Agency assigns to the Securities a particular level of equity credit will be shortened as compared to the period of time for which such Rating Agency had assigned to the Securities that level of equity credit on the Relevant Rating Date; or
- (B) following a Refinancing Event, the Securities would have become eligible (had such Refinancing Event not occurred), due to an amendment, clarification or change in the "equity credit" (or such similar nomenclature then used by such Rating Agency) criteria, for a level of equity credit that is lower than the level or equivalent level of equity credit assigned to the Securities by such Rating Agency on the Relevant Rating Date;).

**"Redemption Calculation Date"** means the fourth Business Day prior to the relevant Early Redemption Date.

**"Reference Dealers"** means 5 major investment banks in the swap, money or securities market as may be selected by the Issuer.

**“Reference Security”** means DBR 2.5% Feb-2035 (ISIN: DE000BU2Z049) or, if such security is no longer outstanding, a Similar Security chosen by the Reference Dealers at 11:00 a.m. (Central European Time) on the Calculation Date, quoted in writing by the Reference Dealers to the Issuer and published in accordance with Condition 12, which shall replace the previous Reference Security for the purposes of determination of the Make-whole Redemption Amount.

**“Refinancing Event”** means the refinancing, in whole or in part, of the Securities following the Relevant Rating Date and, as a result of such refinancing, the Securities having become eligible for a level of equity credit that is lower than the level or equivalent level of equity credit assigned to the Securities by such Rating Agency on the Relevant Rating Date.

**“Relevant Date”** means the date on which any payment first becomes due, except that, if the full amount of the moneys payable has not been received by the Principal Paying Agent or the Trustee 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 has been duly given to the Securityholders by the Issuer in accordance with Condition 12.

**“Relevant Make-whole Screen Page”** means the relevant Bloomberg screen page (or any successor or replacement page, section or other part of the information service), or such other page, section or other part as may replace it on the information service or such other information service, in each case, as may be nominated by the person providing or sponsoring the information appearing there for the purpose of displaying the mid-market yield to maturity for the Reference Security

**“Relevant Nominating Body”** means, in respect of a benchmark or screen rate (as applicable):

- (A) the European Central Bank, or any central bank or other supervisory authority which is responsible for supervising the administrator of the benchmark or screen rate (as applicable); or
- (B) any working group or committee sponsored by, chaired or co-chaired by or constituted at the request of (a) the European Central Bank, (b) any central bank or other supervisory authority which is responsible for supervising the administrator of the benchmark or screen rate (as applicable), (c) a group of the aforementioned central banks or other supervisory authorities or (d) the Financial Stability Board or any part thereof.

**“Relevant Rating Date”** means the Issue Date or, if later, the date on which the Securities are assigned equity credit by the relevant Rating Agency for the first time;

**“Reset Date”** means the First Reset Date and each date falling on the fifth anniversary thereafter.

**“Reset Interest Determination Date”** means, in respect of any Reset Period, the day falling two Business Days prior to the beginning of the relevant Reset Period.

**“Reset Period”** means each period from and including the First Reset Date to but excluding the next following Reset Date and thereafter from and including each Reset Date to but excluding the next following Reset Date.

**“S&P”** means, jointly, S&P Global Ratings Europe Limited and its affiliates and branches established in the EU.

**“Similar Security”** means a reference security or reference securities issued by the same issuer as the Reference Security having actual or interpolated maturity comparable with the remaining term of the Securities that would be utilised, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the First Par Call Date.

**“Subsidiary”** means any entity which is a subsidiary (*società controllata*) of the Issuer within the meaning of Article 2359 of the Italian Civil Code and Article 93 of Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998, as amended.

A **“Substantial Repurchase Event”** shall be deemed to have occurred if, prior to the giving of the relevant notice of redemption, at least 75 per cent. of the aggregate principal amount of the Securities issued on the Issue Date has been purchased by or on behalf of the Issuer or a Subsidiary and has been cancelled.

**“Successor Rate”** means the rate that the Independent Adviser determines is a successor to or replacement of the EUR 5 year Swap Rate and which is formally recommended by any Relevant Nominating Body.

**“T2 Settlement Day”** means any day on which the real time gross settlement system operated by the Eurosystem, or any successor or replacement for that system is open.

A **“Tax Deductibility Event”** shall be deemed to have occurred if, as a result of a Tax Law Change, payments of interest by the Issuer in respect of the Securities are no longer, or within 90 calendar days of the date of any opinion provided pursuant to Condition 6.4(b)(ii) will no longer be, deductible in whole or in part for Italian corporate income tax purposes (or entitlement to make such deduction shall be materially delayed or reduced), and the Issuer cannot avoid the foregoing by taking reasonable measures available to it. For the avoidance of doubt, a Tax Deductibility Event shall not occur if payments of interest by the Issuer in respect of the Securities are not deductible in whole or in part for Italian corporate income tax purposes solely as a result of general tax deductibility limits set forth by Article 96 of Decree No. 917 as at (and on the basis of the general tax deductibility limits calculated in the manner applicable as at) the Issue Date.

**“Tax Jurisdiction”** means the Republic of Italy or any political subdivision or any authority thereof or therein having power to tax and/or such other taxing jurisdiction to which the Issuer becomes subject or any political subdivision or any authority thereof or therein having power to tax.

**“Tax Law Change”** means: (i) any amendment to, clarification of, or change in, the laws or treaties (or any regulations thereunder) of a Tax Jurisdiction affecting taxation; (ii) any governmental action or (iii) any amendment to, clarification of, or change in the official position or the interpretation of any governmental action (including an amendment, clarification or change resulting from a publicly available reply to a ruling or a circular letter issued by a governmental authority) that differs from the previously generally accepted official position or interpretation resulting from a publicly available reply to a ruling or a circular letter, in each case, by any legislative body, court, governmental authority or regulatory body, which amendment, clarification, change or governmental action is effective, on or after the Issue Date.



“**Taxes**” means any present or future taxes or duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature, together with any related interest, penalties and similar charges imposed in respect thereof.

“**Varied Securities**” has the meaning given to it in Condition 7.1.

A “**Withholding Tax Event**” shall be deemed to have occurred if, following the Issue Date:

- (A) as a result of a Tax Law Change, the Issuer has or will become obliged to pay Additional Amounts in respect of the Securities and such obligation cannot be avoided by the Issuer taking reasonable measures available to it; or
- (B) a person into which the Issuer is merged or to whom it has conveyed, transferred or leased all or substantially all of its assets and who has been substituted in place of the Issuer as principal debtor under the Securities is required to pay Additional Amounts in respect of the Securities and such obligation cannot be avoided by such person taking reasonable measures available to it, unless the sole purpose of such a merger, conveyance, transfer or lease would be to permit the Issuer to redeem the Securities.

### **3 Status and Subordination**

#### **3.1 Status**

The Securities and the Coupons constitute direct, unsecured and subordinated obligations of the Issuer and rank and will at all times rank *pari passu* without any preference among themselves and with the Issuer’s payment obligations in respect of any Parity Securities. The Securities constitute *obbligazioni* pursuant to Articles 2410 *et seq.* of the Italian Civil Code. The obligations of the Issuer in respect of the Securities and the Coupons are subordinated as described in Condition 3.2.

#### **3.2 Subordination**

The obligations of the Issuer to make payment in respect of principal, premium and interest on the Securities and the Coupons, including its obligations in respect of any Arrears of Interest, will, in the event of the winding-up, insolvency, dissolution or liquidation of the Issuer, rank:

- (a) senior only to the Issuer’s payment obligations in respect of any Junior Securities;
- (b) *pari passu* among themselves and with the Issuer’s payment obligations in respect of any Parity Securities; and
- (c) junior to all other payment obligations of the Issuer, present and future, whether subordinated (including any claims pursuant to Article 2411, first paragraph, of the Italian Civil Code) or unsubordinated,

in each case except as otherwise required by mandatory provisions of applicable law.

Nothing in this Condition 3.2 shall affect or prejudice the payment of costs, charges, expenses, liabilities or remuneration of the Trustee or Agents or the rights and remedies of the Trustee or the Agents in respect thereof.

### 3.3 No Set-off

To the extent and in the manner permitted by applicable law, no Securityholder or Couponholder may exercise, claim or plead any right of set-off, counterclaim, compensation or retention in respect of any amount owed to it by the Issuer in respect of, or arising from, the Securities or the Coupons and each Securityholder and Couponholder will, by virtue of his holding of any Security or Coupon, be deemed to have waived all such rights of set-off, counterclaim, compensation or retention. The Issuer may not set off any claims it may have against the Securityholders against any of its obligations under the Securities or the Coupons.

## 4 Interest and Interest Deferral

### 4.1 Interest

#### (a) *Interest Rates and Interest Payment Dates*

Unless previously redeemed or repurchased and cancelled in accordance with these Conditions and subject to the further provisions of this Condition 4, the Securities will bear interest on their principal amount as follows:

- (i) from (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the First Reset Date, at the rate of 4.500 per cent. per annum, payable annually in arrear on each Interest Payment Date; and
- (ii) from (and including) the First Reset Date to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption, at, in respect of each Reset Period, the relevant EUR 5 year Swap Rate plus:
  - (A) in respect of the Reset Period commencing on the First Reset Date to but excluding 14 January 2040, 1.821 per cent. per annum;
  - (B) in respect of the Reset Periods commencing on 14 January 2040, 14 January 2045 and 14 January 2050, 2.071 per cent. per annum; and
  - (C) in respect of any other Reset Period after 14 January 2050, 2.821 per cent. per annum;

all as determined by the Agent Bank for annual payment in arrear on each Interest Payment Date, commencing on the first Interest Payment Date.

#### (b) *Determination of EUR 5 year Swap Rate*

- (i) For the purposes of these Conditions, the relevant “**EUR 5 year Swap Rate**”, in respect of a Reset Period, shall be the annual mid-swap rate as displayed on the EUR Reset Screen Page as at 11:00 a.m. (CET) on the relevant Reset Interest Determination Date.
- (ii) If the relevant EUR 5 year Swap Rate does not appear on the EUR Reset Screen Page on the relevant Reset Interest Determination Date (other than as a result of a Benchmark Event), the Issuer shall request each of the EUR Reset Reference Banks to provide it with its EUR 5 year Swap Rate Quotation (such EUR 5 year Swap Rate Quotation to be notified by the Issuer to the Agent Bank) and the Agent

Bank will determine the EUR 5 year Swap Rate as the EUR Reset Reference Bank Rate on the relevant Reset Interest Determination Date.

- (iii) If at least three quotations are provided by the EUR Reset Reference Banks, the EUR 5 year Swap Rate will be determined by the Agent Bank on the basis of the arithmetic mean of the quotations provided, eliminating the highest quotation (or, in the event of equality, one of the highest) and the lowest quotation (or, in the event of equality, one of the lowest).
- (iv) If only two quotations are provided, the EUR 5 year Swap Rate will be the arithmetic mean of the quotations provided.
- (v) If only one quotation is provided, the EUR Reset Reference Banks Rate will be the quotation provided.
- (vi) If no quotations are provided, the EUR Reset Reference Bank Rate for the relevant period will be equal to the last available EUR 5 year mid swap rate for euro swap transactions, expressed as an annual rate, on the EUR Reset Screen Page.

**(c) Calculation of Interest**

The interest payable on each Security on any Interest Payment Date shall be calculated by the Agent Bank per €1,000 in principal amount of the Securities (the “**Calculation Amount**”). The amount of interest payable per Calculation Amount for any period shall be equal to the product of the Prevailing Interest Rate for the Interest Period ending immediately prior to such Interest Payment Date, the Calculation Amount and the day-count fraction for the relevant period, rounding the resulting figure to the nearest cent (half a cent being rounded upwards).

The day-count fraction will be calculated on the following basis:

- (a) if the Accrual Period is equal to or shorter than the Determination Period during which it falls, the day-count fraction will be the number of days in the Accrual Period divided by the product of the number of days in such Determination Period; and
- (b) if the Accrual Period is longer than one Determination Period, the day-count fraction will be the sum of:
  - (i) the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the Determination Period in which it begins divided by the number of days in such Determination Period; and
  - (ii) the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the next Determination Period divided by the number of days in such Determination Period,

where:

“**Accrual Period**” means the relevant period for which interest is to be calculated (from and including the first such day to but excluding the last); and

**“Determination Period”** means the period from and including 14 January in any year to but excluding the next 14 January.

#### **4.2 Interest Deferral**

Subject to the provisions of the following paragraphs, on each Interest Payment Date, the Issuer shall pay interest on the Securities accrued to (but excluding) that date in respect of the Interest Period ending immediately prior to such Interest Payment Date.

##### **(a) Optional Interest Deferral**

The Issuer may, at any time and at its sole discretion, elect to defer in whole, but not in part, any payment of interest accrued on the Securities in respect of any Interest Period (a **“Deferred Interest Payment”**) by giving notice (a **“Deferral Notice”**) of such election to the Securityholders in accordance with Condition 12 and to the Trustee and the Principal Paying Agent at least five, but not more than 30, Business Days prior to the relevant Interest Payment Date. If the Issuer makes such an election, the Issuer shall have no obligation to make such payment and any such non-payment of interest shall not constitute a default of the Issuer or any other breach of obligations under the Securities or for any other purpose.

Any Deferred Interest Payment will be deferred and shall constitute **“Arrears of Interest”**. Any Arrears of Interest will remain outstanding until paid in full by the Issuer, but Arrears of Interest shall not themselves bear interest.

##### **(b) Optional Settlement of Arrears of Interest**

The Issuer may pay any outstanding Arrears of Interest (in whole but not in part) at any time upon giving not less than 10 and not more than 15 Business Days’ notice to the Securityholders in accordance with Condition 12 (which notice shall be irrevocable and will oblige the Issuer to pay the relevant Arrears of Interest on the payment date specified in such notice) and to the Trustee and the Principal Paying Agent at least five, but not more than 30, Business Days prior to the relevant due date for payment.

##### **(c) Mandatory Settlement of Arrears of Interest**

All (but not some only) of any outstanding Arrears of Interest from time to time in respect of all Securities for the time being outstanding shall become due and payable in full and shall be paid by the Issuer on the first occurring Mandatory Settlement Date.

Notice of the occurrence of any Mandatory Settlement Date shall be given to the Securityholders in accordance with Condition 12 and to the Trustee and the Principal Paying Agent at least five, but not more than 30, Business Days prior to the relevant due date for payment.

##### **(d) Notification of Mandatory Settlement Date**

Upon the occurrence of a Mandatory Settlement Date, the Issuer shall promptly deliver to the Trustee a certificate signed by two duly authorised representatives of the Issuer confirming the occurrence thereof upon which the Trustee may rely absolutely without liability to any person for so doing.

#### **4.3 Accrual of Interest**

The Securities will cease to bear interest from (and including) the calendar day on which they are due for redemption. If the Issuer fails to redeem the Securities upon due presentation and surrender thereof when due, interest will continue to accrue as provided in the Trust Deed.

#### **4.4 Benchmark discontinuation**

##### **(a) *Independent Adviser***

If a Benchmark Event occurs in relation to the EUR 5 year Swap Rate at any time prior to or on any Reset Interest Determination Date, then the Issuer shall use its reasonable endeavours to appoint and consult with an Independent Adviser, as soon as reasonably practicable, to determine a Successor Rate, failing which an Alternative Rate (in accordance with Condition 4.4(b)) and, in either case, an Adjustment Spread (in accordance with Condition 4.4(c)) and any Benchmark Amendments (in accordance with Condition 4.4(d)) by no later than five business days prior to the Determination Date relating to the next Determination Period for which the reset interest (or any component part thereof) is to be determined by reference to the EUR 5 year Swap Rate.

An Independent Adviser appointed pursuant to this Condition 4.4 shall act in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner as an expert and in consultation with the Issuer. In the absence of fraud or gross negligence, the Independent Adviser shall have no liability whatsoever to the Issuer, the Paying Agents or the Securityholders for any determination made by it pursuant to this Condition 4.4.

If: (i) the Issuer is unable to appoint an Independent Adviser; or (ii) the Independent Adviser appointed by it fails to determine a Successor Rate or, failing which, an Alternative Rate in accordance with this Condition 4.4(a) prior to the relevant Reset Interest Determination Date, the EUR 5 year Swap Rate applicable to the next succeeding Reset Period shall be the last available EUR 5 year mid swap rate for euro swap transactions, expressed as an annual rate, on the EUR Reset Screen Page. For the avoidance of doubt, this Condition 4.4(a) shall apply to the relevant next succeeding Reset Period only and any subsequent Reset Periods are subject to the subsequent operation of, and to adjustment as provided in, this Condition 4.4(a).

##### **(b) *Successor Rate or Alternative Rate***

If the Independent Adviser determines that:

- (i) there is a Successor Rate, then such Successor Rate and the applicable Adjustment Spread shall subsequently be used in place of the EUR 5 year Swap Rate to determine the Prevailing Interest Rate (or the relevant component part thereof) for all future payments of interest on the Securities (subject to the operation of this Condition 4.4); or
- (ii) there is no Successor Rate but that there is an Alternative Rate, then such Alternative Rate and the applicable Adjustment Spread shall subsequently be used in place of the EUR 5 year Swap Rate to determine the Prevailing Interest Rate (or

the relevant component part thereof) for all future payments of interest on the Securities (subject to the operation of this Condition 4.4).

**(c) Adjustment Spread**

If the Independent Reference Rate Adviser determines in its discretion:

- (i) that an Adjustment Spread is required to be applied to the Successor Rate or the Alternative Rate (as the case may be); and
- (ii) the quantum of, or a formula or methodology for determining, such Adjustment Spread,

then the Adjustment Spread (or the formula or methodology for determining the Adjustment Spread) shall be applied to the Successor Rate or the Alternative Rate (as the case may be). If the Independent Adviser (if required to determine a Successor Rate, failing which an Alternative Rate and, in either case, an Adjustment Spread, according to Condition 4.4(a)) is unable to determine the quantum of, or a formula or methodology for determining, such Adjustment Spread, then the Successor Rate or Alternative Reference Rate (as applicable) will apply without an Adjustment Spread.

**(d) Benchmark Amendments**

If any Successor Rate or Alternative Rate and, in either case, any applicable Adjustment Spread is determined in accordance with this Condition 4.4 and the Independent Adviser determines (i) that amendments to these Conditions are necessary to ensure the proper operation of such Successor Rate or Alternative Rate and, in either case, the applicable Adjustment Spread (such amendments, the “**Benchmark Amendments**”) and (ii) the terms of the Benchmark Amendments, then the Issuer shall, subject to giving notice thereof in accordance with Condition 4.4(e), without any requirement for the consent or approval of Securityholders, vary these Conditions to give effect to such Benchmark Amendments with effect from the date specified in such notice.

In connection with any such variation in accordance with this Condition 4.4(d), the Issuer shall comply with the rules of any stock exchange on which the Securities are for the time being listed or admitted to trading.

Benchmark Amendments may comprise, by way of example, the following amendments: (A) amendments to the definition of “EUR 5 year Swap Rate”; (B) amendments to the day-count fraction and the definitions of “Business Day”, “Interest Payment Date”, “Rate of Interest”, and/or “Interest Period” (including the determination of whether the Alternative Rate will be determined in advance of or prior to the relevant Interest Period or in arrear on or prior to the end of the relevant Interest Period); and/or (C) any application of a business day convention.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Condition 4.4, no Successor Rate or Alternative Rate will be adopted, nor will the applicable Adjustment Spread be applied, nor will any Benchmark Amendments be made, if and to the extent that, in the determination of the Issuer, the same could reasonably be expected to cause a reduction in or loss of equity credit to occur.

At the request of the Issuer, but subject to receipt by the Trustee of a certificate signed by two duly authorised representatives of the Issuer pursuant to Condition 4.4(e), the Trustee shall (at the expense of the Issuer), without any requirement for the consent or approval of the Securityholders, be obliged to concur with the Issuer in effecting any Benchmark Amendments (including, *inter alia*, by the execution of a deed supplemental to or amending the Trust Deed), provided that the Trustee shall not be obliged to agree to any Benchmark Amendments which, in the sole opinion of the Trustee, would have the effect of (i) exposing the Trustee to any liability against which it has not been indemnified and/or secured and/or prefunded to its satisfaction; or (ii) increasing the obligations, responsibilities or duties, or decreasing the protections, of the Trustee under the Trust Deed and/or the Conditions in any way.

**(e) Notices etc**

Any Successor Rate or Alternative Rate and, in either case, the applicable Adjustment Spread and the specific terms of any Benchmark Amendments, determined under this Condition 4.4 will be notified promptly by the Issuer to the Trustee, the Principal Paying Agent and the Agent Bank and, in accordance with Condition 12 (*Notices*), the Securityholders. Such notice shall be irrevocable and shall specify the effective date of the Benchmark Amendments, if any.

No later than notifying the Trustee of the same, the Issuer shall deliver to the Trustee a certificate signed by two duly authorised representatives of the Issuer:

- (a) confirming (i) that a Benchmark Event has occurred, (ii) the Successor Rate or, as the case may be, the Alternative Rate, (iii) the applicable Adjustment Spread and (iv) the specific terms of the Benchmark Amendments (if any), in each case as determined in accordance with the provisions of this Condition 4.4; and
- (b) certifying that the Benchmark Amendments (if any) are necessary to ensure the proper operation of such Successor Rate or Alternative Rate and (in either case) the applicable Adjustment Spread.

The Trustee shall be entitled to rely on such certificate (without liability to any person) as sufficient evidence thereof. The Successor Rate or Alternative Rate and the Adjustment Spread and the Benchmark Amendments (if any) specified in such certificate will (in the absence of manifest error or bad faith in the determination of the Successor Rate or Alternative Rate and the Adjustment Spread and the Benchmark Amendments (if any) and without prejudice to the Trustee's, the Agent Bank's or the Principal Paying Agent's ability to rely on such certificate as aforesaid) be binding on the Issuer, the Trustee, the Calculation Agent, the Paying Agents and the Securityholders.

**(f) Survival of EUR 5 year Swap Rate**

Without prejudice to the obligations of the Issuer under Condition 4.4(a), (b), (c) and (d), the EUR 5 year Swap Rate and the fallback provisions provided for in Condition 4.1(b) will continue to apply unless and until a Benchmark Event has occurred.

## **5 Payment and Exchanges of Talons**

*Provisions for payments in respect of Global Securities are set out under “Summary of Provisions Relating to the Securities while represented by the Global Securities” below.*

### **5.1 Payments in respect of Securities**

Payments of principal and interest in respect of each Security will be made against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment only, endorsement) of the Security, except that payments of interest due on an Interest Payment Date will be made against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment only, endorsement) of the relevant Coupon, in each case at the specified office outside the United States of any of the Paying Agents.

### **5.2 Method of Payment**

Payments will be made by credit or transfer to a euro account (or any other account to which euro may be credited or transferred) specified by the payee.

### **5.3 Missing Unmatured Coupons**

Upon the date on which any Security becomes due and repayable, all unmatured Coupons appertaining to the Security (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment shall be made in respect of such Coupons.

### **5.4 Payments subject to Applicable Laws**

Payments will be subject in all cases to any other applicable fiscal or other laws and regulations in the place of payment or other laws and regulations to which the Issuer or its agents agree to be subject and, save as provided in Condition 8 below, the Issuer will not be liable for any Taxes imposed or levied by such laws, regulations or agreements.

### **5.5 Payment only on a Presentation Date**

A holder shall be entitled to present a Security or Coupon for payment only on a Presentation Date and shall not be entitled to any further interest or other payment if a Presentation Date is after the due date for payment of any amount in respect of any Security or Coupon.

**“Presentation Date”** means a day which (subject to Condition 9):

- (a) is or falls after the relevant due date for payment of any amount in respect of any Security or Coupon;
- (b) is 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 place of the specified office of the Paying Agent at which the Security or Coupon is presented for payment; and
- (c) in the case of payment by credit or transfer to a euro account as referred to above, is a T2 Settlement Day.

### **5.6 Exchange of Talons**

On and after the Interest Payment Date on which the final Coupon comprised in any Coupon sheet matures, the Talon comprised in the Coupon sheet may be surrendered at



the specified office of any Paying Agent in exchange for a further Coupon sheet (including any appropriate further Talon), subject to the provisions of Condition 9. Each Talon shall, for the purposes of these Conditions, be deemed to mature on the Interest Payment Date on which the final Coupon comprised in the relative Coupon sheet matures.

### **5.7 Initial Paying Agents**

The names of the initial Paying Agents and their initial specified offices are set out at the end of these Conditions. The Issuer reserves the right, subject to the prior written approval of the Trustee, at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of any Paying Agent and to appoint additional or other Paying Agents provided that:

- (a) there will at all times be a Principal Paying Agent;
- (b) there will at all times be a Paying Agent in a jurisdiction within Europe, other than the jurisdiction in which the Issuer is incorporated; and
- (c) there will at all times be an Agent Bank.

Notice of any termination or appointment and of any changes in specified offices will be given to the Securityholders promptly by the Issuer in accordance with Condition 12.

## **6 Redemption and Purchase**

### **6.1 No fixed redemption**

Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled as provided below, the Securities will become due and payable and will be redeemed on the date on which a winding up, dissolution or liquidation of the Issuer (otherwise than for the purpose of a solvent amalgamation, merger or reconstruction under which the assets and liabilities of the Issuer are assumed by the entity resulting from such amalgamation, merger or reconstruction and such entity assumes the obligations of the Issuer in respect of the Securities in accordance with Condition 13.2) is instituted (the “**Liquidation Event Date**”), including in connection with any Insolvency Proceedings, in accordance with (i) any applicable legal provision, or any decision of any judicial or administrative authority, or (ii) any resolution passed at a shareholders’ meeting of the Issuer or (iii) any provision which is set out in the by-laws of the Issuer from time to time (including the maturity of the Issuer which, as of the Issue Date, is set in its by-laws at 31 December 2100). Upon having become due and payable according to the provisions above, the Securities will be redeemed at an amount equal to their principal amount, together with any outstanding interest accrued up to (but excluding) the Liquidation Event Date and any outstanding Arrears of Interest.

### **6.2 Optional Redemption**

The Issuer may redeem all of the Securities (but not some only) on any date during the period commencing on (and including) the First Par Call Date and ending on (and including) the First Reset Date or upon any Interest Payment Date thereafter (each such date, a “**Par Call Date**”), in each case at their principal amount together with any accrued interest up to (but excluding) the relevant Par Call Date and any outstanding Arrears of Interest, on giving not less than 10 and not more than 60 calendar days’ notice to the Securityholders in accordance with Condition 12.

### **6.3 Early Redemption following a Withholding Tax Event**

- (a) If a Withholding Tax Event occurs, the Issuer may redeem all (but not some only) of the Securities at any time at the applicable Early Redemption Price upon giving not less than 10 and not more than 60 calendar days' notice to the Trustee and the Securityholders in accordance with Condition 12, provided that no such notice shall be given earlier than 90 days prior to the earliest date on which the Issuer would be obliged to pay Additional Amounts were a payment in respect of the Securities then due.
- (b) Prior to giving a notice to the Securityholders pursuant to this Condition 6.3, the Issuer will deliver to the Trustee in a form and with content reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee:
  - (i) a certificate signed by two duly authorised representatives 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 to redeem the Securities in accordance with this Condition 6.3 have been satisfied; and
  - (ii) an opinion of independent legal or tax advisers, appointed by the Issuer at its own expense, of recognised standing in the jurisdiction of incorporation of the Issuer to the effect that the Issuer has or will become obliged to pay Additional Amounts as a result of (in the case of paragraph (A) of the definition of Withholding Tax Event) a Tax Law Change or (in the case of paragraph (B) of the definition of Withholding Tax Event) the relevant merger, conveyance, transfer or lease,

and the Trustee shall be entitled to accept and rely on the above certificate and opinion as sufficient evidence of the satisfaction of the conditions precedent set out above and the facts set out therein in which event the same shall be conclusive and binding on the Securityholders and the Couponholders.

### **6.4 Early Redemption following a Tax Deductibility Event**

- (a) If a Tax Deductibility Event occurs, the Issuer may redeem all (but not some only) of the Securities at any time at the applicable Early Redemption Price upon giving not less than 10 and not more than 60 calendar days' notice of redemption to the Trustee and the Securityholders in accordance with Condition 12.
- (b) Prior to giving a notice to the Securityholders pursuant to this Condition 6.4, the Issuer will deliver to the Trustee in a form and with content reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee:
  - (i) a certificate signed by two duly authorised representatives 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 to redeem the Securities in accordance with this Condition 6.4 have been satisfied; and
  - (ii) an opinion of an independent legal or tax adviser, appointed by the Issuer at its own expense, of recognised standing in the jurisdiction of incorporation of the Issuer to the effect that payments of interest by the Issuer in respect of the Securities are no longer, or within 90 calendar days of the date of that opinion will no longer be, deductible in whole or in part for Italian corporate income tax purposes as a result of a Tax Law Change,

and the Trustee shall be entitled to accept and rely on the above certificate and opinion as sufficient evidence of the satisfaction of the conditions precedent set out above and the facts set out therein in which event the same shall be conclusive and binding on the Securityholders and the Couponholders.

#### **6.5 Early Redemption following a Rating Methodology Event**

- (a) If a Rating Methodology Event occurs, the Issuer may redeem all (but not some only) of the Securities at any time at the applicable Early Redemption Price upon giving not less than 10 and not more than 60 calendar days' notice of redemption to the Trustee and the Securityholders in accordance with Condition 12.
- (b) Prior to giving a notice to the Securityholders pursuant to this Condition 6.5, the Issuer will deliver to the Trustee in a form and with content reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee:
  - (i) a certificate signed by two duly authorised representatives 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 to redeem the Securities in accordance with this Condition 6.5 have been satisfied; and
  - (ii) a copy of the Rating Agency Confirmation relating to the applicable Rating Methodology Event unless the delivery of such Rating Agency Confirmation would constitute a breach of the terms on which such confirmation is delivered to the Issuer,

and the Trustee shall be entitled to accept and rely on the above certificate and, if applicable, copy of the Rating Agency Confirmation as sufficient evidence of the satisfaction of the conditions precedent set out above and the facts set out therein, in which event the same shall be conclusive and binding on the Securityholders and the Couponholders.

#### **6.6 Early Redemption upon the occurrence of an Accounting Event**

- (a) If an Accounting Event occurs, the Issuer may redeem all (but not some only) of the Securities at any time at the applicable Early Redemption Price upon giving not less than 10 and not more than 60 calendar days' notice of redemption to the Trustee and the Securityholders in accordance with Condition 12.

The Issuer may give notice of the redemption of the Securities as a result of the occurrence of an Accounting Event from (and including) the date on which the Change is officially adopted, which may fall before the date on which the Change will come into effect.

- (b) Prior to giving a notice to the Securityholders pursuant to this Condition 6.6, the Issuer will deliver to the Trustee in a form and with content reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee:
  - (i) a certificate signed by two duly authorised representatives 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 to redeem the Securities in accordance with this Condition 6.6 have been satisfied; and
  - (ii) a copy of the opinion, letter or report of a recognised accountancy firm of international standing, appointed by the Issuer at its own expense, as set forth in the definition of "Accounting Event",

and the Trustee shall be entitled to accept and rely on the above certificate and opinion, letter or report as sufficient evidence of the satisfaction of the conditions precedent set out above and the facts set out therein, in which event the same shall be conclusive and binding on the Securityholders and the Couponholders.

#### **6.7 Make-whole redemption at the option of the Issuer**

The Issuer may redeem all (but not some only) of the Securities on any day prior to the First Par Call Date at the applicable Make-whole Redemption Amount on giving not less than 10 and not more than 60 calendar days' notice (which shall specify the date fixed for redemption (the "**Make-whole Redemption Date**")) to the Trustee and the Securityholders in accordance with Condition 12.

#### **6.8 Purchases and Substantial Repurchase Event**

The Issuer or any Subsidiary may at any time purchase Securities (provided that all unmatured Coupons appertaining to the Securities are purchased with the Securities) in any manner and at any price. Such Securities may be held, reissued, resold or, at the option of the Issuer, surrendered to any Paying Agent for cancellation.

If a Substantial Repurchase Event occurs, the Issuer may redeem all (but not some only) of the outstanding Securities at any time at the applicable Early Redemption Price, subject to the Issuer having given the Trustee and the Securityholders not less than 10 and not more than 60 calendar days' notice in accordance with Condition 12.

#### **6.9 Cancellations**

All Securities which are redeemed or exchanged pursuant to Condition 7 (*Exchange or Variation upon a Withholding Tax Event, Tax Deductibility Event, Rating Methodology Event or Accounting Event and Preconditions to such Exchange or Variation*) will forthwith be cancelled, together with all unmatured Coupons attached to the Securities or surrendered with the Securities at the time of redemption. All Securities so cancelled and any Securities purchased and cancelled pursuant to Condition 6.8 above shall be forwarded to the Principal Paying Agent and accordingly may not be held, reissued or resold.

#### **6.10 Notices Final**

A notice of redemption given pursuant to any of Conditions 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6, 6.7 or 6.8 shall be irrevocable and upon the expiry of any such notice, the Issuer shall be bound to redeem the Securities in accordance with the terms of the relevant Condition.

*The following does not form a part of these Conditions:*

*The Issuer intends (without thereby assuming a legal obligation) that it will redeem or repurchase the Securities only to the extent that the part of the aggregate principal amount of the Securities to be redeemed or repurchased which was assigned "equity credit" (or such similar nomenclature used by S&P from time to time) at the time of the issuance of the Securities does not exceed such part of the net proceeds received by the Issuer or any Subsidiary of the Issuer prior to the date of such redemption or repurchase from the sale or issuance of securities by the Issuer or such Subsidiary to third party purchasers (other than group entities of the Issuer) which is assigned by S&P "equity credit" (or such similar nomenclature used by S&P from time to time) at the time of sale or issuance of such*

*securities (but taking into account any changes in hybrid capital methodology or another relevant methodology or the interpretation thereof since the issuance of the Securities), unless:*

- (i) the rating (or such similar nomenclature then used by S&P) assigned by S&P to the Issuer is at least equal to the rating assigned to the Issuer on the date of the most recent hybrid security issuance (excluding any refinancing) which was assigned by S&P an “equity credit” similar to the Securities and the Issuer is of the view that such rating would not fall below this level as a result of such redemption or repurchase; or*
- (ii) in the case of a repurchase or redemption, taken together with relevant repurchases or redemptions of hybrid securities of the Issuer, such repurchase or redemption is less than 10 per cent. of the aggregate principal amount of the Issuer’s hybrid securities in any period of 12 consecutive months and, in any case, less than 25 per cent. of the aggregate principal amount of the Issuer’s hybrid securities in any period of 10 consecutive years; or*
- (iii) the Securities are redeemed pursuant to a Tax Deductibility Event or a Withholding Tax Event, or an Accounting Event or a Substantial Repurchase Event or a Rating Methodology Event; or*
- (iv) the Securities are not assigned an “equity credit” by S&P (or such similar nomenclature then used by S&P) at the time of such redemption or repurchase; or*
- (v) in the case of a repurchase, such repurchase relates to an aggregate principal amount of Securities which is less than or equal to the excess (if any) above the maximum aggregate principal amount of the Issuer’s hybrid capital to which S&P then assigns equity content under its prevailing methodology; or*
- (vi) such redemption or repurchase occurs on or after the Reset Date falling on 14 January 2055.*

## **7 Exchange or Variation upon a Withholding Tax Event, Tax Deductibility Event, Rating Methodology Event or Accounting Event and Preconditions to such Exchange or Variation**

**7.1** If the Issuer determines that a Withholding Tax Event, Tax Deductibility Event, Rating Methodology Event or an Accounting Event has occurred and is continuing, and has provided the Trustee with the relevant certificate and opinion, or in the case of Condition 6.5 only, the Rating Agency Confirmation, pursuant to Condition 6.3, 6.4, 6.5 or 6.6 (as applicable), then the Issuer may, subject to Condition 7.2 below (without any requirement for the consent or approval of the Securityholders or Couponholders), subject to its having satisfied the Trustee immediately prior to the giving of any notice referred to herein that the provisions of this Condition 7 have been complied with and having given not less than 10 nor more than 60 Business Days’ notice to the Trustee, the Principal Paying Agent and, in accordance with Condition 12 (Notices), to the Securityholders (which notice shall be irrevocable), as an alternative to an early redemption of the Securities at any time:

- (i) exchange the Securities (the “**Exchanged Securities**”), or

(ii) vary the terms of the Securities (the “**Varied Securities**”),

so that:

- (A) in the case of a Tax Deductibility Event, the Issuer is entitled to claim a deduction or a higher deduction (as the case may be) in respect of interest paid when computing its tax liabilities for Italian corporation income tax purposes as compared with the entitlement (in the case of the Issuer) after the occurrence of the relevant Tax Deductibility Event,
- (B) in the case of a Withholding Tax Event, in making any payments in respect of the Exchanged Securities or Varied Securities the Issuer is only required to pay lesser or no Additional Amounts in respect of the Exchanged Securities or Varied Securities,
- (C) in the case of an Accounting Event, immediately following such exchange or variation, no Accounting Event applies in respect of the Exchanged Securities or Varied Securities, as the case may be, or
- (D) in the case of a Rating Methodology Event, immediately following such exchange or variation, no Rating Methodology Event applies in respect of the Exchanged Securities or Varied Securities, as the case may be,

and the Trustee shall, subject to the following provisions of this Condition 7, and subject to the receipt by it of the certificate by two duly authorised representatives of the Issuer referred to in Condition 7.2 below, agree to such exchange or variation.

Upon expiry of such notice, the Issuer shall either vary the terms of or, as the case may be, exchange the Securities in accordance with this Condition 7 and cancel such Exchanged Securities.

The Trustee shall (at the expense of the Issuer) enter into a supplemental trust deed and/or supplemental agency agreement with the Issuer (including indemnities satisfactory to the Trustee) solely in order to effect the exchange of the Securities, or the variation of the terms of the Securities, provided that the Trustee shall not be obliged to enter into such supplemental trust deed and/or supplemental agency agreement if the terms of the Exchanged Securities or the Varied Securities would impose, in the Trustee's opinion, more onerous obligations upon it or expose it to liabilities or reduce its protections. If the Trustee does not enter into such supplemental trust deed and/or supplemental agency agreement (and the Trustee shall have no liability or responsibility to any person if it does not do so), the Issuer may redeem the Securities as provided in Condition 6 (Redemption and Purchase).

**7.2** Any such exchange or variation shall be subject to the following conditions:

- (i) for as long as the Securities are listed on any Listing Venue, the Issuer complying with the rules of the relevant Listing Venue (or any other relevant authority) on which the Securities are for the time being admitted to trading, and (for so long as the rules of such Listing Venue require) the publication of any appropriate supplement, listing particulars or offering circular in connection therewith, and the Exchanged Securities or Varied Securities continue to be admitted to trading on

the same stock exchange as the Securities were admitted to trading immediately prior to the relevant exchange or variation;

- (ii) the Issuer paying any outstanding Arrears of Interest in full prior to such exchange or variation or providing for the accrual of an amount equal to the Arrears of Interest under the terms of the Exchanged Securities or the Varied Securities (as applicable);
- (iii) the Exchanged Securities or Varied Securities shall: (A) rank at least *pari passu* with the ranking of the Securities prior to the exchange or variation, and (B) benefit from the same interest rates and the same Interest Payment Dates, the same First Reset Date and early redemption rights (provided that the relevant exchange or variation may not itself trigger any early redemption right), a maturity date which shall not be longer than the maturity date of the Issuer as provided from time to time under the relevant by-laws, the same rights to accrued interest or Arrears of Interest and any other amounts payable under the Securities which, in each case, has accrued to the Securityholders and has not been paid, the same rights to principal and interest, and, if publicly rated by a Rating Agency which has provided a solicited rating at the invitation or with the consent of the Issuer, immediately prior to such exchange or variation, at least the same credit rating immediately after such exchange or variation by each such Rating Agency, as compared with the relevant solicited rating(s) immediately prior to such exchange or variation (as determined by the Issuer using reasonable measures available to it including discussions with the Rating Agencies to the extent practicable) (C) not contain terms providing for the mandatory deferral or cancellation of interest and (D) not contain terms providing for loss absorption through principal write-down or conversion to shares;
- (iv) the terms of the exchange or variation, in the sole opinion of the Issuer (acting reasonably) not being prejudicial to the interests of the Securityholders, including compliance with (iii) above, as certified to the Trustee by two duly authorised representatives of the Issuer, having consulted in good faith with an independent financial institution of international repute or an independent financial adviser experienced in the international capital markets, and any such certificate shall be final and binding on all parties;
- (v) the preconditions to exchange or variation set out in the Trust Deed having been satisfied, including the issue of legal opinions addressed to the Trustee (in form and substance satisfactory to the Trustee) (copies of which shall be made available to the Securityholders by appointment at the specified offices of the Trustee during usual office hours or at the Trustee's option may be provided by email to such holder requesting copies of such documents, subject to the Trustee (as applicable) being supplied by the Issuer with copies of such documents) from one or more international law firms of good reputation selected by the Issuer and confirming (x) that the Issuer has capacity to assume all rights, duties and obligations under the Exchanged Securities or Varied Securities (as the case may be) and has obtained all necessary corporate or governmental authorisation to

assume all such rights and obligations and (y) the legality, validity and enforceability of the Exchanged Securities or Varied Securities; and

- (vi) the delivery to the Trustee of a certificate signed by two duly authorised representatives of the Issuer certifying each of the points set out in paragraphs (i) to (v) above.

The Trustee may rely absolutely upon and shall be entitled to accept such certificates and any such opinions, as are referred to in this Condition 7, without any liability to any person for so doing and without any further inquiry as sufficient evidence of the satisfaction of the criteria set out in such paragraphs, in which event it shall be conclusive and binding on the Securityholders and the Couponholders.

## 8 Taxation

### 8.1 Payment without Withholding

All payments of principal, premium and interest in respect of the Securities and Coupons by the Issuer will be made without withholding or deduction for or on account of any Taxes imposed or levied by or on behalf of any Tax Jurisdiction, unless such withholding or deduction of the Taxes is required by law. In such event, the Issuer will pay such additional amounts (the “**Additional Amounts**”) as may be necessary in order that the net amounts received by the Securityholders and Couponholders after such withholding or deduction shall equal the respective amounts of principal and interest which would otherwise have been receivable in respect of the Securities or, as the case may be, Coupons in the absence of such withholding or deduction; except that no Additional Amounts shall be payable:

- (a) in respect of any Security or Coupon presented for payment
  - (i) in any Tax Jurisdiction; or
  - (ii) by or on behalf of a holder who is liable for such Taxes in respect of such Security or Coupon by reason of his having some connection with a Tax Jurisdiction other than the mere holding of such Security or Coupon; or
  - (iii) 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
  - (iv) more than 30 days after the Relevant Date except to the extent that the holder thereof would have been entitled to an Additional Amount on presenting the same for payment on such thirtieth day assuming that day to have been a Presentation Date (as defined in Condition 5); or
- (b) in relation to any payment or deduction on account of *imposta sostitutiva* pursuant to Decree No. 239 as amended, supplemented and/or replaced from time to time or, for the avoidance of doubt, Decree No. 461 as amended, supplemented and/or replaced from time to time; or



- (c) in all circumstances in which the procedures set forth in Decree No. 239 in order to benefit from a tax exemption have not been met or duly and timely complied with; or
- (d) in the event of payment by the Issuer to a non-Italian resident holder, to the extent that the holder is not listed under Article 6 of Decree No. 239 and/or is resident in a country which does not allow for a satisfactory exchange of information with the Italian authorities; or
- (e) any combination of the above.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Issuer (and any other person making payments on behalf of the Issuer) shall be entitled to withhold and deduct any amounts required to be deducted or withheld pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “**Code**”), or otherwise imposed pursuant to (i) Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, or (ii) any regulations thereunder or official interpretations thereof, or (iii) an intergovernmental agreement between the United States and another jurisdiction facilitating the implementation thereof, or (iv) any law implementing such an intergovernmental agreement (any such withholding or deduction, a “**FATCA Withholding**”), and no person shall be required to pay any additional amounts in respect of FATCA Withholding.

## **8.2 Additional Amounts**

Any reference in these Conditions to any amounts in respect of the Securities shall be deemed also to refer to any Additional Amounts which may be payable under this Condition or under any undertakings given in addition to, or in substitution for, this Condition pursuant to the Trust Deed.

## **9 Prescription**

The Securities and Coupons (which for this purpose shall not include Talons) will become void unless presented for payment within periods of 10 years (in the case of principal) and 5 years (in the case of interest) from the Relevant Date in respect of the Securities or, as the case may be, the Coupons, subject to the provisions of Condition 5. There shall not be included in any Coupon sheet issued upon exchange of a Talon any Coupon which would be void upon issue under this Condition or Condition 5.

## **10 Enforcement on the Liquidation Event Date and No Events of Default**

### **10.1 No Events of Default**

There are no events of default in relation to the Securities.

On the Liquidation Event Date, the Securities will become due and payable at an amount equal to their principal amount, together with any outstanding interest accrued up to (but excluding) the Liquidation Event Date and any outstanding Arrears of Interest.

On or following the Liquidation Event Date, no payments will be made in relation to the Junior Securities of the Issuer before all amounts due, but unpaid, on the Securities have been paid by the Issuer.

## **10.2 Enforcement on the Liquidation Event Date**

On or following the Liquidation Event Date, the Trustee at its sole discretion and subject to Condition 10.3 may (subject to its being indemnified and/or secured and/or prefunded to its satisfaction), institute steps in order to obtain a judgment against the Issuer for any amounts due and payable in respect of the Securities, including the institution of Insolvency Proceedings against the Issuer or the filing of a proof of claim and participation in any Insolvency Proceedings or proceedings for the liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Issuer (in which Insolvency Proceedings, liquidation, dissolution or winding-up the Securities shall immediately be due and payable at their principal amount together with any accrued but unpaid interest up to (but excluding) the date on which the Securities become so due and payable and any outstanding Arrears of Interest).

## **10.3 Enforcement by the Trustee**

- (a) Subject to sub-paragraph (b) below, the Trustee may at its discretion and without further notice, take such steps, actions or proceedings against the Issuer as it may think fit to enforce the provisions of the Trust Deed, the Securities and the Coupons, but in no event shall the Issuer, by virtue of the initiation of any such steps, actions or proceedings, be obliged to pay any sum or sums sooner than the same would otherwise have been payable by it.
- (b) The Trustee shall not be bound to take any action referred to in Conditions 10.2 or 10.3(a) above or any other action or steps under or pursuant to the Trust Deed, the Securities or the Coupons unless (a) it has been so directed by an extraordinary resolution of the Securityholders or so requested in writing by the holders of at least one-quarter in principal amount of the Securities then outstanding and (b) it has been indemnified and/or secured and/or prefunded to its satisfaction.

## **10.4 Enforcement by the Securityholders**

No Securityholder or Couponholder shall be entitled to proceed directly against the Issuer or to institute any Insolvency Proceedings against the Issuer or to file a proof of claim and participate in any Insolvency Proceedings or institute proceedings for the liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Issuer unless the Trustee, having become bound so to proceed, fails so to do within a reasonable period and the failure shall be continuing, in which case the Securityholder or Couponholder shall have only such rights against the Issuer as those which the Trustee would have been entitled to exercise pursuant to this Condition 10.

## **10.5 Limitation on remedies**

No remedy against the Issuer, other than as referred to in this Condition 10, shall be available to the Trustee, the Securityholders and the Couponholders, whether for the recovery of amounts due in respect of the Securities or under the Trust Deed or in respect of any breach by the Issuer of any of its other obligations under or in respect of the Securities, the Coupons and the Trust Deed.

## **11 Replacement of Securities and Coupons**

Should any Security or Coupon be lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed it may be replaced at the specified office of the Principal Paying Agent upon payment by the claimant of

such costs and expenses as may be incurred in connection with the replacement and on such terms as to evidence and indemnity as the Issuer may reasonably require. Mutilated or defaced Securities or Coupons must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

## **12 Notices**

All notices regarding the Securities will be deemed to be validly given (a) if published in a leading English language daily newspaper of general circulation in London and Ireland (it is expected that such publication will be made in the *Financial Times* in London and the *Irish Times* in Ireland) and (b) if and for so long as the Securities are admitted to trading on, and listed on Euronext Dublin, on Euronext Dublin's website, <https://www.euronext.com/en/markets/dublin>. The Issuer shall also ensure that notices are duly published in a manner which complies with the rules and regulations of any stock exchange (or any other relevant authority) on which the Securities 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. If publication as provided above is not practicable, notice will be given in such other manner, and shall be deemed to have been given on such date, as the Trustee may approve. Couponholders will be deemed for all purposes to have notice of the contents of any notices given to the Securityholders in accordance with this paragraph.

## **13 Meetings of Securityholders, Modification, Waiver, Authorisation, Determination and Substitution of the Issuer**

### **13.1 Meetings of Securityholders**

The Trust Deed contains provisions consistent with the laws, legislation, rules and regulations of the Republic of Italy (including without limitation Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998, as amended) for convening meetings of the Securityholders to consider any matter affecting their interests, including any modifications of the Conditions or of any provisions of the Trust Deed.

According to the laws, legislation, rules and regulations of the Republic of Italy, such meetings will be validly held as a single call meeting or, if the Issuer's by-laws provide for multiple calls, as a multiple call meeting, if (i) in the case of a single call meeting, there are one or more persons present, being or representing Securityholders holding at least one-fifth of the aggregate nominal amount of the Securities, for the time being outstanding, or such a higher quorum as may be provided for in the Issuer's by-laws, or (ii) in the case of a multiple call meeting, (a) there are one or more persons present being or representing Securityholders holding not less than one-half of the aggregate nominal amount of the Securities, for the time being outstanding; (b) in case of an adjourned meeting, there are one or more persons present being or representing Securityholders holding more than one-third of the aggregate nominal amount of the Securities for the time being outstanding; and (c) in the case of any further adjourned meeting, there are one or more persons present being or representing Securityholders holding at least one-fifth of the aggregate nominal amount of the Securities for the time being outstanding, provided that the Issuer's by-laws may in each case (to the extent permitted under the applicable laws and regulations of the Republic of Italy) provide for a higher quorum.

The majority to pass a resolution at any meeting (including, where applicable, an adjourned meeting) will be at least two-thirds of the aggregate nominal amount of the outstanding Securities represented at the meeting; provided however that (A) certain proposals, as set out in Article 2415 of the Italian Civil Code (including, for the avoidance of doubt, (a) any modification of the method of calculating the amount payable or modification of the date fixed for 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 Securities or change of the subordination provisions of the Trust Deed and (b) any alteration of the currency in which payments under the Securities are to be made or the denomination of the Securities) may only be sanctioned by a resolution passed at a meeting of the Securityholders by the higher of (i) one or more persons holding or representing not less than one half of the aggregate nominal amount of the outstanding Securities, and (ii) one or more persons holding or representing not less than two thirds of the Securities represented at the meeting and (B) the Issuer's by-laws may in each case (to the extent permitted under applicable Italian law) provide for higher majorities.

Resolutions passed at any meeting of the Securityholders shall be binding on all Securityholders, whether or not they are present at the meeting and on all Couponholders. In accordance with the Italian Civil Code, a *rappresentante comune*, being a joint representative of Securityholders, may be appointed in accordance with Article 2417 of the Italian Civil Code in order to represent the Securityholders' interest hereunder and to give execution to the resolutions of the meeting of the Securityholders.

### **13.2 Substitution of the Issuer**

- (a) The Trustee may, without the consent of the Securityholders or the Couponholders, agree with the Issuer to the substitution in place of the Issuer (or of any previous substitute under this Condition 13.2) as the principal debtor under the Securities, Coupons and the Trust Deed of another company, being any entity that will succeed to, or to which the Issuer (or those of any previous substitute under this Condition 13.2) will transfer, all or substantially all of its assets and business (or any previous substitute under this Condition 13.2) by operation of law, contract or otherwise, subject to (i) the Trustee being satisfied that such substitution does not result in the substituted issuer having an entitlement, as at the date on which such substitution becomes effective, to redeem the Securities pursuant to Conditions 6.3, 6.4, 6.5 or 6.6, and (ii) certain other conditions set out in the Trust Deed being satisfied.
- (b) The Issuer has covenanted in the Trust Deed that, for so long as the Securities remain outstanding, it will not consolidate or merge out of existence with another company or firm or sell or lease all or substantially all of its assets to another company unless (i) if the Issuer merges out of existence or sells or leases all or substantially all of its assets, the other company assumes all the then-existing obligations of the Issuer (including, without limitation, all obligations under the Securities and the Trust Deed), either by law or contractual arrangements and (ii) certain other conditions set out in the Trust Deed are complied with.
- (c) As long as the Securities (i) are admitted to trading on the regulated market of Euronext Dublin and/or listed on the official list of Euronext Dublin, and/or (ii) are admitted to trading on, and/or to listing on, any other Listing Venue, in the case of such a substitution, the

Issuer will give notice of any substitution pursuant to Condition 13.2(a) above to Euronext Dublin and/or to such Listing Venue and, as soon as reasonably practicable but in any event not later than 30 calendar days after the execution of such documents required by, and the compliance with such other requirements of, the Trust Deed in connection with the substitution, notice of such substitution will be given to the Securityholders by the Issuer in a form previously approved by the Trustee in accordance with Condition 12, in which event the substitution shall be conclusive and binding on the Securityholders and the Couponholders.

### **13.3 Waiver, authorisation, determination and exercise by the Trustee of discretions etc.**

The Trustee (i) may agree, without the consent of the Securityholders or Couponholders, to any modification (except as set out in the Trust Deed) of, or to the waiver or authorisation of any breach or proposed breach of, any of the provisions of the Securities or the Trust Deed where, in any such case, it is not, in the opinion of the Trustee, materially prejudicial to the interests of the Securityholders or (ii) may agree, without any such consent as aforesaid, to any modification which is, in the opinion of the Trustee, of a formal, minor or technical nature or to correct an error which is manifest. Any such modification, waiver, authorisation or determination shall be binding on the Securityholders and the Couponholders and, unless the Trustee otherwise agrees, any such modification shall be notified to the Securityholders in accordance with Condition 12 as soon as practicable thereafter.

### **13.4 Trustee to have Regard to Interests of Securityholders as a Class**

In connection with the exercise by it of any of its trusts, powers, authorities and discretions (including, without limitation, any modification, waiver, authorisation, determination or substitution), the Trustee shall have regard to the general interests of the Securityholders as a class (but shall not have regard to any interests arising from circumstances particular to individual Securityholders or Couponholders whatever their number) and, in particular but without limitation, shall not have regard to the consequences of any such exercise for individual Securityholders or Couponholders (whatever their number) resulting from their being for any purpose domiciled or resident in, or otherwise connected with, or subject to the jurisdiction of, any particular territory or any political subdivision thereof and the Trustee shall not be entitled to require, nor shall any Securityholder or Couponholder be entitled to claim, from the Issuer, the Trustee or any other person any indemnification or payment in respect of any tax consequences of any such exercise upon individual Securityholders or Couponholders except to the extent already provided for in Condition 8 and/or any undertaking or covenant given in addition to, or in substitution for, Condition 8 pursuant to the Trust Deed.

## **14 Indemnification of the Trustee and its Contracting with the Issuer**

### **14.1 Indemnification of the Trustee**

The Trust Deed contains provisions for the indemnification of the Trustee and for its relief from responsibility, including provisions relieving it from taking action unless indemnified and/or secured and/or prefunded to its satisfaction.

#### **14.2 Trustee Contracting with the Issuer**

The Trust Deed also contains provisions pursuant to which the Trustee is entitled, *inter alia*, (a) to enter into business transactions with the Issuer and/or any Subsidiary and to act as trustee for the holders of any other securities issued or guaranteed by, or relating to, the Issuer and/or any Subsidiary, (b) to exercise and enforce its rights, comply with its obligations and perform its duties under or in relation to any such transactions or, as the case may be, any such trusteeship without regard to the interests of, or consequences for, the Securityholders or Couponholders, and (c) to retain and not be liable to account for any profit made or any other amount or benefit received thereby or in connection therewith.

### **15 Further Issues**

The Issuer is at liberty from time to time without the consent of the Securityholders or Couponholders to create and issue further securities or bonds (whether in bearer or registered form) either (a) ranking *pari passu* in all respects (or in all respects save for the first payment of interest thereon) and so that the same shall be consolidated and form a single series with the outstanding securities or bonds of any series (including the Securities) constituted by the Trust Deed or any supplemental deed or (b) upon such terms as to ranking, interest, conversion, redemption and otherwise as the Issuer may determine at the time of the issue. Any further securities or bonds which are to form a single series with the outstanding securities or bonds of any series (including the Securities) constituted by the Trust Deed or any supplemental deed shall, and any other further securities or bonds may (with the consent of the Trustee), be constituted by a deed supplemental to the Trust Deed. The Trust Deed contains provisions for convening a single meeting of the Securityholders and the holders of securities or bonds of other series in certain circumstances where the Trustee so decides.

### **16 Governing Law and Submission to Jurisdiction**

#### **16.1 Governing Law**

The Trust Deed, the Securities and the Coupons and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the Trust Deed, the Securities and the Coupons are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, English law, except for Conditions 3.1 and 3.2, which are each governed by Italian law. Condition 13.1 and the provisions of the Trust Deed concerning the meeting of Securityholders and the appointment of the *rappresentante comune* in respect of the Securities are subject to compliance with Italian law.

#### **16.2 Jurisdiction of English Courts**

The courts of England are to have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any disputes which may arise out of or in connection with the Trust Deed, the Securities or the Coupons (including any disputes relating to any non-contractual obligations which may arise out of or in connection with the Trust Deed, the Securities or the Coupons) and accordingly each of the Issuer, the Trustee, the Securityholders and the Couponholders, in the Trust Deed, has submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts and waived any objection to the courts of England on the grounds that they are an inconvenient or inappropriate forum.

### **16.3 Appointment of Process Agent**

The Issuer has, in the Trust Deed, irrevocably and unconditionally appointed Law Debenture Corporate Services Limited at its registered office at 8<sup>th</sup> Floor 100 Bishopsgate, London, EC2N 4AG, United Kingdom as its agent for service of process and undertakes that, in the event of Law Debenture Corporate Services Limited ceasing so to act or ceasing to be registered in England, it will appoint another person approved by the Trustee 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.

## **17 Rights of Third Parties**

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