

EXECUTION VERSION

Dated 18 December 2025

AUTOSTRADA PER L'ITALIA S.p.A.  
as Issuer

and

BNY MELLON CORPORATE TRUSTEE SERVICES LIMITED  
as Trustee

and

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, LONDON BRANCH AS ISSUING AND  
PRINCIPAL PAYING AGENT, TRANSFER AGENT AND CALCULATION AGENT

and

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON SA/NV, LUXEMBOURG BRANCH  
as Registrar

## AMENDED AND RESTATED AGENCY AGREEMENT

RELATING TO  
AUTOSTRADA PER L'ITALIA S.p.A.  
€9,000,000,000  
EURO MEDIUM TERM NOTE PROGRAMME

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**This Amended and Restated Agency Agreement** (the “**Agreement**”) is made as of 18 December 2025 **Between:**

- (1) **Autostrade per l'Italia S.p.A.** (the “**Issuer**”);
- (2) **BNY Mellon Corporate Trustee Services Limited** (the “**Trustee**”), which expression includes any other trustee for the time being of the Trust Deed referred to below;
- (3) **The Bank of New York Mellon**, London Branch as Issuing and Principal Paying Agent, Transfer Agent and Calculation Agent; and
- (4) **The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Luxembourg Branch.** as Registrar.

**Whereas:**

- (A) The Issuer established a Medium Term Note Programme (the “**Programme**”) on 31 October 2014 for the issuance of Notes (as defined below) which was most recently updated on 19 December 2024.
- (B) The Issuer proposes to issue from time to time medium term notes pursuant to this Agreement (the “**Notes**”, which expression shall, if the context so admits, include bearer global notes (in both temporary and permanent form) (the “**Bearer Global Notes**”) and registered global notes (“**Registered Global Notes**, together with the Bearer Global Notes, the “**Global Notes**”) to be initially delivered in respect of Notes) in an aggregate nominal amount outstanding at any one time not exceeding the Programme Limit (the “**Programme**”).
- (C) The Notes will be constituted by the amended and restated trust deed dated 18 December 2025, as supplemented and amended from time to time (the “**Trust Deed**”).
- (D) This is the Agency Agreement referred to in the Trust Deed.
- (E) The Issuer has made applications to the Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa (“**CONSOB**”) for Notes issued under the Programme to be admitted to the Electronic Bond Market organised and managed by Borsa Italiana S.p.A. (“**MOT**”) and to trading on its regulated market. Notes may also be issued on the basis that they will not be admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation by any competent authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system or that they will be admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation by such other or further competent authorities, stock exchanges and/or quotation systems as may be agreed with the Issuer, including the Official List of the Irish Stock Exchange plc trading as Euronext Dublin (“**Euronext Dublin**”).
- (F) In connection with the Programme, the Issuer has prepared a base prospectus dated 18 December 2025 which has been approved by the Central Bank as a base prospectus issued in compliance with Regulation (EU) 2017/1129, as amended (the “**Prospectus Regulation**”).
- (G) Notes issued under the Programme may be issued either (1) pursuant to the Base Prospectus describing the Programme and Final Terms describing the final terms of the particular Tranche of Notes or (2) pursuant to a drawdown prospectus which may be constituted either (a) by a single document or (b) by a registration document, a securities note and, if applicable, a summary which relates to a particular Tranche of Notes to be issued under the Programme.
- (H) The Issuer, the Trustee and the Agents (as defined below) wish to record certain arrangements which they have made in relation to the Notes to be issued under the Programme.

- (l) The parties to this Agreement have agreed to make certain amendments to the agency agreement dated 31 October 2014, as subsequently amended and restated on 19 December 2024 (the “**Original Agency Agreement**”), which amendments shall have effect in relation to and apply to Notes issued on or after the date hereof.

It is agreed as follows:

## **1 Interpretation**

### **1.1 Definitions**

Capitalised terms used in this Agreement but not defined in this Agreement shall have the meanings given to them in the Trust Deed and the following terms shall have the following meanings:

“**Agents**” means the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent, the Paying Agents, the Calculation Agent, the Registrar and the Transfer Agents or any of them and shall include such other Agent or Agents as may be appointed from time to time hereunder and, except in Clause 19, references to Agents are to them acting solely through their specified offices;

“**Applicable Law**” means any treaty, law or regulation;

“**Authorised Person**” means any person who is designated in writing by the Issuer from time to time to give Instructions to the Paying Agents under the terms of this Agreement;

“**Authority**” means any competent regulatory, prosecuting, Tax or governmental authority in any jurisdiction;

“**Business Day**” means, in respect of each Note, (i) a day other than a Saturday or Sunday on which Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg are operating and (ii) a day on which banks and foreign exchange markets are open for general business in the city of the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent’s specified office and (iii) (if a payment is to be made on that day) a day on which banks and foreign exchange markets are open for general business in the principal financial centre for the currency of the payment or, in the case of euro, a day on which the T2 is operating;

“**Calculation Agent**” means The Bank of New York Mellon, London Branch as Calculation Agent hereunder (or such other Calculation Agent(s) as may be appointed hereunder from time to time either generally hereunder or in relation to a specific issue or Series of Notes);

“**Certificate**” means a registered certificate representing one or more Registered Notes of the same Series and, save as provided in the Conditions, comprising the entire holding by a Noteholder of his Registered Notes of that Series and, save in the case of Registered Global Notes, being substantially in the form set out in Schedule 2 to the Trust Deed;

“**CGN**” means a Temporary Global Note in the form set out in Part A or a Permanent Global Note in the form set out in Part B, in each case, of Schedule 1 to the Trust Deed;

“**Clearstream, Luxembourg**” means Clearstream Banking, SA;

“**Code**” means the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

“**Common Depositary**” means, in relation to a Series represented by a CGN, a depositary common to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg;

“**Common Reporting Standard**” means the common standard on reporting and due diligence for financial account information developed by the Organisation for Economic Co-

operation and Development, bilateral and multilateral competent authority agreements, intergovernmental agreements, and treaties facilitating the implementation thereof, and any law implementing any such common standard, competent authority agreement, intergovernmental agreement, or treaty in each case, as amended from time to time;

**“Common Safekeeper”** means, in relation to a Series represented by a NGN or held under the NSS, the common safekeeper for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg appointed in respect of such Notes;

**“Common Service Provider”** means, in relation to a Series represented by a NGN or held under the NSS, the common service provider for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg appointed in respect of such Notes;

**“Dealer Agreement”** means the amended and restated dealer agreement relating to the Programme dated 18 December 2025 (as amended and supplemented from time to time) between the Issuer, BNP Paribas, Mediobanca – Banca di Credito Finanziario S.p.A. and the other dealers named in it;

**“Directive on Administrative Cooperation”** means Council Directive 2011/16/EU on administrative cooperation in the field of taxation and any law implementing such Council Directive, as amended from time to time;

**“Electronic Means”** shall mean the following communications methods: (i) non-secure methods of transmission or communication such as e-mail transmission and (ii) secure electronic transmission containing applicable authorisation codes, passwords and/or authentication keys issued by the Agent or another method or system specified by the Agent as available for use in connection with its services hereunder.

**“Euroclear”** means Euroclear Bank SA/NV;

**“Exercise Notice”** has the meaning given to it in Condition 6(e) (*Redemption, Purchase and Options – Redemption at the Option of Noteholders on the Occurrence of a Relevant Event*) and Condition 6(g) (*Redemption, Purchase and Options – Redemption at the Option of Noteholders and Exercise of Noteholders’ Options*), and shall be substantially in the form set out in Schedule 1;

**“FATCA Withholding”** means any withholding or deduction required pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the Code, or otherwise imposed pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, any regulations or agreements thereunder, any official interpretations thereof, any law implementing an intergovernmental approach thereto;

**“Fitch”** means Fitch Ratings Limited and includes any successor to its rating business;

**“Further information relating to the Issuer”** means the information provided by the Issuer to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent substantially in the form of Schedule 6 to this Agreement;

**“Information Reporting Regime”** means the Common Reporting Standard, the Directive on Administrative Cooperation, FATCA, and the UK Intergovernmental Agreements;

**“Instructions”** means any written notices, directions or instructions received by the Paying Agents from an Authorised Person or from a person reasonably believed by the Paying Agents to be an Authorised Person;

**“Issue Date”** means, in relation to any Tranche, the date on which the Notes of that Tranche have been issued or, if not yet issued, the date agreed for their issue between the Issuer and the Relevant Dealer(s);

**“Issuing and Principal Paying Agent”** means The Bank of New York Mellon, London Branch, as Issuing and Principal Paying Agent hereunder (or such other Issuing and Principal Paying Agent as may be appointed from time to time hereunder);

**“Losses”** means any and all claims, losses, liabilities, damages, costs, expenses and judgements (including legal fees and expenses) sustained by any party;

**“Moody's”** means Moody's Investors Service Limited and includes any successor to its rating business;

**“New Global Note”** or **“NGN”** means a Temporary Global Note in the form set out in Part C or a Permanent Global Note in the form set out in Part D, in each case, of Schedule 1 to the Trust Deed;

**“New Safekeeping Structure”** or **“NSS”** means the new safekeeping structure applicable to registered form global securities and which is required for such securities to be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra day credit operations. Registered Global Notes to be held under the New Safekeeping Structure will be registered in the name of a Common Safekeeper (or its nominee) for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and deposited on or about the issue date with the Common Safekeeper for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg;

**“Paying Agents”** means the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent and the Paying Agents referred to above and such further or other Paying Agent or Paying Agents as may be appointed from time to time hereunder;

**“Rating Agencies”** means S&P, Moody's and/or Fitch (in each case, only if they have provided a rating in respect of any Notes);

**“Redemption Amount”** means the Final Redemption Amount, Early Redemption Amount or Optional Redemption Amount, as the case may be, all as defined in the Conditions;

**“Register”** means the register referred to in Clause 11;

**“Registrar”** means The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Luxembourg Branch as Registrar hereunder (or such other Registrar as may be appointed hereunder either generally or in relation to a specific Series of Notes);

**“Regulation S”** means Regulation S under the Securities Act;

**“Regulations”** means the regulations referred to in Clause 12;

**“S&P”** means Standard & Poor's Rating Services, a division of Standard & Poor's Credit Market Services Europe Limited and includes any successor to its rating business;

**“Securities Act”** means the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended;

**“Subscription Agreement”** means an agreement between the Issuer and two or more Dealers made pursuant to clause 2.3 of the Dealer Agreement;

**“Syndicated Issue”** means an issue of Notes pursuant to clause 2.3 of the Dealer Agreement;

**“Tax”** means any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed, levied, collected, withheld or assessed by or on behalf of any Authority having power to tax;

**“Transfer Agents”** means The Bank of New York Mellon and such further or other Transfer Agent or Transfer Agents as may be appointed from time to time hereunder either generally or in relation to a specific Series of Notes;

**“The Bank of New York Group”** means The Bank of New York Mellon and any company or other entity of which The Bank of New York Mellon is directly or indirectly a shareholder or owner. For the purposes of this Trust Deed, each branch of The Bank of New York Mellon shall be a separate member of The Bank of New York Mellon Group; and

**“UK Intergovernmental Agreements”** means the intergovernmental agreements to improve international tax compliance between the United Kingdom and each of Guernsey, the Isle of Man, Jersey, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Gibraltar, Monserrat and the Turks and Caicos Islands, any other similar intergovernmental agreement between the United Kingdom and any of its Crown Dependencies or Overseas Territories and any law implementing any such intergovernmental agreement, in each case, as amended from time to time.

## **1.2 Construction of Certain References:**

References to:

- 1.2.1 the records of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg shall be to the records that each of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg holds for its customers which reflect the amount of such customers’ interests in the Notes;
- 1.2.2 other capitalised terms not defined in this Agreement are to those terms as defined in the Conditions;
- 1.2.3 principal and interest shall be construed in accordance with Condition 5 (*Interest and other Calculations*);
- 1.2.4 costs, charges, remuneration or expenses include any value added, turnover or similar tax charged in respect thereof; and
- 1.2.5 unless the context otherwise requires, any reference to EU legislation, regulatory requirement, or guidance should be read as a reference to that EU legislation, regulatory requirement or guidance, including as it forms part of UK domestic law pursuant to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (as amended) or as otherwise adopted under, or given effect to in, UK legislation or the UK regulatory regime and any references to EU competent authorities should be read to include references to the relevant UK competent authority. All references to legislation, regulatory requirements or guidance in this clause refer to the relevant legislation, regulatory requirements or guidance as amended from time to time.

## **1.3 Headings**

Headings shall be ignored in construing this Agreement.

## **1.4 Contracts**

References in this Agreement to this Agreement or any other document are to this Agreement or those documents as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time



in relation to the Programme and include any document which amends, supplements or replaces them.

## **1.5 Schedules**

The Schedules are part of this Agreement and have effect accordingly.

## **1.6 Alternative Clearing System**

References in this Agreement to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg shall, wherever the context so permits, be deemed to include reference to any additional or alternative clearing system approved by the Issuer, the Registrar and the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent.

## **1.7 Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999**

A person who is not a party to this Agreement has no right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this Agreement.

# **2 Appointment and Duties**

## **2.1 Issuing and Principal Paying Agent and Registrar**

The Issuer appoints The Bank of New York Mellon, London Branch at its specified office in London as Issuing and Principal Paying Agent in respect of each Series of Notes and The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Luxembourg Branch, as Registrar in respect of each Series of Registered Notes.

## **2.2 Paying Agent and Transfer Agent**

The Issuer appoints The Bank of New York Mellon at its specified office in London as Paying Agent in respect of each Series of Bearer Notes and The Bank of New York Mellon, London Branch at its specified office in London as Transfer Agent in respect of each Series of Registered Notes, unless the Final Terms relating to a Series of Notes lists the Agents appointed in respect of that Series, in which case, only those persons acting through their specified offices shall be appointed in respect of that Series.

## **2.3 Calculation Agent**

The Bank of New York Mellon, London Branch may be appointed as Calculation Agent in respect of any Series of Notes by agreement with the Issuer. The Bank of New York Mellon, London Branch shall be treated as having agreed to act as Calculation Agent in respect of a Series if it shall have received the Purchase Information (in draft or final form) naming it as Calculation Agent no later than three Business Days before the Issue Date or, if earlier, the first date on which it is required to make any calculation or determination and shall not have notified the Issuer that it does not wish to be so appointed within two Business Days of such receipt.

## **2.4 Agents' Duties**

The obligations of the Agents are several and not joint. Each Agent shall be obliged to perform only such duties as are specifically set out in this Agreement (including Schedule 5 in the case of the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent and the Registrar where the relevant Notes are represented by a NGN or held under the NSS, respectively), the Trust Deed, the Conditions and the Programme Manual and any duties necessarily incidental to them. No implied duties or obligations shall be read into any such documents. No Agent shall be

obliged to perform additional duties set out in any Final Terms and thereby incorporated into the Conditions unless it shall have previously agreed to perform such duties. If the Conditions are amended on or after a date on which any Agent accepts any appointment in a way that affects the duties expressed to be performed by such Agent, it shall not be obliged to perform such duties as so amended unless it has first approved the relevant amendment. No Agent shall be under any obligation to take any action under this Agreement that it expects, and has so notified the Issuer in writing, will result in any expense to or liability of such Agent, the payment of which is not, in its opinion, assured to it within a reasonable time. In the case of Notes represented by a NGN or held under the NSS, each of the Agents (other than the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent or Registrar) agrees that if any information required by the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent or Registrar to perform the duties set out in Schedule 5 becomes known to it, it will promptly provide such information to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent or Registrar, as the case may be.

## **2.5 Notices of Change of Trustee**

The Issuer shall forthwith give notice to each of the Agents of any change in the person or persons comprising the Trustee.

## **2.6 Event of Default**

At any time after an Event of Default or any Potential Event of Default shall have occurred or the Notes shall have otherwise become due and repayable or the Trustee shall have received any money which it proposes to pay under clause 6 of the Trust Deed to the relevant Noteholders and/or Coupon holders, the Trustee may:

**2.6.1** by notice to the Issuer, the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent and the other Agents, require the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent pursuant to this Agreement:

- (a) to act thereafter as Issuing and Principal Paying Agent of the Trustee in relation to payments to be made by or on behalf of the Trustee under the provisions of the Trust Deed *mutatis mutandis* on the terms provided in this Agreement (save that the Trustee's liability under any provision of this Agreement for the indemnification, remuneration and all other expenses of the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent shall be limited to the amounts for the time being held by the Trustee on the trusts of the Trust Deed in relation to the relative Notes) and thereafter to hold all Notes, Certificates, Coupons and Talons and all sums, documents and records held by them in respect of Notes, Certificates, Coupons and Talons on behalf of the Trustee; and/or
- (b) to deliver up all Notes, Certificates, Coupons and Talons and all sums, documents and records held by them in respect of Notes, Certificates, Coupons and Talons, in each case held by them in their capacity as Issuing and Principal Paying Agent or, as the case may be, Registrar Transfer Agent or other Paying Agent, to the Trustee or as the Trustee shall direct in such notice, **provided that** such notice shall be deemed not to apply to any documents or records which the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent, the Registrar, the relevant Transfer Agent or other Paying Agent is obliged not to release by any law or regulation; and

**2.6.2** by notice in writing to the Issuer require the Issuer to make all subsequent payments in respect of the Notes, Certificates and Coupons (if any) to or to the order of the Trustee and not to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent or the other Paying Agents.

## **2.7 Common Safekeeper**

In relation to each Series which is in NGN form or held under the NSS, the Issuer hereby authorises and instructs the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent to elect either Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as Common Safekeeper. From time to time, the Issuer and the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent may agree to vary this election. The Issuer acknowledges that any such election is subject to the right of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg to jointly determine that the other shall act as Common Safekeeper in relation to any such issue and agrees that no liability shall attach to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent in respect of any such election made by it.

## **3 Issue of Notes and Certificates**

### **3.1 Preconditions to Issue**

The Issuer shall not agree to any Issue Date unless it is a Business Day. Before issuing any Notes that are intended to be cleared through a clearing system other than Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, the Issuer shall inform the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent of its wish to issue such Notes and shall agree with the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent the procedure for issuing such Notes, in the case of Notes that are to be cleared through such other clearing system, which agreement shall cover the time, date and place for the delivery of the relevant Global Note by the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent, whether such delivery is to be free of payment or against payment, an appropriate method for determining non U.S. beneficial ownership of Notes in accordance with applicable U.S. law and the method by which the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent is to receive any payment, and hold any moneys, on behalf of the Issuer.

### **3.2 Delivery of Further Information Relating to the Issuer**

The Issuer will provide the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent with the Further information relating to the Issuer, in substantially the form set out in Schedule 6 to this Agreement, duly completed.

### **3.3 Notification**

Not later than the time specified in the Programme Manual, the Issuer shall in respect of each Tranche notify and/or confirm to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent by fax, electronic communication or in writing all such information as the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent may reasonably require for it to carry out its functions as contemplated by this Clause.

### **3.4 Issue of Certificates and Global Notes**

Upon receipt by the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent of the information enabling it, and instructions, to do so, the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent shall, in the case of Bearer Notes, complete a Temporary Global Note or, as the case may be, Permanent Global Note in an aggregate nominal amount equal to that of the Tranche to be issued or, in the case of Registered Notes, notify the Registrar of all relevant information, whereupon the Registrar shall complete one or more Certificates in an aggregate nominal amount equal to that of the Tranche to be issued, (unless the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent is to do so in its capacity as, or as agent for, the Registrar) authenticate each Certificate (or cause its agent on its behalf to do so) and deliver them to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent not later than the time specified by the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent (which shall be no earlier than one Business Day after receipt by the Registrar of such instructions).

### **3.5 Delivery of Certificates and Global Notes**

Immediately before the issue of any Global Note, the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent (or its agent on its behalf) shall authenticate it and attach a copy of the applicable Final Terms and the Further information relating to the Issuer. Following authentication of any Global Note or receipt of any Certificate, the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent shall (in the case of any unauthenticated certificate, after first authenticating it as, or as agent for, the Registrar) deliver it:

- 3.5.1** in the case of a Tranche of Notes (other than for a Syndicated Issue) intended to be cleared through a clearing system, on the Business Day immediately preceding its Issue Date (i) save in the case of a Bearer Global Note which is a NGN or a Registered Global Note which is held under the NSS, to the Common Depositary or to such clearing system or other depositary for a clearing system as shall have been agreed between the Issuer and the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent, and (ii) in the case of a Bearer Global Note which is a NGN or a Registered Global Note which is held under the NSS, to the Common Safekeeper together with instructions to the Common Safekeeper to effectuate the same, together with instructions to the clearing systems to whom (or to whose depositary or Common Safekeeper) such Bearer Global Note or Registered Global Note has been delivered to credit the underlying Notes represented by such Bearer Global Note or Registered Global Note to the securities account(s) at such clearing systems that have been notified to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent by the Issuer on a delivery against payment basis or, if notified to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent by the Issuer, on a delivery free of payment basis; or
- 3.5.2** in the case of a Syndicated Issue, on the Issue Date at or about the time specified in the relevant Subscription Agreement (i) save in the case of a Bearer Global Note which is a NGN or a Registered Global Note which is held under the NSS, to, or to the order of, the managers party to such Subscription Agreement at such place in London as shall be specified in the relevant Subscription Agreement (or such other time, date and/or place as may have been agreed between the Issuer and the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent) and (ii) in the case of a Bearer Global Note which is a NGN or a Registered Global Note which is held under the NSS, to the Common Safekeeper together with instructions to effectuate the same (if applicable), in each case against the delivery to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent of evidence that instructions for payment of the subscription moneys due to the Issuer have been given, such evidence to be in the form set out in such Subscription Agreement; or
- 3.5.3** otherwise, at such time, on such date, to such person and in such place as may have been agreed between the Issuer and the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent.

Where the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent or Registrar delivers any authenticated Global Note or Registered Global Note to the Common Safekeeper for effectuation using Electronic Means, it is authorised and instructed to destroy the Global Note or Registered Global Note retained by it following its receipt of confirmation from the Common Safekeeper that the relevant Global Note or Registered Global Note has been effectuated. The Issuing and Principal Paying Agent shall immediately notify the Registrar if for any reason a Certificate is not delivered in accordance with the Issuer's instructions. Failing any such notification, the Registrar shall cause an appropriate entry to be made in the Register to reflect the issue of the Notes to the person(s) whose name and address appears on each such Certificate on the Issue Date.

### 3.6 Clearing Systems

In delivering any Global Note or Registered Global Note in accordance with Clause 3.5.1, the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent shall give instructions to the relevant clearing system to hold the Notes represented by it to the order of the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent pending transfer to the securities account(s) referred to in Clause 3.5.1. Upon payment for any such Notes being made to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent, it shall transfer such payment to the account of the Issuer notified to it by the Issuer. For so long as any such Note continues to be held to the order of the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent, the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent shall hold such Note to the order of the Issuer.

### 3.7 Advance Payment

If the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent pays an amount (the “**Advance**”) to the Issuer on the basis that a payment (the “**Payment**”) has been, or will be, received from any person and if the Payment has not been, or is not, received by the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent on the date the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent pays the Issuer, the Issuer shall on demand reimburse the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent the Advance and pay interest to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent on the outstanding amount of the Advance from the date on which it is paid out to the date of reimbursement at the rate per annum equal to the cost of the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent of funding such amount, as certified by the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent. Such interest shall be compounded daily.

### 3.8 Exchange for Permanent Global Notes and Definitive Notes

On and after the due date for exchange of any Temporary Global Note which is exchangeable for a Permanent Global Note, the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent shall, on presentation to it or to its order of the Temporary Global Note, complete a Permanent Global Note, authenticate it (or cause its agent on its behalf to do so) and, in the case of a Permanent Global Note which is a NGN, deliver the Permanent Global Note to the Common Safekeeper which is holding the Temporary Global Note representing the Tranche for the time being on behalf of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg together with instructions to the Common Safekeeper to effectuate the same, and, in each case, procure the exchange of interests in such Temporary Global Note for interests in an equal nominal amount of such Permanent Global Note in accordance with such Temporary Global Note. On or after the due date for exchange of any Global Note which is exchangeable for Definitive Notes, the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent shall, on presentation to it or to its order of the Global Note, procure the exchange of interests in such Global Note for Definitive Notes (if applicable, having attached Coupons and/or a Talon other than any that mature on or before the relevant date for exchange) (including the authentication of such Definitive Notes and the delivery of such Definitive Notes to or to the order of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg) in each case, in a nominal amount equal to that portion of such Global Note submitted for exchange in accordance with such Global Note.

**3.8.1** In the case of a subsequent Tranche of any Series of Notes if the Permanent Global Note is a CGN, to attach a copy of the applicable Final Terms to the Permanent Global Note applicable to the relevant Series and to enter details of any exchange in whole or part as stated above; and

**3.8.2** In the case of a subsequent Tranche of any Series of Notes if the Permanent Global Note is a NGN, to deliver the applicable Final Terms to the specified Common Safekeeper for attachment to the Permanent Global Note applicable to the relevant Series.

**3.9** Upon any exchange of all or a part of an interest in a Temporary Global Note for an interest in a Permanent Global Note or upon any exchange of all or a part of an interest in a Global Note for Definitive Notes, the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent shall (i) procure that the relevant Global Note shall, if it is a CGN, be endorsed by or on behalf of the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent to reflect the reduction of its nominal amount by the aggregate nominal amount so exchanged and, where applicable, the Permanent Global Note shall be endorsed by or on behalf of the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent to reflect the increase in its nominal amount as a result of any exchange for an interest in the Temporary Global Note or (ii) in the case of any Global Note which is a NGN or held under the NSS, instruct Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg to make appropriate entries in their records to reflect such exchange. Until exchanged in full, the holder of an interest in any Global Note shall in all respects be entitled to the same benefits under this Agreement as the holder of Definitive Notes and Coupons authenticated and delivered under this Agreement, subject as set out in the Conditions. The Issuing and Principal Paying Agent is authorised on behalf of the Issuer and instructed (a) in the case of any Bearer Global Note which is a CGN, to endorse or to arrange for the endorsement of the relevant Bearer Global Note to reflect the reduction in the nominal amount represented by it by the amount so exchanged and, if appropriate, to endorse the Permanent Global Note to reflect any increase in the nominal amount represented by it and, in either case, to sign in the relevant space on the relevant Bearer Global Note recording the exchange and reduction or increase, (b) in the case of any Bearer Global Note which is a NGN or a Registered Global Note which is held under the NSS, to instruct Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg to make appropriate entries in their records to reflect such exchange and (c) in the case of a total exchange, to cancel or arrange for the cancellation of the relevant Bearer Global Note.

**3.10 Signing of Notes, Certificates, Coupons and Talons**

The Notes, Certificates, Coupons and Talons shall be signed manually or in facsimile on behalf of the Issuer by any duly authorised signatory or signatories of the Issuer. The Issuer shall promptly notify the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent of any change in the names of the person or persons whose signature is to be used on any Note or Certificate, and shall if necessary provide new master Global Notes and Certificates reflecting such changes. The Issuer may however adopt and use the signature of any person who at the date of signing a Note, Certificate, Coupon or Talon is a duly authorised signatory of the Issuer even if, before the Note, Certificate, Coupon or Talon is issued, he ceases for whatever reason to hold such office and the Notes, Certificates, Coupons or Talons issued in such circumstances shall nevertheless be (or, in the case of Certificates, represent) valid and binding obligations of the Issuer. Definitive Notes, Coupons and Talons shall be security printed, and Certificates shall be printed, in accordance with all applicable stock exchange requirements.

**3.11 Details of Notes and Certificates Delivered**

As soon as practicable after delivering any Bearer Global Note, Registered Global Note, Global Certificate or Definitive Note, the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent or the Registrar, as the case may be, shall supply to the Issuer, the Trustee and the other Agents all relevant details of the Notes or Certificates delivered, in such format as it shall from time to time agree with the Issuer.

**3.12 Cancellation**

If any Note in respect of which information has been supplied under Clause 3.3 is not to be issued on a given Issue Date, the Issuer shall immediately (and, in any event, prior to the Issue Date) notify the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent and, in the case of Registered Notes, the Registrar. Upon receipt of such notice, neither the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent nor the Registrar shall thereafter issue or release the relevant Note(s) or Certificate(s) but shall cancel and, unless otherwise instructed by the Issuer, destroy them.

### **3.13 Outstanding Amount**

The Issuing and Principal Paying Agent shall, upon request from the Issuer, the Trustee or any Dealer, inform such person of the aggregate nominal amount of Notes, or Notes of any particular Series, then outstanding at the time of such request. In the case of Notes represented by a NGN or held under the NSS, the nominal amount of Notes represented by such NGN or held under the NSS, as the case may be, shall be the aggregate amount from time to time entered in the records of both Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg. The records of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg shall be conclusive evidence of the nominal amount of Notes represented by the relevant NGN or held under the NSS, as the case may be, and for such purposes, a statement issued by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg stating the nominal amount of Notes represented by the relevant NGN or held under the NSS at any time shall be conclusive evidence of the records of the relevant clearing systems at that time. Payments made by the Issuer in respect of Notes represented by a NGN or held under the NSS, as the case may be, shall discharge the Issuer's obligations in respect thereof. Any failure to make the entries in the records of the relevant clearing systems shall not affect such discharge.

### **3.14 Programme Manual**

The Issuer shall furnish a copy of the Programme Manual from time to time in effect to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent and the Registrar. The parties agree that all issues of Notes shall be made in accordance with the Programme Manual unless the Trustee, the Issuer, the Relevant Dealer(s), the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent and, in the case of Registered Notes, the Registrar agree otherwise in respect of any issue. The Programme Manual may only be amended with the consent of the Trustee, the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent and the Registrar.

## **4 Payment**

### **4.1 Payment to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent**

The Issuer shall:

- (i) where the Issuer has one or more publicly available long-term ratings from a Rating Agency of BBB- or better (in the case of Fitch or S&P) or Baa3 or better (in the case of Moody's) and none of the Issuer's publicly available long-term ratings from a Rating Agency is below such level, on the Due Date; or
- (ii) other than in the circumstances set out in (i) above, before 3.00 p.m. (local time in the city of the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent's specified office) on the date which is one Business Day before the Due Date, or on any date prior thereto,

transfer an amount equal to the amount of principal and/or interest falling due in respect of the Notes on the relevant Due Date to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent.

In this Clause, “**Due Date**” means the first date on which the holder of a Note or Coupon could claim the relevant payment by transfer to an account under the Conditions, but disregarding the necessity for it to be a business day in any particular place of presentation.

#### **4.2 Preadvice of Payment**

The Issuer shall procure that the bank through which the payment to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent required by Clause 4.1 is to be made shall irrevocably confirm to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent by facsimile, electronic communication or authenticated SWIFT message no later than 3.00 p.m. (local time in the city of the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent's specified office) on the second Business Day before the due date for any such payment that it will make such payment.

#### **4.3 Payment by Agents**

Subject as provided in Clause 4.6, each of the Paying Agents, in the case of Bearer Notes, each of the Registrar and the Transfer Agents, in the case of the final payment in respect of any Series of Registered Notes, and the Registrar, in the case of all other payments in respect of Registered Notes, shall, subject to and in accordance with the Conditions, pay or cause to be paid on behalf of the Issuer on and after each due date therefor the amounts due in respect of the Notes and Coupons and shall be entitled to claim any amounts so paid from the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent. If any payment provided for in Clause 4.1 is made late but otherwise in accordance with this Agreement the Paying Agents will nevertheless make such payments in respect of the Notes, Certificates or Coupons. However, unless and until the full amount of any such payment has been made to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent, none of the Paying Agents shall be bound to make such payments.

#### **4.4 Notification of Non Payment**

The Issuing and Principal Paying Agent shall forthwith notify by fax or electronic communication each of the other Agents, the Issuer and the Trustee if it has not received the amount referred to in Clause 4.1 by the time specified for its receipt, unless it is satisfied that it will receive such amount.

#### **4.5 Payment after Failure to Preadvice or Late Payment**

The Issuing and Principal Paying Agent shall forthwith notify by fax or electronic communication each of the other Agents, the Issuer, the Trustee, and, if requested by the Trustee, the Noteholders if at any time following the giving of a notice by the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent under Clause 4.4 either any payment provided for in Clause 4.1 is made on or after its due date but otherwise in accordance with this Agreement or the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent is satisfied that it will receive such payment.

#### **4.6 Suspension of Payment by Agents**

Upon receipt of a notice from the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent under Clause 4.4 each Agent shall cease making payments in accordance with Clause 4.3 as soon as is reasonably practicable. Upon receipt of a notice from the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent under Clause 4.5, each Agent shall make, or shall recommence making, payments in accordance with Clause 4.3.

#### **4.7 Reimbursement of Agents**



The Issuing and Principal Paying Agent shall on demand promptly reimburse each Agent for payments in respect of the Notes and Coupons properly made by it in accordance with the Conditions and this Agreement.

#### **4.8 Method of Payment to Issuing and Principal Paying Agent**

All sums payable to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent hereunder shall be paid in the currency in which such sums are denominated and in immediately available or same day funds to such account with such bank as the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent may from time to time notify to the Issuer and the Trustee.

#### **4.9 Moneys held by Issuing and Principal Paying Agent**

The Issuing and Principal Paying Agent may deal with moneys paid to it under this Agreement in the same manner as other moneys paid to it as a banker by its customers except that (1) it may not exercise any lien, right of set off or similar claim in respect of them and (2) it shall not be liable to anyone for interest on any sums held by it under this Agreement and (3) moneys held by it need not be segregated except as required by law.

#### **4.10 Partial Payments**

If on presentation of a Note, Certificate or Coupon only part of the amount payable in respect of it is paid (except as a result of a deduction of tax permitted by the Conditions), the Agent to whom it is presented shall procure, in the case of a Global Note which is a CGN, that it is enfaced with a memorandum of the amount paid and the date of payment and shall return it to the person who presented it. In the case of a Bearer Global Note which is a NGN or a Registered Global Note held under the NSS, the Agent shall instruct Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg to make appropriate entries in their records to reflect such payment. Upon making payment of only part of the amount payable in respect of any Registered Note or being informed of any such partial payment by a Transfer Agent, the Registrar shall make a note of the details of such payment in the Register.

#### **4.11 Interest**

If the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent pays out any amount due in respect of the Notes in accordance with the Conditions or due in accordance with Clause 4.7 before receipt of the amount due under Clause 4.1, the Issuer shall on demand reimburse the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent for the relevant amount and pay interest to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent on such amount that is outstanding from the date on which it is paid out to the date of reimbursement at the rate per annum equal to the cost to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent of funding the amount paid out, as certified by the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent. Such interest shall be compounded daily.

#### **4.12 Mutual Undertaking Regarding Information Reporting Obligations**

Each party shall, within ten business days of a request by another party, supply to that other party such forms, documentation and other information relating to it, its operations, or any Notes as that other party reasonably requests for the purposes of that other party's compliance with any Applicable Law and shall notify the relevant other party reasonably promptly in the event that it becomes aware that any of the forms, documentation or other information provided by such party is (or becomes) inaccurate in any material respect; provided, however, that no party shall be required to provide any forms, documentation or other information pursuant to this Clause 4.13 to the extent that (i) any such form, documentation or other information (or the information required to be provided on such form

or documentation) is not reasonably available to such party and cannot be obtained by such party using reasonable efforts or (ii) doing so would or might in the reasonable opinion of such party constitute a breach of any (a) Applicable Law; (b) fiduciary duty; or (c) duty of confidentiality. For purposes of this Clause 4.12, “**Applicable Law**” shall be deemed to include (i) any rule or practice of any Authority by which any party to this Agreement is bound or with which it is accustomed to comply; (ii) any agreement between any Authorities; and (iii) any agreement between any Authority and any party to this Agreement that is customarily entered into by institutions of a similar nature.

#### **4.13 Notice of Possible Withholding Under FATCA**

The Issuer shall notify each Agent in the event that it determines that any payment to be made by an Agent under any Notes is a payment which could be subject to FATCA Withholding if such payment were made to a recipient that is generally unable to receive payments free from FATCA Withholding, and the extent to which the relevant payment is so treated, provided, however, that the relevant Issuer’s obligation under this Clause 4.14 shall apply only to the extent that such payments are so treated by virtue of characteristics of the Issuer, such Notes, or both.

#### **4.14 Agent Right to Withhold**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, each Agent shall be entitled to make a deduction or withholding from any payment which it makes under any Notes for or on account of any Tax, if and only to the extent so required by Applicable Law, in which event the Agent shall make such payment after such deduction or withholding has been made and shall account to the relevant Authority within the time allowed for the amount so deducted or withheld or, at its option, shall reasonably promptly after making such payment return to the Issuer the amount so deducted or withheld, in which case, the Issuer shall so account to the relevant Authority for such amount. For the avoidance of doubt, FATCA Withholding is a deduction or withholding which is deemed to be required by Applicable Law for the purposes of this Clause 4.14.

#### **4.15 Issuer Right to Redirect**

In the event that the Issuer determines in its sole discretion that any deduction or withholding for or on account of any Tax will be required by Applicable Law in connection with any payment due to any of the Agents on any Notes, then the Issuer will be entitled to redirect or reorganise any such payment in any way that it sees fit in order that the payment may be made without such deduction or withholding provided that, any such redirected or reorganised payment is made through a recognised institution of international standing and otherwise made in accordance with this Agreement and the Trust Deed. The Issuer will promptly notify the Agents and the Trustee of any such redirection or reorganisation. For the avoidance of doubt, FATCA Withholding is a deduction or withholding which is deemed to be required by Applicable Law for the purposes of this Clause 4.15.

### **5 Repayment**

If claims in respect of any Note or Coupon become void or prescribed under the Conditions, the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent shall forthwith repay to the Issuer the amount that would have been due on such Note or Coupon if it or the relative Certificate had been presented for payment before such claims became void or prescribed. Subject to Clause 19, the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent shall not however be otherwise required or entitled to repay any sums received by it under this Agreement.

## **6 Early Redemption and Exercise of Options**

### **6.1 Notice to Issuing and Principal Paying Agent**

If the Issuer intends (other than consequent upon an Event of Default or any right of the holder to require redemption) to redeem all or any of the Notes of any Series before their stated maturity date or to exercise any Issuer's option in the Conditions it shall, at least 14 days before the latest date for the publication of the notice of redemption or of exercise of Issuer's option required to be given to Noteholders, give notice of such intention to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent, the Trustee and, in the case of redemption of Registered Notes, the Registrar stating the date on which such Notes are to be redeemed or such option is to be exercised and the nominal amount of Notes to be redeemed or subject to the option.

### **6.2 Drawing on Partial Redemption or Exercise of Option**

If only some of the Notes of a Series are to be redeemed, or subject to the exercise of an Issuer's option, on such date the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent shall make the drawing that is required in accordance with the Conditions and the Issuer and the Trustee shall be entitled to send representatives to attend such drawing.

### **6.3 Notice to Noteholders**

The Issuing and Principal Paying Agent shall publish any notice to Noteholders required in connection with any such redemption or exercise of an Issuer's option and shall at the same time also publish a separate list of the certificate numbers of any Bearer Notes previously drawn and not presented either for payment or as may otherwise be required pursuant to any Issuer's option and of the nominal amount of Registered Notes drawn and in respect of which the related Certificates have not been so presented. Such notice shall specify the date fixed for redemption or exercise of any option, the redemption price and the manner in which redemption will be effected or the terms of the exercise of such option and, in the case of a partial redemption or exercise of any option, the certificate numbers of the Bearer Notes drawn and the nominal amount of Registered Notes drawn, where applicable. In addition, the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent shall send to each holder of Registered Notes that are called in whole or in part for redemption or exercise of any option, at its address shown in the Register, a copy of such notice together with details of such holder's Registered Notes called for redemption or subject to any option and the extent of such redemption or the terms of the exercise of such option.

### **6.4 Option Exercise Notices**

The Paying Agent with which a Bearer Note or the Transfer Agent with which a Certificate is deposited in a valid exercise of any Noteholders' option shall hold such Note (together with any Coupons or Talon relating to it deposited with it) or Certificate on behalf of the depositing Noteholder (but shall not, save as provided below, release it) until the due date for redemption of, or exercise of the option relating to, the relevant Note(s) consequent upon the exercise of such option, when, in the case of an option to redeem, and subject as provided below, it shall present any such Note, Certificate, Coupons and Talon to itself for payment of the amount due in accordance with the Conditions and shall pay such moneys in accordance with the directions of the Noteholder contained in the Exercise Notice. In the event of the exercise of any other option, each Agent shall take the steps required of it in the Conditions and, in the case of Registered Notes, Clauses 10 and 11. If any such Note becomes immediately due and payable before the due date for its redemption or exercise of the option, or if upon due presentation payment of the amount due is improperly withheld or

refused or exercise of the option is improperly denied, the Agent concerned shall mail such Note (and any related Coupons or Talon) or its Certificate by uninsured post to, and at the risk of, the relevant Noteholder (unless the Noteholder otherwise requests and pays the costs of such insurance in advance to the relevant Agent) to such address as may have been given by the Noteholder in the Exercise Notice or, in the case of Registered Notes where no address has been given, to the address appearing in the Register. At the end of each period for the exercise of any such option, each Agent shall promptly notify the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent of the nominal amount of the Notes in respect of which such option has been exercised with it together with their certificate numbers (or those of the Certificates representing them) and the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent shall promptly notify such details to the Issuer and the Trustee.

## **7 Cancellation, Destruction, Records and Reporting Requirements**

### **7.1 Cancellation**

All Bearer Notes that are redeemed (together with such unmatured Coupons or unexchanged Talons as are attached to or are surrendered with them at the time of such redemption), all Certificates representing Registered Notes that are redeemed, all Coupons that are paid in full and all Talons that have been exchanged for Coupon sheets shall be cancelled forthwith by the Paying Agent or Transfer Agent through which they are redeemed, paid or exchanged. Such Paying Agent or Transfer Agent shall send to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent, in the case of Bearer Notes, or the Registrar, in the case of Registered Notes, the details required by such person for the purposes of this Clause and the cancelled Notes, Coupons, Talons and/or Certificates.

### **7.2 Cancellation by Issuer**

If the Issuer or any of its subsidiaries purchases any Notes that are to be cancelled in accordance with the Conditions, the Issuer shall forthwith cancel them or procure their cancellation, inform the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent or the Registrar, as the case may be, and send them (if in definitive bearer form) to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent.

### **7.3 Certificate of Issuing and Principal Paying Agent or Registrar**

The Issuing and Principal Paying Agent, in the case of Bearer Notes, or the Registrar, in the case of Registered Notes shall upon request, within four months after the date of any such redemption, payment, exchange or purchase, send the Issuer and the Trustee a certificate stating (1) the aggregate nominal amount of Notes that have been redeemed and cancelled and the aggregate amount paid in respect of any related Coupons that have been paid and cancelled or in respect of interest paid on a Global Note, (2) the certificate numbers of such Notes (or of the Certificates representing them), (3) the total number by maturity dates of such Coupons, (4) the certificate numbers and maturity dates of such Talons and (5) the total number and maturity dates of unmatured Coupons, and the certificate numbers and maturity dates of unmatured Talons, not surrendered with Bearer Notes redeemed, in each case distinguishing between Bearer Notes of each Series and denomination (and any Coupons and Talons relating to them) and Registered Notes of each Series.

### **7.4 Destruction**

Unless otherwise instructed by the Issuer or unless, in the case of the Global Note, it is to be returned to its holder in accordance with its terms, the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent, in the case of Bearer Notes, and the Registrar, in the case of Registered Notes, (or the

designated agent of either) shall destroy the cancelled Bearer Notes, Coupons, Talons and/or Certificates in its possession and upon request shall send the Issuer and the Trustee a certificate giving the certificate numbers of such Notes (or of the Certificates representing them) in numerical sequence, the maturity dates and certificate numbers (in numerical sequence) of such Talons and the total numbers by maturity date of such Coupons, in each case distinguishing between Bearer Notes of each Series and denomination (and any Coupons and Talons relating to them) and Registered Notes of each Series and Coupons and Talons that have been paid or exchanged and those that have been surrendered for cancellation before their due date.

## **7.5 Records**

The Issuing and Principal Paying Agent shall keep a full and complete record of all Bearer Notes, Coupons and Talons (other than the certificate numbers of Coupons) and of their redemption, purchase, payment, exchange, cancellation, replacement and destruction and make such records available at all reasonable times to the Issuer and the Trustee.

## **7.6 Reporting Requirements**

The Issuing and Principal Paying Agent shall (on behalf of the Issuer) submit such reports or information as may be required from time to time in relation to the issue and purchase of Notes by applicable law, regulations and guidelines promulgated by any governmental regulatory authority agreed between the Issuer and the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent.

## **8 Coupon Sheets**

As regards each Bearer Note issued with a Talon, the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent shall, on or after the due date for exchange of such Talon, make available in exchange for such Talon at the specified office of the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent a further coupon sheet and, if relevant, a further Talon appertaining to such Bearer Note, but subject always to the Issuer having procured the delivery of a supply of such coupon sheets to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent. To the extent that any Coupon in any such coupon sheet shall have become void before issue, the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent shall cancel such Coupon and destroy it in accordance with the provisions of Clause 7.4.

## **9 Replacement Notes, Certificates, Coupons and Talons**

### **9.1 Replacement**

The Issuing and Principal Paying Agent, in the case of Bearer Notes, Coupons or Talons, and the Registrar, in the case of Certificates, (in such capacity, the “**Replacement Agent**”) shall arrange the issue replacement Bearer Notes, Certificates, Coupons and Talons in accordance with the Conditions.

### **9.2 Coupons and Talons on Replacement Bearer Notes**

In the case of mutilated or defaced Bearer Notes, the Replacement Agent shall ensure that (unless such indemnity as the Issuer may require is given) any replacement Note only has attached to it Coupons and/or a Talon corresponding to those attached to the Note that it replaces.

### **9.3 Cancellation**

The Replacement Agent shall cancel and, unless otherwise instructed by the Issuer, destroy any mutilated or defaced Bearer Notes, Certificates, Coupons and Talons replaced by it and

shall on request in writing by any of them send the Issuer, the Trustee and the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent a certificate giving the information specified in Clause 7.4.

#### **9.4 Notification**

The Replacement Agent shall, on issuing a replacement Bearer Note, Certificate, Coupon or Talon, forthwith inform the other Agents of its certificate number and of the one that it replaces.

#### **9.5 Presentation after Replacement**

If a Bearer Note, Certificate, Coupon or Talon that has been replaced is presented to an Agent for payment or exchange, that Agent shall forthwith inform the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent, in the case of Bearer Notes, or the Registrar, in the case of Registered Notes, which shall so inform the Issuer.

### **10 Additional Duties of the Transfer Agents**

The Transfer Agent with which a Certificate is presented for the transfer of, or exercise of any Noteholders' option relating to, Registered Notes represented by it shall forthwith notify the Registrar of (1) the name and address of the holder of the Registered Note(s) appearing on such Certificate, (2) the certificate number of such Certificate and nominal amount of the Registered Note(s) represented by it, (3) (in the case of an exercise of an option) the contents of the Exercise Notice, (4) (in the case of a transfer of, or exercise of an option relating to, part only) the nominal amount of the Registered Note(s) to be transferred or in respect of which such option is exercised, and (5) (in the case of a transfer) the name and address of the transferee to be entered on the Register and, subject to Clause 7.4 shall cancel such Certificate and forward it to the Registrar.

### **11 Additional Duties of the Registrar**

The Registrar shall maintain a Register for each Series of Registered Notes in Luxembourg in accordance with the Conditions and the Regulations. The Register shall show the number of issued Certificates, their nominal amount, their date of issue and their certificate number (which shall be unique for each Certificate of a Series) and shall identify each Registered Note, record the name and address of its initial subscriber, all subsequent transfers, exercises of options and changes of ownership in respect of it, the names and addresses of its subsequent holders and the Certificate from time to time representing it, in each case distinguishing between Registered Notes of the same Series having different terms as a result of the partial exercise of any option. The Registrar shall at all reasonable times during office hours make the Register available to the Issuer, the Trustee, the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent and the Transfer Agents or any person authorised by any of them for inspection and for the taking of copies and the Registrar shall deliver to such persons all such lists of holders of Registered Notes, their addresses and holdings as they may request. In relation to each Series of Registered Global Notes which is held under the NSS, the Registrar agrees to perform the additional duties set out in Schedule 5 to this Agreement.

### **12 Regulations Concerning Registered Notes**

The Issuer may, subject to the Conditions, from time to time with the approval of the Trustee, the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent, the Transfer Agents and the Registrar promulgate regulations concerning the carrying out of transactions relating to Registered Notes and the

forms and evidence to be provided. All such transactions shall be made subject to the Regulations. The initial Regulations are set out in Schedule 2.

## **13 Documents and Forms**

### **13.1 Issuing and Principal Paying Agent**

The Issuer shall provide to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent in a sufficient quantity, in the case of Clauses 13.1.2(ii), 13.1.3, 13.1.4 for distribution among the relevant Agents as required by this Agreement or the Conditions:

- 13.1.1** executed master Global Notes to be used from time to time for the purpose of issuing Notes in accordance with Clause 3;
- 13.1.2** if Definitive Notes in bearer form of any Series are to be issued, (i) such Definitive Notes and any related Coupons and Talons, duly executed on behalf of the Issuer, (ii) specimens of such Notes, Coupons and Talons and (iii) additional forms of such Notes, Coupons and Talons for the purpose of issuing replacements, at least 14 days before the Exchange Date for the relative Global Note (and the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent (or its agent on its behalf) shall authenticate such Definitive Notes immediately before their issue);
- 13.1.3** all documents (including Exercise Notices) required under the Notes or by any stock exchange on which the Notes are listed to be available for issue or inspection during business hours (and the Paying Agents, in the case of Bearer Notes, and the Transfer Agents, in the case of Registered Notes, shall make such documents available for collection or inspection to the Noteholders that are so entitled); and
- 13.1.4** forms of voting certificates and block voting instructions, together with instructions as to how to complete, deal with and record the issue of such forms (and the Paying Agents, in the case of Bearer Notes, and the Transfer Agents, in the case of Registered Notes, shall make such documents available to the relevant Noteholders and carry out the other functions set out in Schedule 3 of the Trust Deed).

### **13.2 Registrar**

The Issuer shall provide the Registrar with enough blank Certificates (including Registered Global Notes) to meet the Transfer Agents' and the Registrar's anticipated requirements for Certificates upon the issue and transfer of each Series of Registered Notes and for the purpose of issuing replacement Certificates.

### **13.3 Notes etc. held by Agents**

Each Agent (1) acknowledges that all forms of Notes, Certificates, Coupons and Talons delivered to and held by it pursuant to this Agreement shall be held by it as safekeeper only and it shall not be entitled to and shall not claim any lien or other security interest on such forms, (2) shall only use such forms in accordance with this Agreement, (3) shall maintain all such forms in safe keeping (4) shall take such security measures as may reasonably be necessary to prevent their theft, loss or destruction and (5) shall keep an inventory of all such forms and make it available to the Issuer, the Trustee and the other Agents at all reasonable times.

## **14 Duties of Calculation Agent**

The Calculation Agent shall perform the duties expressed to be performed by it in the Conditions in respect of each Series of Notes in respect of which it is appointed as Calculation Agent. As soon as practicable after the relevant time on each Interest Determination Date or such time on such date as the Conditions may require to be calculated any rate or amount, any quotation to be obtained or any determination or calculation to be made by the Calculation Agent, the Calculation Agent shall determine such rate and calculate the Interest Amounts in respect of each denomination of the Notes for the relevant Interest Accrual Period, Interest Period or Interest Payment Date, calculate the Redemption Amount or Instalment Amount, obtain such quotation and/or make such determination or calculation, as the case may be, and cause the Rate of Interest and the Interest Amounts for each Interest Accrual Period, Interest Period or Interest Payment Date and, if required, the relevant Interest Payment Date and, if required to be calculated, any Redemption Amount or Instalment Amount to be notified to any other Calculation Agent appointed in respect of the Notes that is to make a further calculation upon receipt of such information, the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent, the Issuer, each of the Paying Agents, the relevant Noteholders and, if the relevant Notes are to be listed on a stock exchange and the rules of such exchange so require, such exchange as soon as possible after their determination but in no event later than (i) the commencement of the relevant Interest Period, if determined prior to such time, in the case of notification to such exchange of an Rate of Interest and Interest Amount, or (ii) in all other cases, the fourth Business Day after such determination. If the Calculation Agent at any material time does not make any determination or calculation or take any action that it is required to do pursuant to the Conditions, it shall forthwith notify the Issuer, the Trustee and the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent.

## **15 Fees and Expenses**

### **15.1 Fees**

The Issuer shall pay within five business days to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent the fees and expenses, duly documented, in respect of the Agents' services as separately agreed with the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent and the Issuer need not concern itself with the apportionment of such fees and expenses between the Agents.

### **15.2 Costs**

The Issuer shall also pay within five business days all out of pocket expenses (including legal, advertising, fax and postage expenses) duly documented and properly incurred by the Agents in connection with their services together with any applicable value added tax, sales, stamp, issue, registration, documentary or other similar taxes or duties.

## **16 Tax Gross Up**

**16.1** All payments in respect of the Issuer's obligations hereunder shall be made free and clear of, and without withholding or deduction for, any taxes, funds, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatsoever nature imposed, levied, collected or assessed under the law of Ireland or the Republic of Italy or any political subdivision or any authority thereof or therein having power to tax, unless such withholding or deduction is required by law. If the Issuer makes a payment in relation to which the Issuer must make a tax deduction or a withholding for or on account of the above mentioned taxes, the Issuer shall pay such



increased amounts as will result in the receipt by each Agent of such amounts as would have been received by it if no such withholding or deduction had been required.

- 16.2** If the Issuer makes a tax payment and any Agent determines, acting reasonably and in good faith, that a tax credit is attributable either to an increased payment of which that tax payment forms part, or to that tax payment, to the extent that and when such tax credit will be actually obtained, used and retained by such Agent, such Agent shall pay an amount to the Issuer which that Agent determines will leave it (after that payment) in the same after tax position as it would have been in had the tax payment not been required to be made by the Issuer.
- 16.3** The parties agree that the above mechanism does not create for any Agent any obligation vis a vis the Issuer (i) to request to any tax authority a refund or (ii) to carry out any specific administrative procedure or any other formalities to obtain the possibility to use the above mentioned tax credit in accordance with the applicable laws.

## **17 Indemnity**

### **17.1 By Issuer**

The Issuer shall indemnify each Agent against any loss, liability, cost, claim, action, demand or expense (including, but not limited to, all reasonable costs, charges and expenses paid or incurred in disputing or defending any of the foregoing) that it may incur or that may be made against it arising out of or in relation to or in connection with its appointment or the exercise of its functions, except such as may result from a breach by it of this Agreement or its own negligence, fraud or wilful default or that of its officers, employees or agents.

### **17.2 By Agents**

Each Agent shall indemnify the Issuer against any loss, liability, cost, claim, action, demand or expense (including, but not limited to, all reasonable costs, charges and expenses paid or incurred in disputing or defending any of the foregoing) that the Issuer may incur or that may be made against it as a result of such Agent's negligence, fraud or wilful default or that of its officers, employees or agents.

- 17.3** The indemnities set out above shall survive any termination of this Agreement.

## **18 General**

### **18.1 No Agency or Trust**

In acting under this Agreement the Agents shall act as agent of the Issuer and have no obligation towards or relationship of agency or trust with the holder of any Note, Coupon or Talon.

### **18.2 Holder to be Treated as Owner**

Except as otherwise required by law, each Agent shall treat the holder of a Note, Coupon or Talon as its absolute owner as provided in the Conditions and shall not be liable for doing so.

### **18.3 No Lien**

No Agent shall exercise any lien, right of set off or similar claim against any holder of a Note or Coupon in respect of moneys payable by it under this Agreement.

#### **18.4 Taking of Advice**

Each Agent may consult on any legal or other matter any legal or other adviser selected by it, who may be an employee of or adviser to the Issuer, and it shall not be liable in respect of anything done, or omitted to be done, relating to that matter in good faith in accordance with that adviser's opinion.

#### **18.5 Reliance on Documents etc.**

No Agent shall be liable in respect of anything done or suffered by it in reliance on a Note, Certificate, Coupon, Talon or other document, instruction or information from any electronic or other source reasonably believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or otherwise given or disseminated by the proper parties.

#### **18.6 Other Relationships**

Any Agent and any other person, whether or not acting for itself, may acquire, hold or dispose of any Note, Coupon, Talon or other security (or any interest therein) of the Issuer or any other person, may enter into or be interested in any contract or transaction with any such person, and may act on, or as depositary, trustee or agent for, any committee or body of holders of securities of any such person, in each case with the same rights as it would have had if that Agent were not an Agent and need not account for any profit.

#### **18.7 List of Authorised Persons**

The Issuer shall provide the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent for itself and for delivery to each other Agent with a copy of the certified list of persons authorised to take action on behalf of the Issuer in connection with this Agreement (as referred to in clause 9.1.4 of the Dealer Agreement) and shall notify the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent and each other Agent immediately in writing if any of such persons ceases to be so authorised or if any additional person becomes so authorised. Unless and until notified of any such change, each of the Agents shall be entitled to rely upon the certificate(s) delivered to them most recently and all instructions given in accordance with such certificate(s) shall be binding upon the Issuer.

#### **18.8 Consequential Loss**

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, no Agent shall under any circumstances be liable for any consequential loss or damage (including, but not limited to, loss of profits, whether or not foreseeable) even if advised of the possibility of such loss or damage and regardless of whether the claim for loss or damage is made in negligence, breach of contract, duty or otherwise.

#### **18.9 Illegality**

No Agent shall be under any obligation to take any action under this Agreement (i) which may be illegal or contrary to Applicable Law or (ii) which it expects, and has so notified the Issuer in writing, will result in any expense, loss, charge or liability accruing to it, the payment of which or adequate indemnity against which within a reasonable time is not, in its opinion, assured to it.

#### **18.10 No implied duties**

The Agents shall be obliged to perform such duties and only such duties as are set out in this Agreement and the Notes and the duties necessarily incidental to them and no implied duties or obligations shall be read into this Agreement or the Notes against the Agents other

than the duty to act honestly and in good faith and to exercise the diligence of a reasonably prudent agent in comparable circumstances.

#### **18.11 Instructions**

Each of the Agents shall be protected and shall incur no liability for or in respect of any action taken, omitted or suffered in reliance upon any Instruction, request or order from the Issuer, the Trustee or any document which it reasonably believes to be genuine and to have been delivered, signed or sent by the proper party or parties or upon written instructions from the Issuer or the Trustee.

#### **18.12 Methods of communication**

In no event shall the Agents or any other entity of The Bank of New York Mellon Group be liable for any Losses arising from an Agent or any other entity of The Bank of New York Mellon Group receiving or transmitting any data to the Issuer any Authorised Person or any party to the transaction via any Electronic Means. The relevant Agent shall have: (i) no duty or obligation to verify or confirm that the person who sent any notice, Instructions or other communication via any Electronic Means is, in fact, a person authorised to give such notice, Instructions or other communication on behalf of the Issuer, and (ii) no liability for any losses, liabilities, costs or expenses incurred or sustained by the Issuer as a result of such reliance upon or compliance with such notice Instructions or other communication, except in case of such Agent's gross negligence, wilful misconduct or fraud. The Issuer agrees that the security procedures, if any, to be followed in connection with a transmission of any such notice, instructions or other communications, provide to it a commercially reasonable degree of protection in light of its particular needs and circumstances.

The Agents or any other entity of The Bank of New York Mellon Group are authorised to comply with and rely upon any such notice, Instructions or other communications believed by it to have been sent or given by an Authorised Person or an appropriate party to the transaction (or authorised representative thereof). The Issuer or authorised officer of the Issuer shall use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that Instructions transmitted to the Agents or any other entity of The Bank of New York Mellon Group pursuant to this Agreement are complete and correct. Any Instructions shall be conclusively deemed to be valid Instructions from the Issuer or authorised officer of the Issuer to the Agents or any other entity of The Bank of New York Mellon Group for the purposes of this Agreement.

#### **18.13 Own funds**

No Paying Agent shall be under any duty to risk and/or expend its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability if it determines that the repayment of such funds is not assured to it within a reasonable time.

#### **18.14 Sanctions**

**18.14.1** The Issuer covenants and represents that neither it nor any of its consolidated subsidiaries nor, to the best of the knowledge of the Issuer (direct or indirect), its directors, officers or affiliates are the target or subject of any sanctions enforced by the US Government, (including, without limitation, the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the US Department of the Treasury (OFAC) or the US Department of State), the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, HM Treasury, or other relevant sanctions authority (collectively "**Sanctions**").

**18.14.2** The Issuer covenants and represents that neither it nor any of its consolidated subsidiaries nor, to the best of the knowledge of the Issuer (direct or indirect), its directors, officers or affiliates will use any payments made pursuant to this Agreement, (i) to fund or facilitate any activities of or business with any person who, at the time of such funding or facilitation, is the subject or target of Sanctions, (ii) to fund or facilitate any activities of or business with any country or territory that is the target or subject of Sanctions, or (iii) in any other manner that will result in a violation of Sanctions by any person as a result of any action by the Issuer or its consolidated subsidiaries.

**18.14.3** Clauses 18.14.1 and 18.14.2. will not apply if and to the extent that they are or would be unenforceable by reason of breach of (i) any provision of Council Regulation (EC) No 2271/96 of 22 November 1996 (or any law or regulation implementing such Regulation in any member state of the EEA) or (ii) any similar blocking or anti-boycott law in the United Kingdom or elsewhere. However, if the aforementioned Council Regulation purports to make compliance with any portion of this Clause unenforceable by the Issuer, the Issuer will nonetheless take such measures as may be necessary to ensure that the Issuer does not use the services or accounts in any manner which would cause the Agent to violate Sanctions applicable to the Agent.

#### **18.15 Agent's liability**

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the Trust Deed and/or the Notes, the Paying Agents shall not be liable to any person for any matter or thing done or omitted in any way in connection with this Agreement save in relation to its own gross negligence, wilful misconduct or fraud.

#### **18.16 Monitoring**

None of the Agents shall have any obligation or duty (i) to monitor or inquire as to the performance of the Issuer of its obligations under the Notes, this Agreement or any other relevant documents or (ii) to determine or take any steps to ascertain whether any relevant event under the Notes has occurred.

#### **18.17 Force Majeure**

Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the Agents shall not be responsible or liable for any delay or failure to perform under this Agreement or for any losses, liabilities, costs, claims demands, expenses whatsoever resulting, in whole or in part, from or caused by any event beyond the reasonable control of any Agent or an affiliate of such Agent including without limitation: strikes, work stoppages, acts of war, epidemic, terrorism, acts of God, governmental actions, exchange or currency controls or restrictions, devaluations or fluctuations, interruption, loss or malfunction of utilities, communications or any computer (software or hardware) services, the application of any law or regulation in effect now or in the future, or any event in the country in which the relevant duties under this Agreement are performed, (including, but not limited to, nationalisation, expropriation or other governmental actions, regulation of the banking or securities industry, sanctions imposed at national or international level or market conditions) which may affect, limit, prohibit or prevent the performance in full or in part of such duties until such time as such law, regulation or event shall no longer affect, limit, prohibit or prevent such performance (in full or in part) and in no event shall the Agent be obliged to substitute another currency for a currency whose transferability, convertibility or availability has been affected, limited, prohibited or prevented by such law, regulation or event.

## **19 Changes in Agents**

### **19.1 Appointment and Termination**

In relation to any Series of Notes, the Issuer may at any time appoint additional Paying Agents or Transfer Agents and/or terminate the appointment of any Agent by giving to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent and that Agent at least 60 days' notice to that effect, which notice shall expire at least 30 days before or after any due date for payment in respect of the Notes of that Series. Upon any letter of appointment being executed by or on behalf of the Issuer and any person appointed as an Agent, such person shall become a party to this Agreement as if originally named in it and shall act as such Agent in respect of that or those Series of Notes in respect of which it is appointed.

### **19.2 Resignation**

In relation to any Series of Notes and subject to Clause 19.3, any Agent may resign its appointment at any time by giving the Issuer and the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent at least 60 days' notice to that effect, which notice shall expire at least 30 days before or after any due date for payment in respect of the Notes of that Series.

### **19.3 Condition to Resignation and Termination**

No such resignation or (subject to Clause 19.5) termination of the appointment of the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent, Registrar or Calculation Agent shall, however, take effect until a new Issuing and Principal Paying Agent (which shall be a bank or trust company) or, as the case may be, Registrar or Calculation Agent has been appointed and no resignation or termination of the appointment of a Paying Agent or Transfer Agent shall take effect if there would not then be Paying Agents or Transfer Agents as required by the Conditions. If the Issuer fails to appoint a successor as requested by the Agreement and the Conditions by the tenth day before expiry of any notice given under Clause 19.2, then the relevant Agent may itself appoint as successor any reputable and experienced financial institution.

### **19.4 Change of Office**

If an Agent changes the address of its specified office in a city it shall give the Issuer, the Trustee and the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent at least 60 days' notice of the change, giving the new address and the date on which the change is to take effect.

### **19.5 Automatic Termination**

The appointment of the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent shall forthwith terminate if the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent becomes incapable of acting, is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent, files a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, makes an assignment for the benefit of its creditors, consents to the appointment of a receiver, administrator or other similar official of all or a substantial part of its property or admits in writing its inability to pay or meet its debts as they mature or suspends payment thereof, or if a resolution is passed or an order made for the winding up or dissolution of the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent, a receiver, administrator or other similar official of the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent or all or a substantial part of its property is appointed, a court order is entered approving a petition filed by or against it under applicable bankruptcy or insolvency law, or a public officer takes charge or control of the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent or its property or affairs for the purpose of rehabilitation, conservation or liquidation.

### **19.6 Delivery of Records**

If the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent or Registrar resigns or its appointment is terminated, the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent shall on the date on which the resignation or termination takes effect pay to the new Issuing and Principal Paying Agent any amount held by it for payment in respect of the Notes or Coupons and the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent or Registrar, as the case may be, shall simultaneously deliver to the new Issuing and Principal Paying Agent or Registrar the records kept by it and all documents and forms held by it pursuant to this Agreement.

## **19.7 Successor Corporations**

A corporation into which an Agent is merged or converted or with which it is consolidated or that results from a merger, conversion or consolidation to which it is a party shall, to the extent permitted by applicable law, be the successor Agent under this Agreement without further formality. The Agent concerned shall forthwith notify such an event to the other parties to this Agreement.

## **19.8 Notices**

The Issuing and Principal Paying Agent shall upon instruction from the Issuer give Noteholders and the Trustee at least 30 days' notice of any proposed appointment, termination, resignation or change under Clauses 19.1 to 19.4 of which it is aware and, as soon as practicable, notice of any succession under Clause 19.7 of which it is aware. The Issuer shall give Noteholders and the Trustee, as soon as practicable, notice of any termination under Clause 19.5 of which it is aware.

## **20 Communications**

### **20.1 Method**

Each communication under this Agreement shall be made by fax, electronic communication or otherwise in writing. Each communication or document to be delivered to any party under this Agreement shall be sent to that party at the fax number, postal address or electronic address, and marked for the attention of the person (if any), from time to time designated by that party to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent (or, in the case of the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent, by it to each other party) for the purpose of this Agreement. The initial telephone number, fax number, postal address, electronic address and person so designated are set out in the Programme Manual.

### **20.2 Deemed Receipt**

Any communication from any party to any other under this Agreement shall be effective, (if by fax) when the relevant delivery receipt is confirmed by the recipient following enquiry by the sender, (if in writing) when delivered and (if by electronic communication) when the relevant receipt of such communication being read is given, or where no read receipt is requested by the sender, at the time of sending, provided that no delivery failure notification is received by the sender within 24 hours of sending such communication, except that a communication received outside normal business hours shall be deemed to be received on the next business day in the city in which the recipient is located.

## **21 Notices**

### **21.1 Publication**

At the request and expense of the Issuer, the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent shall arrange for the publication of all notices to Noteholders (other than those to be published by the Calculation Agent). Notices to Noteholders shall be published in accordance with the Conditions and, unless the Trustee otherwise directs, shall only be published in a form which has been approved by the Trustee.

## **21.2 Notices from Noteholders**

Each of the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent and the Registrar shall promptly forward to the Issuer any notice received by it from a Noteholder whether electing to exchange a Global Note for Definitive Notes or otherwise.

## **21.3 Copies to the Trustee**

The Issuing and Principal Paying Agent shall promptly send to the Trustee two copies of the form of every notice to be given to Noteholders for approval and of every such notice once published.

## **22 Currency Indemnity**

If, under any applicable law and whether pursuant to a judgement being made or registered against the Issuer or in the liquidation, insolvency or any similar process of the Issuer or for any other reason, any payment under or in connection with this Agreement is made or falls to be satisfied in a currency (the “**other currency**”) other than that in which the relevant payment is expressed to be due (the “**required currency**”) under this Agreement, then, to the extent that the payment (when converted into the required currency at the rate of exchange on the date of payment or, if it is not practicable for the relevant Agent to purchase the required currency with the other currency on the date of payment, at the rate of exchange as soon thereafter as it is practicable for it to do so or, in the case of a liquidation, insolvency or analogous process, at the rate of exchange on the latest date permitted by applicable law for the determination of liabilities in such liquidation, insolvency or analogous process) actually received by the relevant Agent falls short of the amount due under the terms of this Agreement, the Issuer undertakes that it shall, as a separate and independent obligation, indemnify and hold harmless the Agent against the amount of the duly documented shortfall. For the purpose of this clause, “**rate of exchange**” means the rate at which the relevant Agent is able on a recognised foreign exchange market on the relevant date to purchase the required currency with the other currency and shall take into account any premium and other reasonable costs of exchange.

## **23 Amendments**

**23.1** The Issuing and Principal Paying Agent, the Trustee and the Issuer may agree, without the consent of the Noteholders or Coupon holders, to:

**23.1.1** any modification of this Agreement which is not, in the opinion of the Trustee, materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders; or

**23.1.2** any modification of the Notes (except as mentioned in the Conditions), the Coupons or this Agreement which is, in the opinion of the Trustee, of a formal, minor or technical nature or is made to correct a manifest error.

**23.2** Any modification made under Clauses 23.1.1 and 23.1.2 shall be binding on the Noteholders and the Coupon holders and shall be notified to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 17 (*Notices*) as soon as practicable after it has been agreed.

## **24 Governing Law and Jurisdiction**

### **24.1 Governing Law**

This Agreement and any non contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with it shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law.

### **24.2 Submission to Jurisdiction**

In relation to any legal action or proceedings arising out of or in connection with this Agreement (including a dispute relating to the existence, validity or termination of this Agreement or any non contractual obligation arising out of or in connection with this Agreement or the consequences of its nullity) ("**Proceedings**"), the Issuer and each of the Agents incorporated outside the United Kingdom irrevocably submits to the jurisdiction of the High Court of Justice in England and waives any objection to Proceedings in such courts whether on the ground of venue or on the ground that the Proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum. This Clause is made for the benefit of each of the other parties to this Agreement and shall not affect the right of any of them to take Proceedings in any other court of competent jurisdiction nor shall the taking of Proceedings in one or more jurisdictions preclude any of them from taking Proceedings in any other jurisdiction (whether concurrently or not).

### **24.3 Process Agent**

The Issuer hereby irrevocably appoints Law Debenture Corporate Services Limited of 8th Floor, 100 Bishopsgate, London, EC2N 4AG, London, United Kingdom as its agent to accept service of process in any Proceedings in England in connection herewith. Such service shall be deemed completed on delivery to such process agent (whether or not it is forwarded to and received by the Issuer). If for any reason such process agent ceases to be able to act as such or no longer has an address in London, the Issuer irrevocably agrees to appoint a substitute process agent acceptable to the Agents, and to deliver to the Agents a copy of the new agent's acceptance of that appointment, within 30 days. Nothing shall affect the right to serve process in any other manner permitted by law.

## **25 Counterparts**

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts which when taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

## **26 Amendment and Restatement**

This Agreement amends, restates and supersedes the Original Agency Agreement. Any Notes issued under the Programme on or after the date of this Agreement shall be issued pursuant to this Agreement. This does not affect any Notes issued under the Programme prior to the date of this Agreement. Subject to such amendment and restatement, the Original Agency Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.

## **27 Contractual Recognition of Bail-in**

Notwithstanding and to the exclusion of any other term of this Agreement or any other agreements, arrangements, or understanding between The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Luxembourg Branch and each other party to this Agreement (each a "**counterparty**"), each counterparty acknowledges and accepts that a BRRD Liability arising under this Agreement



may be subject to the exercise of Bail-in Powers by the Relevant Resolution Authority, and acknowledges, accepts, and agrees to be bound by:

- (a) the effect of the exercise of Bail-in Powers by the Relevant Resolution Authority in relation to any BRRD Liability of The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Luxembourg Branch to each counterparty under this Agreement, that (without limitation) may include and result in any of the following, or some combination thereof:
  - (i) the reduction of all, or a portion, of the BRRD Liability or outstanding amounts due thereon;
  - (ii) the conversion of all, or a portion, of the BRRD Liability into shares, other securities or other obligations of The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Luxembourg Branch or another person, and the issue to or conferral on any counterparty of such shares, securities or obligations;
  - (iii) the cancellation of the BRRD Liability; and/or
  - (iv) the amendment or alteration of any interest, if applicable, thereon, the maturity or the dates on which any payments are due, including by suspending payment for a temporary period; and
- (b) the variation of the terms of this Agreement, as deemed necessary by the Relevant Resolution Authority, to give effect to the exercise of Bail-in Powers by the Relevant Resolution Authority.
- (c) In this Clause 27 the following expressions have the following meanings:

**“Bail-in Legislation”** means in relation to a member state of the European Economic Area which has implemented, or which at any time implements, the BRRD, the relevant implementing law, regulation, rule or requirement as described in the EU Bail-in Legislation Schedule from time to time;

**“Bail-in Powers”** means any Write-down and Conversion Powers as defined in the EU Bail-in Legislation Schedule, in relation to the relevant Bail-in Legislation;

**“BRRD”** means Directive 2014/59/EU establishing a framework for the recovery and resolution of credit institutions and investment firms;

**“BRRD Liability”** means a liability in respect of which the relevant Write Down and Conversion Powers in the applicable Bail-in Legislation may be exercised;

**“EU Bail-in Legislation Schedule”** means the document described as such, then in effect, and published by the Loan Market Association (or any successor person) from time to time at <http://www.lma.eu.com/pages.aspx?p=499>; and

**“Relevant Resolution Authority”** means the resolution authority with the ability to exercise any Bail-in Powers in relation to The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Luxembourg Branch.

**Schedule 1**  
**Form of Exercise Notice for Redemption Option**

**AUTOSTRADA PER L'ITALIA S.p.A.**  
**Euro Medium Term Note Programme**  
**Series No: [●]**

By depositing this duly completed Notice with any Paying Agent or Transfer Agent for the Notes of the above Series (the “**Notes**”) the undersigned holder of such of the Notes as are, or are represented by the Certificate that is, surrendered with this Notice and referred to below irrevocably exercises its option to have such Notes, or the nominal amount of Notes specified below redeemed on [●] under Condition 6(e) (*Redemption, Purchase and Options – Redemption at the Option of Noteholders on the Occurrence of a Relevant Event*) of the Notes.

This Notice relates to Notes in the aggregate nominal amount of [●], in the case of Definitive Notes bearing the following certificate numbers:

If the Notes (or the Certificate representing them) to which this Notice relates are to be returned, or, in the case of a partial exercise of an option in respect of a single holding of Registered Notes, a new Certificate representing the balance of such holding in respect of which no option has been exercised is to be issued, to their holder, they should be returned by post to<sup>1</sup>:

**Payment Instructions**

Please make payment in respect of the above Notes as follows:

- (a) \*by [currency] cheque drawn on a bank in [the principal financial centre of the currency] and mailed to the \* [above address/address of the holder appearing in the Register].
- (b) \*by transfer to the following [currency] account:

Bank:

Branch Address:

Branch Code:

Account Number:

Account Name:

\*Delete as appropriate

Signature of holder:

Certifying signature<sup>2</sup>:

[To be completed by recipient Paying Agent or Transfer Agent]

Received by:

[Signature and stamp of Paying Agent or Transfer Agent]

At its office at:

On:

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**Notes**

1. The Agency Agreement provides that Notes or Certificates so returned or Certificates issued will be sent by post, uninsured and at the risk of the Noteholder, unless the Noteholder otherwise requests and pays the costs of such insurance in advance to the relevant Agent. This section need only be completed in respect of Registered Notes if the Certificate is not to be forwarded to the Registered Address.
2. The signature of any person relating to Registered Notes shall conform to a list of duly authorised specimen signatures supplied by the holder of such Notes or (if such signature corresponds with the name as it appears on the face of the Certificate) be certified by a notary public or a recognised bank or be supported by such other evidence as a Transfer Agent may reasonably require. A representative of the holder should state the capacity in which he signs.
3. This Exercise Notice is not valid unless all of the paragraphs requiring completion are duly completed.
4. The Agent with whom the above Notes or Certificates are deposited shall not in any circumstances be liable to the depositing Noteholder or any other person for any loss or damage arising from any act, default or omission of such Agent in relation to the Notes, Certificates or any of them unless such loss or damage was caused by the fraud or negligence of such Agent or its directors, officers or employees.

## Schedule 2

### Regulations Concerning the Transfer and Registration of Notes

**These provisions are applicable separately to each Series of Notes.**

1. Each Certificate shall represent an integral number of Registered Notes.
2. Unless otherwise requested by him and agreed by the Issuer and save as provided in the Conditions, each holder of more than one Registered Note shall be entitled to receive only one Certificate in respect of his holding.
3. Unless otherwise requested by them and agreed by the Issuer and save as provided in the Conditions, the joint holders of one or more Registered Notes shall be entitled to receive only one Certificate in respect of their joint holding which shall, except where they otherwise direct, be delivered to the joint holder whose name appears first in the register of the holders of Registered Notes in respect of the joint holding. All references to “holder”, “transferor” and “transferee” shall include joint holders, transferors and transferees.
4. The executors or administrators of a deceased holder of Registered Notes (not being one of several joint holders) and, in the case of the death of one or more of joint holders, the survivor or survivors of such joint holders shall be the only persons recognised by the Issuer as having any title to such Registered Notes.
5. Any person becoming entitled to Registered Notes in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of the holder of such Registered Notes may, upon producing such evidence that he holds the position in respect of which he proposes to act under this paragraph or of his title as the Transfer Agent or the Registrar shall require (including legal opinions), be registered himself as the holder of such Registered Notes or, subject to the preceding paragraphs as to transfer, may transfer such Registered Notes. The Issuer, the Transfer Agents and the Registrar may retain any amount payable upon the Registered Notes to which any person is so entitled until such person shall be so registered or shall duly transfer the Registered Notes.
6. Upon the initial presentation of a Certificate representing Registered Notes to be transferred or in respect of which an option is to be exercised or any other Noteholders’ right to be demanded or exercised, the Transfer Agent or the Registrar to whom such Note is presented shall request reasonable evidence as to the identity of the person (the “**Presentor**”) who has executed the form of transfer on the Certificate or other accompanying notice or documentation, as the case may be, if such signature does not conform to any list of duly authorised specimen signatures supplied by the registered holder. If the signature corresponds with the name of the registered holder, such evidence may take the form a certifying signature by a notary public or a recognised bank. If the Presentor is not the registered holder or is not one of the persons included on any list of duly authorised persons supplied by the registered holder, the Transfer Agent or Registrar shall require reasonable evidence (which may include legal opinions) of the authority of the Presentor to act on behalf of, or in substitution for, the registered holder in relation to such Registered Notes.
7. All transfers of, exercises of options relating to, and deliveries of Certificates representing, Registered Notes shall be made in accordance with the Conditions.

**Schedule 3**  
**Accountholder Certificate of Non U.S. Citizenship and Residency**

**AUTOSTRADA PER L-ITALIA S.p.A.**  
**(the “Issuer”)**  
**EURO MEDIUM TERM NOTE PROGRAMME**  
**Series No. [●] Tranche No. [●]**  
**(the “Securities”)**

This is to certify that as of the date hereof, and except as set forth below, the above captioned Securities held by you for our account (i) are owned by person(s) that are not citizens or residents of the United States, domestic partnerships, domestic corporations or any estate or trust the income of which is subject to United States Federal income taxation regardless of its source (“**United States person(s)**”), (ii) are owned by United States person(s) that (A) are the foreign branches of United States financial institutions (as defined in U.S. Treasury Regulations Section 1.165-12(c)(1)(iv)) (“**financial institutions**”) purchasing for their own account or for resale, or (B) acquired the Securities through foreign branches of financial institutions and who hold the Securities through such financial institution on the date hereof (and in either case (A) or (B), each such financial institution hereby agrees, on its own behalf or through its agent, that you may advise the Issuer or the Issuer’s agent that it will comply with the requirements of Section 165(j)(3)(A), (B) or (C) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations thereunder), or (iii) are owned by United States or foreign financial institution(s) for purposes of resale during the restricted period (as defined in U.S. Treasury Regulations Section 1.1635(c)(2)(i)(D)(7)), and in addition if the owner of the Securities is a United States or foreign financial institution described in clause (iii) above (whether or not also described in clause (i) or (ii) this is further to certify that such financial institution has not acquired the Securities for purposes of resale directly or indirectly to a United States person or to a person within the United States or its possessions.

If the Securities are of the category contemplated in Section 903(b)(3) of Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “**Securities Act**”) then this is also to certify that, except as set forth below (i) in the case of debt securities, the Securities are beneficially owned by (a) non U.S. person(s) or (b) U.S. person(s) who purchased the Securities in transactions which did not require registration under the Securities Act; or (ii) in the case of equity securities, the Securities are owned by (x) non U.S. person(s) (and such person(s) are not acquiring the Securities for the account or benefit of U.S. person(s)) or (y) U.S. person(s) who purchased the Securities in a transaction which did not require registration under the Securities Act. If this certification is being delivered in connection with the exercise of warrants pursuant to Section 903(b)(5) of Regulation S under the Securities Act, then this is further to certify that, except as set forth below, the Securities are being exercised by and on behalf of non U.S. person(s). As used in this paragraph the term “**U.S. person**” has the meaning given to it by Regulation S under the Securities Act.

As used herein, “**United States**” means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia); and its “**possessions**” include Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, Wake Island and the Northern Mariana Islands.

We undertake to advise you promptly by electronic transmission on or prior to the date on which you intend to submit your certification relating to the Securities held by you for our account in accordance with your Operating Procedures if any applicable statement herein is not correct on such date, and in the absence of any such notification it may be assumed that this certification applies as of such date.

This certification excepts and does not relate to [●] in nominal amount of such Securities in respect of which we are not able to certify and as to which we understand exchange and delivery of definitive Securities (or, if relevant, exercise of any rights or collection of any interest) cannot be made until we do so certify.

We understand that this certificate is required in connection with certain tax laws and, if applicable, certain securities laws, of the United States. In connection therewith, if administrative or legal proceedings are commenced or threatened in connection with which this certificate is or would be relevant, we irrevocably authorise you to produce this certificate to any interested party in such proceedings.

Dated: ..... ..

The account holder, as, or as agent for, the beneficial owner(s) of the Securities to which this Certificate applies.

**Schedule 4**  
**Clearing System Certificate of Non U.S. Citizenship And Residency**

**AUTOSTRADA PER L-ITALIA S.p.A.**  
**EURO MEDIUM TERM NOTE PROGRAMME**  
**Series No. [●] Tranche No. [●]**  
**(the “Securities”)**

This is to certify that, based solely on certifications we have received in writing or by electronic transmission from member organisations appearing in our records as persons being entitled to a portion of the nominal amount set forth below (our “**Member Organisations**”) substantially to the effect set forth in the Agency Agreement, as of the date hereof, [●] nominal amount of the above captioned Securities (i) is owned by persons that are not citizens or residents of the United States, domestic partnerships, domestic corporations or any estate or trust the income of which is subject to United States Federal income taxation regardless of its source (“**United States persons**”), (ii) is owned by United States persons that (a) are foreign branches of United States financial institutions (as defined in U.S. Treasury Regulations Section 1.165-12(c)(1)(iv)) (“**financial institutions**”) purchasing for their own account or for resale, or (b) acquired the Securities through foreign branches of United States financial institutions and who hold the Securities through such United States financial institutions on the date hereof (and in either case (a) or (b), each such United States financial institution has agreed, on its own behalf or through its agent, that we may advise the Issuer or the Issuer’s agent that it will comply with the requirements of Section 165(j)(3)(A), (B) or (C) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations thereunder), or (iii) is owned by United States or foreign financial institutions for purposes of resale during the restricted period (as defined in U.S. Treasury Regulations Section 1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D)(7)), and to the further effect that United States or foreign financial institutions described in clause (iii) above (whether or not also described in clause (i) or (ii)) have certified that they have not acquired the Securities for purposes of resale directly or indirectly to a United States person or to a person within the United States or its possessions.

If the Securities are of a category contemplated in Section 903(b)(3) of Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended then this is also to certify with respect to such nominal amount of Securities set forth above that, except as set forth below, we have received in writing or by electronic transmission, from our Member Organisations entitled to a portion of such nominal amount, certifications with respect to such portion, substantially to the effect set forth in the Agency Agreement.

We further certify (i) that we are not making available herewith for exchange (or, if relevant, exercise of any rights or collection of any interest in respect of) any portion of such Temporary Global Note excepted in such certifications and (ii) that as of the date hereof we have not received any notification from any of our Member Organisations to the effect that the statements made by such Member Organisations with respect to any portion of the part submitted herewith for exchange (or, if relevant, exercise of any rights or collection of any interest) are no longer true and cannot be relied upon as at the date hereof.

We understand that this certification is required in connection with certain tax laws and, if applicable, certain securities laws of the United States. In connection therewith, if administrative or legal proceedings are commenced or threatened in connection with which this certification is or would be relevant, we irrevocably authorise you to produce this certification to any interested party in such proceedings.

Dated: [●] \*

Yours faithfully

**[EUROCLEAR BANK SA/NV**

or

**[CLEARSTREAM BANKING, SA]**

By:.....

\* [Not earlier than the Exchange Date as defined in the Temporary Global Note.]



## **Schedule 5**

### **Obligations Regarding Bearer Global Notes in NGN Form and Registered Global Notes held under the NSS**

In relation to each Series of Notes that is represented by a NGN or held under the NSS, the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent or the Registrar, as the case may be, will comply with the following provisions:

1. The Issuing and Principal Paying Agent or the Registrar will inform each of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg through the Common Service Provider of the initial issue outstanding amount for the Notes on or prior to the relevant Issue Date.
2. If any event occurs that requires a mark up or mark down of the records which either Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg holds for its customers to reflect such customers' interest in the Notes, the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent or the Registrar will (to the extent known to it) promptly provide details of the amount of such mark up or mark down, together with a description of the event that requires it, to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (through the Common Service Provider) to ensure that (i) the issue outstanding amount of any Notes which are in NGN form, as set out in the records of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, or (ii) the records of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg reflecting the issue outstanding amount of any Registered Global Notes held under the NSS, remains accurate at all times.
3. The Issuing and Principal Paying Agent or the Registrar will at least once every month perform a reconciliation process with Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (through the Common Service Provider) with respect to the issue outstanding amount for the Notes and will promptly inform Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (through the Common Service Provider) of any discrepancies.
4. The Issuing and Principal Paying Agent or the Registrar will promptly assist Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (through the Common Service Provider) in resolving any discrepancy identified in the issue outstanding amount of any Bearer Global Notes in NGN form or in the records reflecting the issue outstanding amount of any Registered Global Notes held under the NSS.
5. The Issuing and Principal Paying Agent or the Registrar will promptly provide to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (through the Common Service Provider) details of all amounts paid by it under the Notes (or, where the Notes provide for delivery of assets other than cash, of the assets so delivered).
6. The Issuing and Principal Paying Agent or the Registrar will promptly provide to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (through the Common Service Provider) notice of any changes to the Notes that will affect the amount of, or date for, any payment due under the Notes.
7. The Issuing and Principal Paying Agent or the Registrar will (to the extent known to it) promptly provide to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (through the Common Service Provider) copies of all information that is given to the holders of the Notes.
8. The Issuing and Principal Paying Agent or the Registrar will (to the extent known to it) promptly pass on to the Issuer all communications it receives from Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg directly or through the Common Service Provider relating to the Notes.

9. The Issuing and Principal Paying Agent or the Registrar will (to the extent known to it) promptly notify Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (through the Common Service Provider) of any failure by the Issuer to make any payment due under the Notes when due.

## Schedule 6

### Further Information Relating to the Issuer

The following information relating to the Issuer is provided pursuant to Article 2414 of the Italian Civil Code.

Autostrade per l'Italia S.p.A. is an Italian company with registered office at Via Antonio Nibby 20, 00161 Rome, Italy, registered at the company register in Rome with number [●], REA number: [●].

The Issuer shall engage in the activities described below:

[●]

The Issuer's share capital is equal to [●] and the reserves and retained earnings are equal to [●].

The issue was approved by resolution of the Issuer's Board of Directors on [●] (registered at the company register in Rome on [●]) and by the Issuer's Managing Director on [●] (filed with the company register in Rome on [●]).

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

**AUTOSTRADA PER L'ITALIA S.p.A.**

(as Issuer)

By: .....

**BNY MELLON CORPORATE TRUSTEE SERVICES LIMITED**

(as Trustee)

By: .....

Authorised Signatory

**THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, LONDON BRANCH**

(as Issuing and Principal Paying Agent,  
Transfer Agent and Calculation Agent)

By: .....

Authorised Signatory

**THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON SA/NV, LUXEMBOURG BRANCH**

(as Registrar)

By: .....

Authorised Signatory