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In connection with the proposed business combination transaction between ABN AMRO Holding N.V. (ABN AMRO) and Barclays PLC (Barclays), Barclays has filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) a Registration Statement on Form F-4 (Form F-4), which includes the Barclays offer document/prospectus. Barclays has also filed with the SEC a Statement on Schedule TO and other relevant materials. In addition, ABN AMRO has filed with the SEC a Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 and has filed and will file other relevant materials. Barclays has mailed the offer document/prospectus to holders of ABN AMRO ordinary shares located in the United States and Canada and to holders of ABN AMRO ADSs in certain jurisdictions worldwide.

INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ THE OFFER DOCUMENT/PROSPECTUS AND ANY DOCUMENTS REGARDING THE POTENTIAL TRANSACTION IF AND WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE, BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN OR WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

Investors can obtain a free copy of the Form F-4, the offer document/prospectus and other filings without charge, at the SEC's website (www.sec.gov). Copies of such documents may also be obtained from ABN AMRO and Barclays without charge.

On October 5, 2007, Barclays issued the following press release:

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For immediate release

WITHDRAWAL OF OFFER FOR ABN AMRO AND RESTART OF BUYBACK PROGRAMME

Barclays announces that as at 4 October 2007, the Closing Date of its offer (Offer) for ABN AMRO Holding N.V. (ABN AMRO), not all the conditions relating to the Offer were fulfilled. In particular, the condition that at least 80% of ABN AMRO s issued ordinary share capital as at the Closing Date (excluding any ordinary shares held by ABN AMRO) were tendered, has not been fulfilled. As a result, Barclays withdraws its Offer with immediate effect. Any tenders of ordinary shares, American Depositary Shares, formerly convertible preference shares or DR preference shares under the Offer prior to or after the date of this announcement will be deemed not to have been made.

As at 4 October 2007, 4,410,136 ordinary shares in the share capital of ABN AMRO were tendered under the Offer, as well as 782,945 American Depositary Shares. In addition 5,260 formerly convertible preference shares and 8,466,875 DR preference shares were tendered under the Offer.

The merger protocol entered into between Barclays and ABN AMRO on 23 April 2007 (and amended on 23 July and 30 July 2007) is now terminated in accordance with its terms and Barclays is requesting payment of the 200 million break fee to which it is contractually entitled. This break fee will significantly exceed the costs that Barclays incurred in connection with the Offer.

The Barclays share buyback programme will be terminated today and will restart without the restrictions specific to the Offer as announced on 2 August 2007. To date Barclays has in aggregate acquired approximately 140.9 million shares for cancellation at an average price of 622.5 pence. Under the new, restarted programme, up to £1.55 billion remains available to purchase a maximum of 196.0 million shares for cancellation during the period from 8 October to 31 December 2007. The objective of the restarted programme remains to immunise

the dilutive effect of the issuance of shares to China Development Bank and Temasek on existing shareholders.

John Varley, Barclays Group CEO, said:

I thank Barclays shareholders and employees for their overwhelming support for this transaction over the past months. Barclays has strong momentum and I am confident that we will continue to deliver significant growth in the coming years.

Marcus Agius, Barclays Group Chairman, said:

The Board is proud of the way Barclays senior management conducted the campaign for ABN AMRO. We remain committed to continuing our successful strategy of Earn, Invest and Grow.

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This announcement is a public announcement as defined in section 9b paragraph 1, section 9t paragraph 3 and section 9t paragraph 4 of the Dutch Securities Markets Supervision Decree (*Besluit toezicht effectenverkeer 1995*).

Forward-looking statements

This announcement contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the US Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and Section 27A of the US Securities Act of 1933, as amended, with respect to certain of the Group's plans and its current goals and expectations relating to its future financial condition and performance. These forward-looking statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate only to historical or current facts. Forward-looking statements sometimes use words such as aim, anticipate, target, expect, estimate, intend, plan, goal, believe, or other words of similar meaning. Examples of forward-looking statements include, among others, statements regarding the Group's future financial position, income growth, impairment charges, business strategy, projected levels of growth in the banking and financial markets, projected costs, estimates of capital expenditures, and plans and objectives for future operations.

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Nothing in this announcement is intended, or is to be construed, as a profit forecast or to be interpreted to mean that earnings per Barclays share for the current or future financial years, will necessarily match or exceed the historical published earnings per Barclays share.