

(Multicurrency — Cross Border)

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International Swap Dealers Association, Inc.

## MASTER AGREEMENT

dated as of 27 October 2004

HSBC Bank plc                      Paragon Mortgages (No.8) PLC                      Citicorp Trustee Company Limited  
("Party A")                      ("Party B")                      and                      (the "Trustee")  
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have entered and/or anticipate entering into one or more transactions (each a "Transaction") that are or will be governed by this Master Agreement, which includes the schedule (the "Schedule"), and the documents and other confirming evidence (each a "Confirmation") exchanged between the parties confirming those Transactions.

Accordingly, the parties agree as follows: —

### 1. Interpretation

- (a) **Definitions.** The terms defined in Section 14 and in the Schedule will have the meanings therein specified for the purpose of this Master Agreement.
- (b) **Inconsistency.** In the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of the Schedule and the other provisions of this Master Agreement, the Schedule will prevail. In the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of any Confirmation and this Master Agreement (including the Schedule), such Confirmation will prevail for the purpose of the relevant Transaction.
- (c) **Single Agreement.** All Transactions are entered into in reliance on the fact that this Master Agreement and all Confirmations form a single agreement between the parties (collectively referred to as this "Agreement"), and the parties would not otherwise enter into any Transactions.

### 2. Obligations

#### (a) General Conditions.

- (i) Each party will make each payment or delivery specified in each Confirmation to be made by it, subject to the other provisions of this Agreement.
- (ii) Payments under this Agreement will be made on the due date for value on that date in the place of the account specified in the relevant Confirmation or otherwise pursuant to this Agreement, in freely transferable funds and in the manner customary for payments in the required currency. Where settlement is by delivery (that is, other than by payment), such delivery will be made for receipt on the due date in the manner customary for the relevant obligation unless otherwise specified in the relevant Confirmation or elsewhere in this Agreement.
- (iii) Each obligation of each party under Section 2(a)(i) is subject to (1) the condition precedent that no Event of Default or Potential Event of Default with respect to the other party has occurred and is continuing, (2) the condition precedent that no Early Termination Date in respect of the relevant Transaction has occurred or been effectively designated and (3) each other applicable condition precedent specified in this Agreement.

(b) **Change of Account.** Either party may change its account for receiving a payment or delivery by giving notice to the other party at least five Local Business Days prior to the scheduled date for the payment or delivery to which such change applies unless such other party gives timely notice of a reasonable objection to such change.

(c) **Netting.** If on any date amounts would otherwise be payable:—

- (i) in the same currency; and
- (ii) in respect of the same Transaction,

by each party to the other, then, on such date, each party's obligation to make payment of any such amount will be automatically satisfied and discharged and, if the aggregate amount that would otherwise have been payable by one party exceeds the aggregate amount that would otherwise have been payable by the other party, replaced by an obligation upon the party by whom the larger aggregate amount would have been payable to pay to the other party the excess of the larger aggregate amount over the smaller aggregate amount.

The parties may elect in respect of two or more Transactions that a net amount will be determined in respect of all amounts payable on the same date in the same currency in respect of such Transactions, regardless of whether such amounts are payable in respect of the same Transaction. The election may be made in the Schedule or a Confirmation by specifying that subparagraph (ii) above will not apply to the Transactions identified as being subject to the election, together with the starting date (in which case subparagraph (ii) above will not, or will cease to, apply to such Transactions from such date). This election may be made separately for different groups of Transactions and will apply separately to each pairing of Offices through which the parties make and receive payments or deliveries.

(d) **Deduction or Withholding for Tax.**

(i) **Gross-Up.** All payments under this Agreement will be made without any deduction or withholding for or on account of any Tax unless such deduction or withholding is required by any applicable law, as modified by the practice of any relevant governmental revenue authority, then in effect. If a party is so required to deduct or withhold, then that party ("X") will:—

- (1) promptly notify the other party ("Y") of such requirement;
- (2) pay to the relevant authorities the full amount required to be deducted or withheld (including the full amount required to be deducted or withheld from any additional amount paid by X to Y under this Section 2(d)) promptly upon the earlier of determining that such deduction or withholding is required or receiving notice that such amount has been assessed against Y;
- (3) promptly forward to Y an official receipt (or a certified copy), or other documentation reasonably acceptable to Y, evidencing such payment to such authorities; and
- (4) if such Tax is an Indemnifiable Tax, pay to Y, in addition to the payment to which Y is otherwise entitled under this Agreement, such additional amount as is necessary to ensure that the net amount actually received by Y (free and clear of Indemnifiable Taxes, whether assessed against X or Y) will equal the full amount Y would have received had no such deduction or withholding been required. However, X will not be required to pay any additional amount to Y to the extent that it would not be required to be paid but for:—

(A) the failure by Y to comply with or perform any agreement contained in Section 4(a)(i), 4(a)(iii) or 4(d); or

(B) the failure of a representation made by Y pursuant to Section 3(f) to be accurate and true unless such failure would not have occurred but for (I) any action taken by a taxing authority, or brought in a court of competent jurisdiction, on or after the date on which a Transaction is entered into (regardless of whether such action is taken or brought with respect to a party to this Agreement) or (II) a Change in Tax Law.

(ii) **Liability.** If: —

- (1) X is required by any applicable law, as modified by the practice of any relevant governmental revenue authority, to make any deduction or withholding in respect of which X would not be required to pay an additional amount to Y under Section 2(d)(i)(4);
- (2) X does not so deduct or withhold; and
- (3) a liability resulting from such Tax is assessed directly against X,

then, except to the extent Y has satisfied or then satisfies the liability resulting from such Tax, Y will promptly pay to X the amount of such liability (including any related liability for interest, but including any related liability for penalties only if Y has failed to comply with or perform any agreement contained in Section 4(a)(i), 4(a)(iii) or 4(d)).

(e) **Default Interest; Other Amounts.** Prior to the occurrence or effective designation of an Early Termination Date in respect of the relevant Transaction, a party that defaults in the performance of any payment obligation will, to the extent permitted by law and subject to Section 6(c), be required to pay interest (before as well as after judgment) on the overdue amount to the other party on demand in the same currency as such overdue amount, for the period from (and including) the original due date for payment to (but excluding) the date of actual payment, at the Default Rate. Such interest will be calculated on the basis of daily compounding and the actual number of days elapsed. If, prior to the occurrence or effective designation of an Early Termination Date in respect of the relevant Transaction, a party defaults in the performance of any obligation required to be settled by delivery, it will compensate the other party on demand if and to the extent provided for in the relevant Confirmation or elsewhere in this Agreement.

### 3. Representations

Each party represents to the other party (which representations will be deemed to be repeated by each party on each date on which a Transaction is entered into and, in the case of the representations in Section 3(f), at all times until the termination of this Agreement) that:—

(a) **Basic Representations.**

- (i) **Status.** It is duly organised and validly existing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organisation or incorporation and, if relevant under such laws, in good standing;
- (ii) **Powers.** It has the power to execute this Agreement and any other documentation relating to this Agreement to which it is a party, to deliver this Agreement and any other documentation relating to this Agreement that it is required by this Agreement to deliver and to perform its obligations under this Agreement and any obligations it has under any Credit Support Document to which it is a party and has taken all necessary action to authorise such execution, delivery and performance;
- (iii) **No Violation or Conflict.** Such execution, delivery and performance do not violate or conflict with any law applicable to it, any provision of its constitutional documents, any order or judgment of any court or other agency of government applicable to it or any of its assets or any contractual restriction binding on or affecting it or any of its assets;
- (iv) **Consents.** All governmental and other consents that are required to have been obtained by it with respect to this Agreement or any Credit Support Document to which it is a party have been obtained and are in full force and effect and all conditions of any such consents have been complied with; and
- (v) **Obligations Binding.** Its obligations under this Agreement and any Credit Support Document to which it is a party constitute its legal, valid and binding obligations, enforceable in accordance with their respective terms (subject to applicable bankruptcy, reorganisation, insolvency, moratorium or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject, as to enforceability, to equitable principles of general application (regardless of whether enforcement is sought in a proceeding in equity or at law)).

(b) **Absence of Certain Events.** No Event of Default or Potential Event of Default or, to its knowledge, Termination Event with respect to it has occurred and is continuing and no such event or circumstance would occur as a result of its entering into or performing its obligations under this Agreement or any Credit Support Document to which it is a party.

(c) **Absence of Litigation.** There is not pending or, to its knowledge, threatened against it or any of its Affiliates any action, suit or proceeding at law or in equity or before any court, tribunal, governmental body, agency or official or any arbitrator that is likely to affect the legality, validity or enforceability against it of this Agreement or any Credit Support Document to which it is a party or its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement or such Credit Support Document.

(d) **Accuracy of Specified Information.** All applicable information that is furnished in writing by or on behalf of it to the other party and is identified for the purpose of this Section 3(d) in the Schedule is, as of the date of the information, true, accurate and complete in every material respect.

(e) **Payer Tax Representation.** Each representation specified in the Schedule as being made by it for the purpose of this Section 3(e) is accurate and true.

(f) **Payee Tax Representations.** Each representation specified in the Schedule as being made by it for the purpose of this Section 3(f) is accurate and true.

#### 4. Agreements

Each party agrees with the other that, so long as either party has or may have any obligation under this Agreement or under any Credit Support Document to which it is a party:—

(a) **Furnish Specified Information.** It will deliver to the other party or, in certain cases under subparagraph (iii) below, to such government or taxing authority as the other party reasonably directs:—

(i) any forms, documents or certificates relating to taxation specified in the Schedule or any Confirmation;

(ii) any other documents specified in the Schedule or any Confirmation; and

(iii) upon reasonable demand by such other party, any form or document that may be required or reasonably requested in writing in order to allow such other party or its Credit Support Provider to make a payment under this Agreement or any applicable Credit Support Document without any deduction or withholding for or on account of any Tax or with such deduction or withholding at a reduced rate (so long as the completion, execution or submission of such form or document would not materially prejudice the legal or commercial position of the party in receipt of such demand), with any such form or document to be accurate and completed in a manner reasonably satisfactory to such other party and to be executed and to be delivered with any reasonably required certification,

in each case by the date specified in the Schedule or such Confirmation or, if none is specified, as soon as reasonably practicable.

(b) **Maintain Authorisations.** It will use all reasonable efforts to maintain in full force and effect all consents of any governmental or other authority that are required to be obtained by it with respect to this Agreement or any Credit Support Document to which it is a party and will use all reasonable efforts to obtain any that may become necessary in the future.

(c) **Comply with Laws.** It will comply in all material respects with all applicable laws and orders to which it may be subject if failure so to comply would materially impair its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement or any Credit Support Document to which it is a party.

(d) **Tax Agreement.** It will give notice of any failure of a representation made by it under Section 3(f) to be accurate and true promptly upon learning of such failure.

(e) **Payment of Stamp Tax.** Subject to Section 11, it will pay any Stamp Tax levied or imposed upon it or in respect of its execution or performance of this Agreement by a jurisdiction in which it is incorporated,

organised, managed and controlled, or considered to have its seat, or in which a branch or office through which it is acting for the purpose of this Agreement is located (“Stamp Tax Jurisdiction”) and will indemnify the other party against any Stamp Tax levied or imposed upon the other party or in respect of the other party’s execution or performance of this Agreement by any such Stamp Tax Jurisdiction which is not also a Stamp Tax Jurisdiction with respect to the other party.

## 5. Events of Default and Termination Events

(a) **Events of Default.** The occurrence at any time with respect to a party or, if applicable, any Credit Support Provider of such party or any Specified Entity of such party of any of the following events constitutes an event of default (an “Event of Default”) with respect to such party:—

(i) **Failure to Pay or Deliver.** Failure by the party to make, when due, any payment under this Agreement or delivery under Section 2(a)(i) or 2(e) required to be made by it if such failure is not remedied on or before the third Local Business Day after notice of such failure is given to the party;

(ii) **Breach of Agreement.** Failure by the party to comply with or perform any agreement or obligation (other than an obligation to make any payment under this Agreement or delivery under Section 2(a)(i) or 2(e) or to give notice of a Termination Event or any agreement or obligation under Section 4(a)(i), 4(a)(iii) or 4(d)) to be complied with or performed by the party in accordance with this Agreement if such failure is not remedied on or before the thirtieth day after notice of such failure is given to the party;

(iii) **Credit Support Default.**

(1) Failure by the party or any Credit Support Provider of such party to comply with or perform any agreement or obligation to be complied with or performed by it in accordance with any Credit Support Document if such failure is continuing after any applicable grace period has elapsed;

(2) the expiration or termination of such Credit Support Document or the failing or ceasing of such Credit Support Document to be in full force and effect for the purpose of this Agreement (in either case other than in accordance with its terms) prior to the satisfaction of all obligations of such party under each Transaction to which such Credit Support Document relates without the written consent of the other party; or

(3) the party or such Credit Support Provider disaffirms, disclaims, repudiates or rejects, in whole or in part, or challenges the validity of, such Credit Support Document;

(iv) **Misrepresentation.** A representation (other than a representation under Section 3(e) or (f)) made or repeated or deemed to have been made or repeated by the party or any Credit Support Provider of such party in this Agreement or any Credit Support Document proves to have been incorrect or misleading in any material respect when made or repeated or deemed to have been made or repeated;

(v) **Default under Specified Transaction.** The party, any Credit Support Provider of such party or any applicable Specified Entity of such party (1) defaults under a Specified Transaction and, after giving effect to any applicable notice requirement or grace period, there occurs a liquidation of, an acceleration of obligations under, or an early termination of, that Specified Transaction, (2) defaults, after giving effect to any applicable notice requirement or grace period, in making any payment or delivery due on the last payment, delivery or exchange date of, or any payment on early termination of, a Specified Transaction (or such default continues for at least three Local Business Days if there is no applicable notice requirement or grace period) or (3) disaffirms, disclaims, repudiates or rejects, in whole or in part, a Specified Transaction (or such action is taken by any person or entity appointed or empowered to operate it or act on its behalf);

(vi) **Cross Default.** If “Cross Default” is specified in the Schedule as applying to the party, the occurrence or existence of (1) a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (however

described) in respect of such party, any Credit Support Provider of such party or any applicable Specified Entity of such party under one or more agreements or instruments relating to Specified Indebtedness of any of them (individually or collectively) in an aggregate amount of not less than the applicable Threshold Amount (as specified in the Schedule) which has resulted in such Specified Indebtedness becoming, or becoming capable at such time of being declared, due and payable under such agreements or instruments, before it would otherwise have been due and payable or (2) a default by such party, such Credit Support Provider or such Specified Entity (individually or collectively) in making one or more payments on the due date thereof in an aggregate amount of not less than the applicable Threshold Amount under such agreements or instruments (after giving effect to any applicable notice requirement or grace period);

(vii) **Bankruptcy.** The party, any Credit Support Provider of such party or any applicable Specified Entity of such party: —

(1) is dissolved (other than pursuant to a consolidation, amalgamation or merger); (2) becomes insolvent or is unable to pay its debts or fails or admits in writing its inability generally to pay its debts as they become due; (3) makes a general assignment, arrangement or composition with or for the benefit of its creditors; (4) institutes or has instituted against it a proceeding seeking a judgment of insolvency or bankruptcy or any other relief under any bankruptcy or insolvency law or other similar law affecting creditors' rights, or a petition is presented for its winding-up or liquidation, and, in the case of any such proceeding or petition instituted or presented against it, such proceeding or petition (A) results in a judgment of insolvency or bankruptcy or the entry of an order for relief or the making of an order for its winding-up or liquidation or (B) is not dismissed, discharged, stayed or restrained in each case within 30 days of the institution or presentation thereof; (5) has a resolution passed for its winding-up, official management or liquidation (other than pursuant to a consolidation, amalgamation or merger); (6) seeks or becomes subject to the appointment of an administrator, provisional liquidator, conservator, receiver, trustee, custodian or other similar official for it or for all or substantially all its assets; (7) has a secured party take possession of all or substantially all its assets or has a distress, execution, attachment, sequestration or other legal process levied, enforced or sued on or against all or substantially all its assets and such secured party maintains possession, or any such process is not dismissed, discharged, stayed or restrained, in each case within 30 days thereafter; (8) causes or is subject to any event with respect to it which, under the applicable laws of any jurisdiction, has an analogous effect to any of the events specified in clauses (1) to (7) (inclusive); or (9) takes any action in furtherance of, or indicating its consent to, approval of, or acquiescence in, any of the foregoing acts; or

(viii) **Merger Without Assumption.** The party or any Credit Support Provider of such party consolidates or amalgamates with, or merges with or into, or transfers all or substantially all its assets to, another entity and, at the time of such consolidation, amalgamation, merger or transfer: —

(1) the resulting, surviving or transferee entity fails to assume all the obligations of such party or such Credit Support Provider under this Agreement or any Credit Support Document to which it or its predecessor was a party by operation of law or pursuant to an agreement reasonably satisfactory to the other party to this Agreement; or

(2) the benefits of any Credit Support Document fail to extend (without the consent of the other party) to the performance by such resulting, surviving or transferee entity of its obligations under this Agreement.

(b) **Termination Events.** The occurrence at any time with respect to a party or, if applicable, any Credit Support Provider of such party or any Specified Entity of such party of any event specified below constitutes an Illegality if the event is specified in (i) below, a Tax Event if the event is specified in (ii) below or a Tax Event Upon Merger if the event is specified in (iii) below, and, if specified to be applicable, a Credit Event

Upon Merger if the event is specified pursuant to (iv) below or an Additional Termination Event if the event is specified pursuant to (v) below:—

(i) **Illegality.** Due to the adoption of, or any change in, any applicable law after the date on which a Transaction is entered into, or due to the promulgation of, or any change in, the interpretation by any court, tribunal or regulatory authority with competent jurisdiction of any applicable law after such date, it becomes unlawful (other than as a result of a breach by the party of Section 4(b)) for such party (which will be the Affected Party): —

(1) to perform any absolute or contingent obligation to make a payment or delivery or to receive a payment or delivery in respect of such Transaction or to comply with any other material provision of this Agreement relating to such Transaction; or

(2) to perform, or for any Credit Support Provider of such party to perform, any contingent or other obligation which the party (or such Credit Support Provider) has under any Credit Support Document relating to such Transaction;

(ii) **Tax Event.** Due to (x) any action taken by a taxing authority, or brought in a court of competent jurisdiction, on or after the date on which a Transaction is entered into (regardless of whether such action is taken or brought with respect to a party to this Agreement) or (y) a Change in Tax Law, the party (which will be the Affected Party) will, or there is a substantial likelihood that it will, on the next succeeding Scheduled Payment Date (1) be required to pay to the other party an additional amount in respect of an Indemnifiable Tax under Section 2(d)(i)(4) (except in respect of interest under Section 2(e), 6(d)(ii) or 6(e)) or (2) receive a payment from which an amount is required to be deducted or withheld for or on account of a Tax (except in respect of interest under Section 2(e), 6(d)(ii) or 6(e)) and no additional amount is required to be paid in respect of such Tax under Section 2(d)(i)(4) (other than by reason of Section 2(d)(i)(4)(A) or (B));

(iii) **Tax Event Upon Merger.** The party (the “Burdened Party”) on the next succeeding Scheduled Payment Date will either (1) be required to pay an additional amount in respect of an Indemnifiable Tax under Section 2(d)(i)(4) (except in respect of interest under Section 2(e), 6(d)(ii) or 6(e)) or (2) receive a payment from which an amount has been deducted or withheld for or on account of any Indemnifiable Tax in respect of which the other party is not required to pay an additional amount (other than by reason of Section 2(d)(i)(4)(A) or (B)), in either case as a result of a party consolidating or amalgamating with, or merging with or into, or transferring all or substantially all its assets to, another entity (which will be the Affected Party) where such action does not constitute an event described in Section 5(a)(viii);

(iv) **Credit Event Upon Merger.** If “Credit Event Upon Merger” is specified in the Schedule as applying to the party, such party (“X”), any Credit Support Provider of X or any applicable Specified Entity of X consolidates or amalgamates with, or merges with or into, or transfers all or substantially all its assets to, another entity and such action does not constitute an event described in Section 5(a)(viii) but the creditworthiness of the resulting, surviving or transferee entity is materially weaker than that of X, such Credit Support Provider or such Specified Entity, as the case may be, immediately prior to such action (and, in such event, X or its successor or transferee, as appropriate, will be the Affected Party); or

(v) **Additional Termination Event.** If any “Additional Termination Event” is specified in the Schedule or any Confirmation as applying, the occurrence of such event (and, in such event, the Affected Party or Affected Parties shall be as specified for such Additional Termination Event in the Schedule or such Confirmation).

(c) **Event of Default and Illegality.** If an event or circumstance which would otherwise constitute or give rise to an Event of Default also constitutes an Illegality, it will be treated as an Illegality and will not constitute an Event of Default.

## 6. Early Termination

(a) **Right to Terminate Following Event of Default.** If at any time an Event of Default with respect to a party (the “Defaulting Party”) has occurred and is then continuing, the other party (the “Non-defaulting Party”) may, by not more than 20 days notice to the Defaulting Party specifying the relevant Event of Default, designate a day not earlier than the day such notice is effective as an Early Termination Date in respect of all outstanding Transactions. If, however, “Automatic Early Termination” is specified in the Schedule as applying to a party, then an Early Termination Date in respect of all outstanding Transactions will occur immediately upon the occurrence with respect to such party of an Event of Default specified in Section 5(a)(vii)(1), (3), (5), (6) or, to the extent analogous thereto, (8), and as of the time immediately preceding the institution of the relevant proceeding or the presentation of the relevant petition upon the occurrence with respect to such party of an Event of Default specified in Section 5(a)(vii)(4) or, to the extent analogous thereto, (8).

(b) **Right to Terminate Following Termination Event.**

(i) **Notice.** If a Termination Event occurs, an Affected Party will, promptly upon becoming aware of it, notify the other party, specifying the nature of that Termination Event and each Affected Transaction and will also give such other information about that Termination Event as the other party may reasonably require.

(ii) **Transfer to Avoid Termination Event.** If either an Illegality under Section 5(b)(i)(1) or a Tax Event occurs and there is only one Affected Party, or if a Tax Event Upon Merger occurs and the Burdened Party is the Affected Party, the Affected Party will, as a condition to its right to designate an Early Termination Date under Section 6(b)(iv), use all reasonable efforts (which will not require such party to incur a loss, excluding immaterial, incidental expenses) to transfer within 20 days after it gives notice under Section 6(b)(i) all its rights and obligations under this Agreement in respect of the Affected Transactions to another of its Offices or Affiliates so that such Termination Event ceases to exist.

If the Affected Party is not able to make such a transfer it will give notice to the other party to that effect within such 20 day period, whereupon the other party may effect such a transfer within 30 days after the notice is given under Section 6(b)(i).

Any such transfer by a party under this Section 6(b)(ii) will be subject to and conditional upon the prior written consent of the other party, which consent will not be withheld if such other party’s policies in effect at such time would permit it to enter into transactions with the transferee on the terms proposed.

(iii) **Two Affected Parties.** If an Illegality under Section 5(b)(i)(1) or a Tax Event occurs and there are two Affected Parties, each party will use all reasonable efforts to reach agreement within 30 days after notice thereof is given under Section 6(b)(i) on action to avoid that Termination Event.

(iv) **Right to Terminate.** If: —

(1) a transfer under Section 6(b)(ii) or an agreement under Section 6(b)(iii), as the case may be, has not been effected with respect to all Affected Transactions within 30 days after an Affected Party gives notice under Section 6(b)(i); or

(2) an Illegality under Section 5(b)(i)(2), a Credit Event Upon Merger or an Additional Termination Event occurs, or a Tax Event Upon Merger occurs and the Burdened Party is not the Affected Party,

either party in the case of an Illegality, the Burdened Party in the case of a Tax Event Upon Merger, any Affected Party in the case of a Tax Event or an Additional Termination Event if there is more than one Affected Party, or the party which is not the Affected Party in the case of a Credit Event Upon Merger or an Additional Termination Event if there is only one Affected Party may, by not more than 20 days notice to the other party and provided that the relevant Termination Event is then



continuing, designate a day not earlier than the day such notice is effective as an Early Termination Date in respect of all Affected Transactions.

(c) **Effect of Designation.**

(i) If notice designating an Early Termination Date is given under Section 6(a) or (b), the Early Termination Date will occur on the date so designated, whether or not the relevant Event of Default or Termination Event is then continuing.

(ii) Upon the occurrence or effective designation of an Early Termination Date, no further payments or deliveries under Section 2(a)(i) or 2(e) in respect of the Terminated Transactions will be required to be made, but without prejudice to the other provisions of this Agreement. The amount, if any, payable in respect of an Early Termination Date shall be determined pursuant to Section 6(e).

(d) **Calculations.**

(i) **Statement.** On or as soon as reasonably practicable following the occurrence of an Early Termination Date, each party will make the calculations on its part, if any, contemplated by Section 6(e) and will provide to the other party a statement (1) showing, in reasonable detail, such calculations (including all relevant quotations and specifying any amount payable under Section 6(e)) and (2) giving details of the relevant account to which any amount payable to it is to be paid. In the absence of written confirmation from the source of a quotation obtained in determining a Market Quotation, the records of the party obtaining such quotation will be conclusive evidence of the existence and accuracy of such quotation.

(ii) **Payment Date.** An amount calculated as being due in respect of any Early Termination Date under Section 6(e) will be payable on the day that notice of the amount payable is effective (in the case of an Early Termination Date which is designated or occurs as a result of an Event of Default) and on the day which is two Local Business Days after the day on which notice of the amount payable is effective (in the case of an Early Termination Date which is designated as a result of a Termination Event). Such amount will be paid together with (to the extent permitted under applicable law) interest thereon (before as well as after judgment) in the Termination Currency, from (and including) the relevant Early Termination Date to (but excluding) the date such amount is paid, at the Applicable Rate. Such interest will be calculated on the basis of daily compounding and the actual number of days elapsed.

(e) **Payments on Early Termination.** If an Early Termination Date occurs, the following provisions shall apply based on the parties' election in the Schedule of a payment measure, either "Market Quotation" or "Loss", and a payment method, either the "First Method" or the "Second Method". If the parties fail to designate a payment measure or payment method in the Schedule, it will be deemed that "Market Quotation" or the "Second Method", as the case may be, shall apply. The amount, if any, payable in respect of an Early Termination Date and determined pursuant to this Section will be subject to any Set-off.

(i) **Events of Default.** If the Early Termination Date results from an Event of Default: —

(1) **First Method and Market Quotation.** If the First Method and Market Quotation apply, the Defaulting Party will pay to the Non-defaulting Party the excess, if a positive number, of (A) the sum of the Settlement Amount (determined by the Non-defaulting Party) in respect of the Terminated Transactions and the Termination Currency Equivalent of the Unpaid Amounts owing to the Non-defaulting Party over (B) the Termination Currency Equivalent of the Unpaid Amounts owing to the Defaulting Party.

(2) **First Method and Loss.** If the First Method and Loss apply, the Defaulting Party will pay to the Non-defaulting Party, if a positive number, the Non-defaulting Party's Loss in respect of this Agreement.

(3) **Second Method and Market Quotation.** If the Second Method and Market Quotation apply, an amount will be payable equal to (A) the sum of the Settlement Amount (determined by the

Non-defaulting Party) in respect of the Terminated Transactions and the Termination Currency Equivalent of the Unpaid Amounts owing to the Non-defaulting Party less (B) the Termination Currency Equivalent of the Unpaid Amounts owing to the Defaulting Party. If that amount is a positive number, the Defaulting Party will pay it to the Non-defaulting Party; if it is a negative number, the Non-defaulting Party will pay the absolute value of that amount to the Defaulting Party.

(4) *Second Method and Loss.* If the Second Method and Loss apply, an amount will be payable equal to the Non-defaulting Party's Loss in respect of this Agreement. If that amount is a positive number, the Defaulting Party will pay it to the Non-defaulting Party; if it is a negative number, the Non-defaulting Party will pay the absolute value of that amount to the Defaulting Party.

(ii) **Termination Events.** If the Early Termination Date results from a Termination Event: —

(1) *One Affected Party.* If there is one Affected Party, the amount payable will be determined in accordance with Section 6(e)(i)(3), if Market Quotation applies, or Section 6(e)(i)(4), if Loss applies, except that, in either case, references to the Defaulting Party and to the Non-defaulting Party will be deemed to be references to the Affected Party and the party which is not the Affected Party, respectively, and, if Loss applies and fewer than all the Transactions are being terminated, Loss shall be calculated in respect of all Terminated Transactions.

(2) *Two Affected Parties.* If there are two Affected Parties: —

(A) if Market Quotation applies, each party will determine a Settlement Amount in respect of the Terminated Transactions, and an amount will be payable equal to (I) the sum of (a) one-half of the difference between the Settlement Amount of the party with the higher Settlement Amount ("X") and the Settlement Amount of the party with the lower Settlement Amount ("Y") and (b) the Termination Currency Equivalent of the Unpaid Amounts owing to X less (II) the Termination Currency Equivalent of the Unpaid Amounts owing to Y; and

(B) if Loss applies, each party will determine its Loss in respect of this Agreement (or, if fewer than all the Transactions are being terminated, in respect of all Terminated Transactions) and an amount will be payable equal to one-half of the difference between the Loss of the party with the higher Loss ("X") and the Loss of the party with the lower Loss ("Y").

If the amount payable is a positive number, Y will pay it to X; if it is a negative number, X will pay the absolute value of that amount to Y.

(iii) **Adjustment for Bankruptcy.** In circumstances where an Early Termination Date occurs because "Automatic Early Termination" applies in respect of a party, the amount determined under this Section 6(e) will be subject to such adjustments as are appropriate and permitted by law to reflect any payments or deliveries made by one party to the other under this Agreement (and retained by such other party) during the period from the relevant Early Termination Date to the date for payment determined under Section 6(d)(ii).

(iv) **Pre-Estimate.** The parties agree that if Market Quotation applies an amount recoverable under this Section 6(e) is a reasonable pre-estimate of loss and not a penalty. Such amount is payable for the loss of bargain and the loss of protection against future risks and except as otherwise provided in this Agreement neither party will be entitled to recover any additional damages as a consequence of such losses.

## 7. Transfer

Subject to Section 6(b)(ii), neither this Agreement nor any interest or obligation in or under this Agreement may be transferred (whether by way of security or otherwise) by either party without the prior written consent of the other party, except that: —

- (a) a party may make such a transfer of this Agreement pursuant to a consolidation or amalgamation with, or merger with or into, or transfer of all or substantially all its assets to, another entity (but without prejudice to any other right or remedy under this Agreement); and
- (b) a party may make such a transfer of all or any part of its interest in any amount payable to it from a Defaulting Party under Section 6(c).

Any purported transfer that is not in compliance with this Section will be void.

## 8. Contractual Currency

(a) **Payment in the Contractual Currency.** Each payment under this Agreement will be made in the relevant currency specified in this Agreement for that payment (the “Contractual Currency”). To the extent permitted by applicable law, any obligation to make payments under this Agreement in the Contractual Currency will not be discharged or satisfied by any tender in any currency other than the Contractual Currency, except to the extent such tender results in the actual receipt by the party to which payment is owed, acting in a reasonable manner and in good faith in converting the currency so tendered into the Contractual Currency, of the full amount in the Contractual Currency of all amounts payable in respect of this Agreement. If for any reason the amount in the Contractual Currency so received falls short of the amount in the Contractual Currency payable in respect of this Agreement, the party required to make the payment will, to the extent permitted by applicable law, immediately pay such additional amount in the Contractual Currency as may be necessary to compensate for the shortfall. If for any reason the amount in the Contractual Currency so received exceeds the amount in the Contractual Currency payable in respect of this Agreement, the party receiving the payment will refund promptly the amount of such excess.

(b) **Judgments.** To the extent permitted by applicable law, if any judgment or order expressed in a currency other than the Contractual Currency is rendered (i) for the payment of any amount owing in respect of this Agreement, (ii) for the payment of any amount relating to any early termination in respect of this Agreement or (iii) in respect of a judgment or order of another court for the payment of any amount described in (i) or (ii) above, the party seeking recovery, after recovery in full of the aggregate amount to which such party is entitled pursuant to the judgment or order, will be entitled to receive immediately from the other party the amount of any shortfall of the Contractual Currency received by such party as a consequence of sums paid in such other currency and will refund promptly to the other party any excess of the Contractual Currency received by such party as a consequence of sums paid in such other currency if such shortfall or such excess arises or results from any variation between the rate of exchange at which the Contractual Currency is converted into the currency of the judgment or order for the purposes of such judgment or order and the rate of exchange at which such party is able, acting in a reasonable manner and in good faith in converting the currency received into the Contractual Currency, to purchase the Contractual Currency with the amount of the currency of the judgment or order actually received by such party. The term “rate of exchange” includes, without limitation, any premiums and costs of exchange payable in connection with the purchase of or conversion into the Contractual Currency.

(c) **Separate Indemnities.** To the extent permitted by applicable law, these indemnities constitute separate and independent obligations from the other obligations in this Agreement, will be enforceable as separate and independent causes of action, will apply notwithstanding any indulgence granted by the party to which any payment is owed and will not be affected by judgment being obtained or claim or proof being made for any other sums payable in respect of this Agreement.

(d) **Evidence of Loss.** For the purpose of this Section 8, it will be sufficient for a party to demonstrate that it would have suffered a loss had an actual exchange or purchase been made.

## 9. Miscellaneous

- (a) **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the parties with respect to its subject matter and supersedes all oral communication and prior writings with respect thereto.
- (b) **Amendments.** No amendment, modification or waiver in respect of this Agreement will be effective unless in writing (including a writing evidenced by a facsimile transmission) and executed by each of the parties or confirmed by an exchange of telexes or electronic messages on an electronic messaging system.
- (c) **Survival of Obligations.** Without prejudice to Sections 2(a)(iii) and 6(c)(ii), the obligations of the parties under this Agreement will survive the termination of any Transaction.
- (d) **Remedies Cumulative.** Except as provided in this Agreement, the rights, powers, remedies and privileges provided in this Agreement are cumulative and not exclusive of any rights, powers, remedies and privileges provided by law.
- (e) **Counterparts and Confirmations.**
- (i) This Agreement (and each amendment, modification and waiver in respect of it) may be executed and delivered in counterparts (including by facsimile transmission), each of which will be deemed an original.
  - (ii) The parties intend that they are legally bound by the terms of each Transaction from the moment they agree to those terms (whether orally or otherwise). A Confirmation shall be entered into as soon as practicable and may be executed and delivered in counterparts (including by facsimile transmission) or be created by an exchange of telexes or by an exchange of electronic messages on an electronic messaging system, which in each case will be sufficient for all purposes to evidence a binding supplement to this Agreement. The parties will specify therein or through another effective means that any such counterpart, telex or electronic message constitutes a Confirmation.
- (f) **No Waiver of Rights.** A failure or delay in exercising any right, power or privilege in respect of this Agreement will not be presumed to operate as a waiver, and a single or partial exercise of any right, power or privilege will not be presumed to preclude any subsequent or further exercise, of that right, power or privilege or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege.
- (g) **Headings.** The headings used in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and are not to affect the construction of or to be taken into consideration in interpreting this Agreement.

## 10. Offices; Multibranch Parties

- (a) If Section 10(a) is specified in the Schedule as applying, each party that enters into a Transaction through an Office other than its head or home office represents to the other party that, notwithstanding the place of booking office or jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation of such party, the obligations of such party are the same as if it had entered into the Transaction through its head or home office. This representation will be deemed to be repeated by such party on each date on which a Transaction is entered into.
- (b) Neither party may change the Office through which it makes and receives payments or deliveries for the purpose of a Transaction without the prior written consent of the other party.
- (c) If a party is specified as a Multibranch Party in the Schedule, such Multibranch Party may make and receive payments or deliveries under any Transaction through any Office listed in the Schedule, and the Office through which it makes and receives payments or deliveries with respect to a Transaction will be specified in the relevant Confirmation.

## 11. Expenses

A Defaulting Party will, on demand, indemnify and hold harmless the other party for and against all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses, including legal fees and Stamp Tax, incurred by such other party by reason of the enforcement and protection of its rights under this Agreement or any Credit Support Document

to which the Defaulting Party is a party or by reason of the early termination of any Transaction, including, but not limited to, costs of collection.

## 12. Notices

(a) **Effectiveness.** Any notice or other communication in respect of this Agreement may be given in any manner set forth below (except that a notice or other communication under Section 5 or 6 may not be given by facsimile transmission or electronic messaging system) to the address or number or in accordance with the electronic messaging system details provided (see the Schedule) and will be deemed effective as indicated:—

- (i) if in writing and delivered in person or by courier, on the date it is delivered;
- (ii) if sent by telex, on the date the recipient's answerback is received;
- (iii) if sent by facsimile transmission, on the date that transmission is received by a responsible employee of the recipient in legible form (it being agreed that the burden of proving receipt will be on the sender and will not be met by a transmission report generated by the sender's facsimile machine);
- (iv) if sent by certified or registered mail (airmail, if overseas) or the equivalent (return receipt requested), on the date that mail is delivered or its delivery is attempted; or
- (v) if sent by electronic messaging system, on the date that electronic message is received,

unless the date of that delivery (or attempted delivery) or that receipt, as applicable, is not a Local Business Day or that communication is delivered (or attempted) or received, as applicable, after the close of business on a Local Business Day, in which case that communication shall be deemed given and effective on the first following day that is a Local Business Day.

(b) **Change of Addresses.** Either party may by notice to the other change the address, telex or facsimile number or electronic messaging system details at which notices or other communications are to be given to it.

## 13. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

(a) **Governing Law.** This Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the law specified in the Schedule.

(b) **Jurisdiction.** With respect to any suit, action or proceedings relating to this Agreement ("Proceedings"), each party irrevocably:—

- (i) submits to the jurisdiction of the English courts, if this Agreement is expressed to be governed by English law, or to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York and the United States District Court located in the Borough of Manhattan in New York City, if this Agreement is expressed to be governed by the laws of the State of New York; and
- (ii) waives any objection which it may have at any time to the laying of venue of any Proceedings brought in any such court, waives any claim that such Proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum and further waives the right to object, with respect to such Proceedings, that such court does not have any jurisdiction over such party.

Nothing in this Agreement precludes either party from bringing Proceedings in any other jurisdiction (outside, if this Agreement is expressed to be governed by English law, the Contracting States, as defined in Section 1(3) of the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982 or any modification, extension or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force) nor will the bringing of Proceedings in any one or more jurisdictions preclude the bringing of Proceedings in any other jurisdiction.

(c) **Service of Process.** Each party irrevocably appoints the Process Agent (if any) specified opposite its name in the Schedule to receive, for it and on its behalf, service of process in any Proceedings. If for any

reason any party's Process Agent is unable to act as such, such party will promptly notify the other party and within 30 days appoint a substitute process agent acceptable to the other party. The parties irrevocably consent to service of process given in the manner provided for notices in Section 12. Nothing in this Agreement will affect the right of either party to serve process in any other manner permitted by law.

(d) **Waiver of Immunities.** Each party irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, with respect to itself and its revenues and assets (irrespective of their use or intended use), all immunity on the grounds of sovereignty or other similar grounds from (i) suit, (ii) jurisdiction of any court, (iii) relief by way of injunction, order for specific performance or for recovery of property, (iv) attachment of its assets (whether before or after judgment) and (v) execution or enforcement of any judgment to which it or its revenues or assets might otherwise be entitled in any Proceedings in the courts of any jurisdiction and irrevocably agrees, to the extent permitted by applicable law, that it will not claim any such immunity in any Proceedings.

#### **14. Definitions**

As used in this Agreement:—

**"Additional Termination Event"** has the meaning specified in Section 5(b).

**"Affected Party"** has the meaning specified in Section 5(b).

**"Affected Transactions"** means (a) with respect to any Termination Event consisting of an Illegality, Tax Event or Tax Event Upon Merger, all Transactions affected by the occurrence of such Termination Event and (b) with respect to any other Termination Event, all Transactions.

**"Affiliate"** means, subject to the Schedule, in relation to any person, any entity controlled, directly or indirectly, by the person, any entity that controls, directly or indirectly, the person or any entity directly or indirectly under common control with the person. For this purpose, "control" of any entity or person means ownership of a majority of the voting power of the entity or person.

**"Applicable Rate"** means:—

(a) in respect of obligations payable or deliverable (or which would have been but for Section 2(a)(iii)) by a Defaulting Party, the Default Rate;

(b) in respect of an obligation to pay an amount under Section 6(e) of either party from and after the date (determined in accordance with Section 6(d)(ii)) on which that amount is payable, the Default Rate;

(c) in respect of all other obligations payable or deliverable (or which would have been but for Section 2(a)(iii)) by a Non-defaulting Party, the Non-default Rate; and

(d) in all other cases, the Termination Rate.

**"Burdened Party"** has the meaning specified in Section 5(b).

**"Change in Tax Law"** means the enactment, promulgation, execution or ratification of, or any change in or amendment to, any law (or in the application or official interpretation of any law) that occurs on or after the date on which the relevant Transaction is entered into.

**"consent"** includes a consent, approval, action, authorisation, exemption, notice, filing, registration or exchange control consent.

**"Credit Event Upon Merger"** has the meaning specified in Section 5(b).

**"Credit Support Document"** means any agreement or instrument that is specified as such in this Agreement.

**"Credit Support Provider"** has the meaning specified in the Schedule.

**"Default Rate"** means a rate per annum equal to the cost (without proof or evidence of any actual cost) to the relevant payee (as certified by it) if it were to fund or of funding the relevant amount plus 1% per annum.

**“Defaulting Party”** has the meaning specified in Section 6(a).

**“Early Termination Date”** means the date determined in accordance with Section 6(a) or 6(b)(iv).

**“Event of Default”** has the meaning specified in Section 5(a) and, if applicable, in the Schedule.

**“Illegality”** has the meaning specified in Section 5(b).

**“Indemnifiable Tax”** means any Tax other than a Tax that would not be imposed in respect of a payment under this Agreement but for a present or former connection between the jurisdiction of the government or taxation authority imposing such Tax and the recipient of such payment or a person related to such recipient (including, without limitation, a connection arising from such recipient or related person being or having been a citizen or resident of such jurisdiction, or being or having been organised, present or engaged in a trade or business in such jurisdiction, or having or having had a permanent establishment or fixed place of business in such jurisdiction, but excluding a connection arising solely from such recipient or related person having executed, delivered, performed its obligations or received a payment under, or enforced, this Agreement or a Credit Support Document).

**“law”** includes any treaty, law, rule or regulation (as modified, in the case of tax matters, by the practice of any relevant governmental revenue authority) and **“lawful”** and **“unlawful”** will be construed accordingly.

**“Local Business Day”** means, subject to the Schedule, a day on which commercial banks are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) (a) in relation to any obligation under Section 2(a)(i), in the place(s) specified in the relevant Confirmation or, if not so specified, as otherwise agreed by the parties in writing or determined pursuant to provisions contained, or incorporated by reference, in this Agreement, (b) in relation to any other payment, in the place where the relevant account is located and, if different, in the principal financial centre, if any, of the currency of such payment, (c) in relation to any notice or other communication, including notice contemplated under Section 5(a)(i), in the city specified in the address for notice provided by the recipient and, in the case of a notice contemplated by Section 2(b), in the place where the relevant new account is to be located and (d) in relation to Section 5(a)(v)(2), in the relevant locations for performance with respect to such Specified Transaction.

**“Loss”** means, with respect to this Agreement or one or more Terminated Transactions, as the case may be, and a party, the Termination Currency Equivalent of an amount that party reasonably determines in good faith to be its total losses and costs (or gain, in which case expressed as a negative number) in connection with this Agreement or that Terminated Transaction or group of Terminated Transactions, as the case may be, including any loss of bargain, cost of funding or, at the election of such party but without duplication, loss or cost incurred as a result of its terminating, liquidating, obtaining or reestablishing any hedge or related trading position (or any gain resulting from any of them). Loss includes losses and costs (or gains) in respect of any payment or delivery required to have been made (assuming satisfaction of each applicable condition precedent) on or before the relevant Early Termination Date and not made, except, so as to avoid duplication, if Section 6(e)(i)(1) or (3) or 6(e)(ii)(2)(A) applies. Loss does not include a party’s legal fees and out-of-pocket expenses referred to under Section 11. A party will determine its Loss as of the relevant Early Termination Date, or, if that is not reasonably practicable, as of the earliest date thereafter as is reasonably practicable. A party may (but need not) determine its Loss by reference to quotations of relevant rates or prices from one or more leading dealers in the relevant markets.

**“Market Quotation”** means, with respect to one or more Terminated Transactions and a party making the determination, an amount determined on the basis of quotations from Reference Market-makers. Each quotation will be for an amount, if any, that would be paid to such party (expressed as a negative number) or by such party (expressed as a positive number) in consideration of an agreement between such party (taking into account any existing Credit Support Document with respect to the obligations of such party) and the quoting Reference Market-maker to enter into a transaction (the “Replacement Transaction”) that would have the effect of preserving for such party the economic equivalent of any payment or delivery (whether the underlying obligation was absolute or contingent and assuming the satisfaction of each applicable condition precedent) by the parties under Section 2(a)(i) in respect of such Terminated Transaction or group of Terminated Transactions that would, but for the occurrence of the relevant Early Termination Date, have

been required after that date. For this purpose, Unpaid Amounts in respect of the Terminated Transaction or group of Terminated Transactions are to be excluded but, without limitation, any payment or delivery that would, but for the relevant Early Termination Date, have been required (assuming satisfaction of each applicable condition precedent) after that Early Termination Date is to be included. The Replacement Transaction would be subject to such documentation as such party and the Reference Market-maker may, in good faith, agree. The party making the determination (or its agent) will request each Reference Market-maker to provide its quotation to the extent reasonably practicable as of the same day and time (without regard to different time zones) on or as soon as reasonably practicable after the relevant Early Termination Date. The day and time as of which those quotations are to be obtained will be selected in good faith by the party obliged to make a determination under Section 6(e), and, if each party is so obliged, after consultation with the other. If more than three quotations are provided, the Market Quotation will be the arithmetic mean of the quotations, without regard to the quotations having the highest and lowest values. If exactly three such quotations are provided, the Market Quotation will be the quotation remaining after disregarding the highest and lowest quotations. For this purpose, if more than one quotation has the same highest value or lowest value, then one of such quotations shall be disregarded. If fewer than three quotations are provided, it will be deemed that the Market Quotation in respect of such Terminated Transaction or group of Terminated Transactions cannot be determined.

**“Non-default Rate”** means a rate per annum equal to the cost (without proof or evidence of any actual cost) to the Non-defaulting Party (as certified by it) if it were to fund the relevant amount.

**“Non-defaulting Party”** has the meaning specified in Section 6(a).

**“Office”** means a branch or office of a party, which may be such party’s head or home office.

**“Potential Event of Default”** means any event which, with the giving of notice or the lapse of time or both, would constitute an Event of Default.

**“Reference Market-makers”** means four leading dealers in the relevant market selected by the party determining a Market Quotation in good faith (a) from among dealers of the highest credit standing which satisfy all the criteria that such party applies generally at the time in deciding whether to offer or to make an extension of credit and (b) to the extent practicable, from among such dealers having an office in the same city.

**“Relevant Jurisdiction”** means, with respect to a party, the jurisdictions (a) in which the party is incorporated, organised, managed and controlled or considered to have its seat, (b) where an Office through which the party is acting for purposes of this Agreement is located, (c) in which the party executes this Agreement and (d) in relation to any payment, from or through which such payment is made.

**“Scheduled Payment Date”** means a date on which a payment or delivery is to be made under Section 2(a)(i) with respect to a Transaction.

**“Set-off”** means set-off, offset, combination of accounts, right of retention or withholding or similar right or requirement to which the payer of an amount under Section 6 is entitled or subject (whether arising under this Agreement, another contract, applicable law or otherwise) that is exercised by, or imposed on, such payer.

**“Settlement Amount”** means, with respect to a party and any Early Termination Date, the sum of: —

(a) the Termination Currency Equivalent of the Market Quotations (whether positive or negative) for each Terminated Transaction or group of Terminated Transactions for which a Market Quotation is determined; and

(b) such party’s Loss (whether positive or negative and without reference to any Unpaid Amounts) for each Terminated Transaction or group of Terminated Transactions for which a Market Quotation cannot be determined or would not (in the reasonable belief of the party making the determination) produce a commercially reasonable result.

**“Specified Entity”** has the meanings specified in the Schedule.



**“Specified Indebtedness”** means, subject to the Schedule, any obligation (whether present or future, contingent or otherwise, as principal or surety or otherwise) in respect of borrowed money.

**“Specified Transaction”** means, subject to the Schedule, (a) any transaction (including an agreement with respect thereto) now existing or hereafter entered into between one party to this Agreement (or any Credit Support Provider of such party or any applicable Specified Entity of such party) and the other party to this Agreement (or any Credit Support Provider of such other party or any applicable Specified Entity of such other party) which is a rate swap transaction, basis swap, forward rate transaction, commodity swap, commodity option, equity or equity index swap, equity or equity index option, bond option, interest rate option, foreign exchange transaction, cap transaction, floor transaction, collar transaction, currency swap transaction, cross-currency rate swap transaction, currency option or any other similar transaction (including any option with respect to any of these transactions), (b) any combination of these transactions and (c) any other transaction identified as a Specified Transaction in this Agreement or the relevant confirmation.

**“Stamp Tax”** means any stamp, registration, documentation or similar tax.

**“Tax”** means any present or future tax, levy, impost, duty, charge, assessment or fee of any nature (including interest, penalties and additions thereto) that is imposed by any government or other taxing authority in respect of any payment under this Agreement other than a stamp, registration, documentation or similar tax.

**“Tax Event”** has the meaning specified in Section 5(b).

**“Tax Event Upon Merger”** has the meaning specified in Section 5(b).

**“Terminated Transactions”** means with respect to any Early Termination Date (a) if resulting from a Termination Event, all Affected Transactions and (b) if resulting from an Event of Default, all Transactions (in either case) in effect immediately before the effectiveness of the notice designating that Early Termination Date (or, if “Automatic Early Termination” applies, immediately before that Early Termination Date).

**“Termination Currency”** has the meaning specified in the Schedule.

**“Termination Currency Equivalent”** means, in respect of any amount denominated in the Termination Currency, such Termination Currency amount and, in respect of any amount denominated in a currency other than the Termination Currency (the “Other Currency”), the amount in the Termination Currency determined by the party making the relevant determination as being required to purchase such amount of such Other Currency as at the relevant Early Termination Date, or, if the relevant Market Quotation or Loss (as the case may be), is determined as of a later date, that later date, with the Termination Currency at the rate equal to the spot exchange rate of the foreign exchange agent (selected as provided below) for the purchase of such Other Currency with the Termination Currency at or about 11:00 a.m. (in the city in which such foreign exchange agent is located) on such date as would be customary for the determination of such a rate for the purchase of such Other Currency for value on the relevant Early Termination Date or that later date. The foreign exchange agent will, if only one party is obliged to make a determination under Section 6(e), be selected in good faith by that party and otherwise will be agreed by the parties.

**“Termination Event”** means an Illegality, a Tax Event or a Tax Event Upon Merger or, if specified to be applicable, a Credit Event Upon Merger or an Additional Termination Event.

**“Termination Rate”** means a rate per annum equal to the arithmetic mean of the cost (without proof or evidence of any actual cost) to each party (as certified by such party) if it were to fund or of funding such amounts.

**“Unpaid Amounts”** owing to any party means, with respect to an Early Termination Date, the aggregate of (a) in respect of all Terminated Transactions, the amounts that became payable (or that would have become payable but for Section 2(a)(iii)) to such party under Section 2(a)(i) on or prior to such Early Termination Date and which remain unpaid as at such Early Termination Date and (b) in respect of each Terminated Transaction, for each obligation under Section 2(a)(i) which was (or would have been but for Section 2(a)(iii)) required to be settled by delivery to such party on or prior to such Early Termination Date and which has not been so settled as at such Early Termination Date, an amount equal to the fair market

value of that which was (or would have been) required to be delivered as of the originally scheduled date for delivery, in each case together with (to the extent permitted under applicable law) interest, in the currency of such amounts, from (and including) the date such amounts or obligations were or would have been required to have been paid or performed to (but excluding) such Early Termination Date, at the Applicable Rate. Such amounts of interest will be calculated on the basis of daily compounding and the actual number of days elapsed. The fair market value of any obligation referred to in clause (b) above shall be reasonably determined by the party obliged to make the determination under Section 6(e) or, if each party is so obliged, it shall be the average of the Termination Currency Equivalents of the fair market values reasonably determined by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this document on the respective dates specified below with effect from the date specified on the first page of this document.

HSBC Bank plc,  
being Party A

Paragon Mortgages (No.8) PLC,  
being Party B

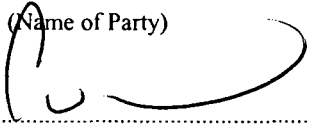
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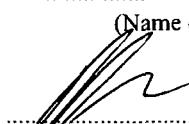
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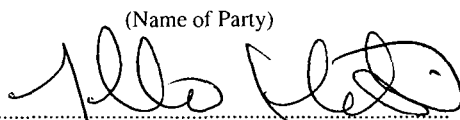


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## SCHEDULE TO THE MASTER AGREEMENT

in relation to the

Class A1b Notes  
(the "**Relevant Notes**")

made on

27 October 2004

between

- (1) **HSBC BANK PLC** acting through its office at 8 Canada Square, London E14 5HQ ("**Party A**");
- (2) **PARAGON MORTGAGES (NO.8) PLC** ("**Party B**"); and
- (3) **CITICORP TRUSTEE COMPANY LIMITED** (the "**Trustee**", which expression shall include its successors and assigns and which has agreed to become a party to this Agreement solely for the purpose of taking the benefit of Part 5(b) and Part 5(l) of the Schedule to this Agreement).

### Part 1 Termination Provisions

- (a) "**Specified Entity**" means

in relation to Party A for the purpose of:-

Section 5(a)(v), none

Section 5(a)(vi), none

Section 5(a)(vii), none

Section 5(b)(iv), none

and in relation to Party B for the purpose of:-

Section 5(a)(v), none

Section 5(a)(vi), none

Section 5(a)(vii), none

Section 5(b)(iv), none.

- (b) "**Specified Transaction**" will have the meaning specified in Section 14.
- (c) The "**Cross Default**" provisions of Section 5(a)(vi) will not apply to Party A and will not apply to Party B.

- (d) The "**Credit Event Upon Merger**" provisions of Section 5(b)(iv) will not apply to Party A and will not apply to Party B.
- (e) The "**Automatic Early Termination**" provision of Section 6(a) will not apply to Party A and will not apply to Party B.
- (f) **Payments on Early Termination.** For the purposes of Section 6(e) of this Agreement:-
  - (i) Market Quotation will apply.
  - (ii) The Second Method will apply.
- (g) "**Termination Currency**" means Sterling.

## **Part 2 Tax Representations**

- (a) **Payer Representations.** For the purpose of Section 3(e) of this Agreement, Party A and Party B will each make the following representation:

It is not required by any applicable law, as modified by the practice of any relevant governmental revenue authority, of any Relevant Jurisdiction to make any deduction or withholding for or on account of any Tax from any payment (other than interest under Section 2(e), 6(d)(ii) or 6(e) of this Agreement) to be made by it to the other party under this Agreement. In making this representation, it may rely on:

- (i) the accuracy of any representations made by the other party pursuant to Section 3(f) of this Agreement,
- (ii) the satisfaction of the agreement contained in Section 4(a)(i) or 4(a)(iii) of this Agreement and the accuracy and effectiveness of any document provided by the other party pursuant to Section 4(a)(i) or 4(a)(iii) of this Agreement; and
- (iii) the satisfaction of the agreement of the other party contained in Section 4(d) of this Agreement,

provided that it shall not be a breach of this representation where reliance is placed on clause (ii) and the other party does not deliver a form or document under Section 4(a)(iii) by reason of material prejudice to its legal or commercial position.

- (b) **Payee Representations.**

For the purpose of Section 3(f) of this Agreement, Party B makes no representation and Party A makes the following representations:

- (i) it is a party to each transaction solely for the purposes of a trade (or part of a trade) carried on by it in the United Kingdom through a branch or agency; and
- (ii) it is resident in the United Kingdom or in a jurisdiction with which the United Kingdom has a double tax treaty which makes provision, whether for relief or otherwise, in relation to interest.

## **Part 3 Agreement to Deliver Documents**

For the purpose of Sections 4(a)(i) and (ii) of this Agreement, each party agrees to deliver the following documents, as applicable:-

- (a) Tax forms, documents or certificates to be delivered are:-

<i>Party required to deliver document</i>	<i>Form/Document/Certificate</i>	<i>Date by which to be delivered</i>
Party A and Party B	Any document required or reasonably requested to allow Party A or Party B to make payments under this Agreement without any deduction or withholding for or on account of any tax or with such deduction or withholding at a reduced rate or to enable the relevant party to claim back or be refunded for any amount of Tax so withheld or deducted where such relevant party received a payment under this Agreement net of such Tax	Promptly upon the reasonable demand by the other party

(b) Other documents to be delivered are:-

<i>Party required to deliver document</i>	<i>Form/Document/Certificate</i>	<i>Date by which to be delivered</i>	<i>Covered by Section 3(d) Representation</i>
Party A and Party B	Evidence satisfactory to the other party as to the authority of its signatories to this Agreement and to each Confirmation including specimen signatures of such signatories	On signing of this Agreement and relevant Confirmation as applicable.	Yes
Party B	Certified copy of board resolution	On signing of this Agreement	Yes
Party B	Certified copy of Memorandum and Articles of Association	On signing of this Agreement	Yes

**Part 4 Miscellaneous**

(a) **Addresses for Notices.** For the purpose of Section 12(a) of this Agreement:-

Any notice relating to a particular Transaction shall be delivered to the address or email address or facsimile or telex number specified in the Confirmation of such Transaction. Any notice delivered for purposes of Section 5 and 6 of this Agreement shall be delivered to the following address:

Address for notices or communications to Party A (other than by facsimile):-

Address: HSBC Bank plc  
8 Canada Square  
London E14 5HQ

Attention: Swap Operations

Facsimile No: +44 207 992 4457

Designated responsible employee for the purposes of Section 12(a)(iii): Lawrence Barrett

Address for notices or communications to Party B:-

Address: St. Catherine's Court  
Herbert Road  
Solihull  
West Midlands B91 3QE

Attention: The Company Secretary

Facsimile No: 0121 712 2072

Email Address: Company\_Secretary@Paragon-group.co.uk

With a copy to the Trustee:-

Address: Citigroup Centre, 14th Floor  
Canada Square  
Canary Wharf  
London E14 5LB

Attention: Agency & Trust

Facsimile No: 020 7500 5248

- (b) **Process Agent.** For the purpose of Section 13(c) of this Agreement:-  
Party A appoints as its Process Agent: none.  
Party B appoints as its Process Agent: none.
- (c) **Offices.** The provisions of Section 10(a) will apply to this Agreement.
- (d) **Multibranch Party.** For the purpose of Section 10(c) of this Agreement:-  
Party A is not a Multibranch Party.  
Party B is not a Multibranch Party.
- (e) **Calculation Agent.** The Calculation Agent is Party A.
- (f) **Credit Support Document.** Details of any Credit Support Document:-  
In respect of Party A, none.  
In respect of Party B, none.
- (g) **Credit Support Provider.** Credit Support Provider means in relation to Party A, none.  
Credit Support Provider means in relation to Party B, none.
- (h) **Governing Law.** This Agreement is governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, English law.

Section 13(b) is amended by: (1) adding in line 1 of clause (i) the words "agrees to bring such Proceedings exclusively in the High Court of Justice in London, England and " before the words "submits to the"; (2) adding in line 1 of clause (i) "exclusive" after "submits to the"; and (3) deleting the final paragraph.

- (i) "**Affiliate**" will have the meaning specified in Section 14 of this Agreement.

## **Part 5 Other Provisions**

### (a) ***No Set-Off***

- (i) All payments under this Agreement shall be made without set-off or counterclaim, except as expressly provided for in Section 6.
- (ii) Section 6(e) shall be amended by the deletion of the following sentence; "The amount, if any, payable in respect of an Early Termination Date and determined pursuant to this Section will be subject to any Set-off."

### (b) ***Security Interest***

Notwithstanding Section 7, Party A hereby agrees and consents to the assignment by way of security by Party B of its interests under this Agreement (without prejudice to, and after giving effect to, any contractual netting provision contained in this Agreement) to the Trustee (or any successor thereto) pursuant to and in accordance with the Deed of Charge (as defined in Part 5 hereof) and acknowledges notice of such assignment. Each of the parties hereby confirms and agrees that the Trustee shall not be liable for any of the obligations of Party B hereunder.

### (c) ***Disapplication of certain Events of Default***

Section 5(a)(ii), Section 5(a)(iii), Section 5(a)(iv), Section 5(a)(v), Section 5(a)(vii)(2), (5), (6), (7) and (9) will not apply in respect of Party B.

Section 5(a)(vii)(8) will not apply to Party B to the extent that it applies to Section 5(a)(vii)(2), (5), (6), (7) and (9).

### (d) ***Disapplication of certain Termination Events***

The "Tax Event" and "Tax Event upon Merger" provisions of Section 5(b)(ii) and 5(b)(iii) will not apply to Party A or to Party B.

### (e) ***Additional and amendment of Events of Default***

The following shall constitute an additional Event of Default with respect to Party B:

**"Enforcement Notice.** The Trustee serves an Enforcement Notice, as defined in the Deed of Charge (as defined in Part 5 hereof), on Party B (in which case Party B shall be the Defaulting Party)."

### (f) ***Additional Termination Event***

The following shall constitute an Additional Termination Event with respect to either Party A or Party B:

**"Repayment pursuant to any Applicable Laws or Regulations".** An Additional Termination Event shall be deemed to have occurred in circumstances where payment is made by a party but is subsequently required to be repaid pursuant to any applicable laws or regulations."

In connection with this Additional Termination Event, all Transactions shall be Affected Transactions and the party receiving the amounts so repaid shall be the sole Affected Party.

The following shall constitute an Additional Termination Event with respect to Party B:

**"Redemption and Prepayment of the Notes for Taxation and Other Reasons.** Party B exercises its option to redeem the Notes (as defined in Part 5 hereof) pursuant to and in accordance with Condition 5(c) (*Redemption for Taxation or Other Reasons*) in whole in accordance with their terms prior to maturity."

In connection with this Additional Termination Event, all Transactions shall be Affected Transactions and Party B shall be the sole Affected Party provided that the provisions of Section 6(b)(iv) will be amended such that Party A shall be deemed to be the Affected Party for the purposes of Section 6(b)(iv) only but for no other purpose and therefore, for the avoidance of doubt, no Early Termination Date shall occur and no early termination payment shall be payable by or to either party in connection with such Additional Termination Event unless Party B designates an Early Termination Date under Section 6(b)(iv).

For the avoidance of doubt, the exercise of the Issuer's rights under Condition 5(d) (*Optional Redemption in Full*) shall not constitute an Additional Termination Event with respect to Party A or Party B and no Early Termination Date shall occur and no early termination payment shall be payable by or to either party in connection with such exercise.

(g) **Ratings Event**

(i) In the event that the short-term, unsecured and unsubordinated debt obligations of Party A (or its successor or assignee) and, if relevant, any Credit Support Provider of Party A, is downgraded below "A1+" (the "**S&P Required Rating**") by Standard & Poor's Rating Services, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies Inc. ("**S&P**") and as a result of such downgrade the then current rating of the Notes may in the reasonable opinion of S&P be downgraded (an "**Initial S&P Rating Event**"), then Party A will, within 30 days of the occurrence of such Initial S&P Rating Event at its own cost either:

(A) deliver collateral pursuant to the Credit Support Annex to this Agreement in support of its obligations under this Agreement (and Party A shall procure the provision of a legal opinion concerning the enforceability of such collateral to S&P at the time such collateral is transferred) provided that the amount of collateral to be provided pursuant to such collateral agreement in the form of cash and/or securities (the "**Collateral Amount**") is the lesser of:

(1) an amount which shall be determined on the basis of the S&P Criteria (as defined in the Credit Support Annex to this Agreement) and

(2) such amount as Party A and S&P may agree; or

(B) transfer all of its rights and obligations with respect to this Agreement to a replacement third party having (or whose Credit Support Provider has) short-term, unsecured and unsubordinated debt obligations are rated at least as high as the S&P Required Rating or such other lower rating as is commensurate with the ratings assigned to the Notes by S&P from time to time; or

(C) procure another person to become co-obligor in respect of the obligations of Party A under this Agreement or take such other action as Party A may agree with S&P as will result in the rating of the Notes then outstanding following the taking of such action being rated no lower than the rating of the Notes immediately prior to such downgrade; or



- (D) obtain written confirmation from S&P that the rating of the Notes (relevant to this Transaction) which was in effect immediately prior to such occurrence will not be adversely affected.
- (ii) In the event that the short-term, unsecured and unsubordinated debt obligations of Party A (or its successor), or any Credit Support Provider or co-obligor of Party A, is downgraded below "A-2" (or its equivalent) by S&P and as a result of such downgrade the then current rating of the Relevant Notes may in the reasonable opinion of S&P be downgraded (a "**Subsequent S&P Rating Event**"), then Party A will within 5 days of the occurrence of such Subsequent S&P Rating Event at its own cost:
- (A) transfer all of its rights and obligations with respect to this Agreement to a replacement third party (who may, without limitation, be an Affiliate of Party A) whose, or which is unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by an entity whose short-term, unsecured and unsubordinated debt ratings are rated at least as high as "A-1" by S&P or such other ratings as are commensurate with the ratings assigned to the Notes by S&P from time to time; or
  - (B) procure another person (who may, without limitation, be an Affiliate of Party A) to become co-obligor in respect of the obligations of Party A under this Agreement or take such other action as Party A may agree with S&P as will result in the rating of the Notes then outstanding following the taking of such action being rated no lower than the rating of the Notes immediately prior to such downgrade.
- (iii) In the event that:
- (x) the long-term, unsecured and unsubordinated debt obligations of Party A (or its successor) and, if relevant, any Credit Support Provider of Party A, are downgraded below "A1" (or its equivalent) by Moody's Investors Services ("**Moody's**"); or
  - (y) the short-term, unsecured and unsubordinated debt obligations of Party A (or its successor) and, if relevant, any Credit Support Provider of Party A, are downgraded below "Prime-1" (or its equivalent) by Moody's,
- (an "**Initial Moody's Rating Event**"), then Party A will, within 30 days of such Initial Moody's Rating Event at its own cost, either:
- (A) transfer all of its (or, if applicable, its Credit Support Provider's) rights and obligations with respect to this Agreement to either:
    - (1) a replacement third party which has (or whose Credit Support Provider has) the Moody's Required Rating (as defined below) domiciled in the same legal jurisdiction as Party A or Party B, or
    - (2) a replacement third party as agreed with Moody's; or
  - (B) procure another person to become co-obligor in respect of the obligations of Party A under this Agreement, such co-obligor shall be either:
    - (1) a person which has (or whose Credit Support Provider has) the Moody's Required Rating (as defined below) domiciled in the same legal jurisdiction as Party A or Party B, or
    - (2) such other person as agreed with Moody's; or

- (C) find any other solution acceptable to Moody's and Party B to maintain the then current rating of the Notes; or
- (D) deliver collateral pursuant to the Credit Support Annex to this Agreement in support of its obligations under this Agreement in respect of which the Collateral Amount complies with the Moody's Criteria (as defined in such Credit Support Annex) or is such lesser amount as may be agreed between Moody's and Party A.

If any of Part 5(g)(iii)(A), Part 5(g)(iii)(B) or Part 5 (g)(iii)(C) above are satisfied at any time, all collateral (or the equivalent thereof, as appropriate) transferred by Party A pursuant to Part 5(g)(iii)(D) will be re-transferred to Party A and Party A will not be required to transfer any additional collateral.

(iv) In the event that:

- (x) the long-term, unsecured and unsubordinated debt obligations of Party A (or its successor) and, if relevant, any Credit Support Provider of Party A, are downgraded below "A3" (or its equivalent) by Moody's; or
- (y) the short-term, unsecured and unsubordinated debt obligations of Party A (or its successor) and, if relevant, any Credit Support Provider of Party A, are downgraded below "Prime-2" (or its equivalent) ("**Moody's Required Rating II**") by Moody's and, at such time, the long-term, unsecured and unsubordinated debt obligations or the short-term, unsecured and unsubordinated debt obligations of any co-obligor to Party A are not rated as high as the Moody's Required Rating,

(a "**Subsequent Moody's Rating Event**") then Party A will, on a best efforts basis, and at its own cost, attempt to either:

- (A) transfer all of its rights and obligations with respect to this Agreement to either:
  - (1) a replacement third party which has (or whose Credit Support Provider has) the Moody's Required Rating (defined below) and is domiciled in the same legal jurisdiction as Party A or Party B, or
  - (2) a replacement third party as agreed with Moody's; or
- (B) procure another person to become co-obligor in respect of the obligations of Party A under this Agreement, such co-obligor may be either:
  - (1) a person which has (or whose Credit Support Provider has) the Moody's Required Rating (defined below) and is domiciled in the same legal jurisdiction as Party A or Party B, or
  - (2) such other person as agreed with Moody's; or
- (C) find any other solution acceptable to Moody's and Party B to maintain the then current rating of the Notes.

Pending compliance with Part 5(g)(iv)(A), Part 5(g)(iv)(B) or Part 5(g)(iv)(C) above, Party A will at its own cost:

- (D) within 10 days of the occurrence of such Subsequent Moody's Rating Event, provide collateral (or provide additional collateral (if required by the Moody's Criteria) where there has already been collateralisation under Part 5(a)(iii)(D))

pursuant to the Credit Support Annex to this Agreement in support of its obligations under this Agreement in respect of which the Collateral Amount complies with the Moody's Criteria (defined below) or is such lesser amount as may be agreed between Moody's and Party A.

If any of Part 5 (g)(iv)(A), Part 5(g)(iv)(B) or Part 5(g)(iv)(C) above are satisfied at any time, all collateral (or the equivalent thereof, as appropriate) transferred by Party A pursuant to Part 5(g)(iv)(D) will be re-transferred to Party A and Party A will not be required to transfer any additional collateral.

- (v) For the purposes of Part 5(g)(iii) and Part 5(g)(iv) above: (a) "**Moody's Required Ratings**" means, in respect of the relevant entity, its short-term, unsecured and unsubordinated debt obligations are rated at least as high as "Prime-1" and its long-term, unsecured and unsubordinated debt obligations are rated at least as high as "A1", or such other ratings as may be agreed with Moody's from time to time and (b) "**Moody's Required Rating II**" means, in respect of the relevant entity, its short-term, unsecured and unsubordinated debt obligations are rated at least as high as "Prime-2" and its long-term, unsecured and unsubordinated debt obligations are rated at least as high as "A3", or such other ratings as may be agreed with Moody's from time to time.
- (vi) In relation to paragraphs Part 5(g)(iii)(D) and Part 5(g)(iv)(D) above, Party A will, upon receipt of reasonable notice from Moody's demonstrate to Moody's the calculation by it of the mark-to-market value of the outstanding Transactions, provided that no such calculation shall be required to be made more frequently than quarterly or as otherwise agreed between the parties.
- (vii) In relation to paragraph Part 5(g)(iv)(D) above, Party A will, at its own cost, on receipt of reasonable notice from Moody's (which, for the avoidance of doubt, will be no less than 30 days) arrange a third party valuation of the mark-to-market value of the outstanding Transactions provided that no such third party valuation shall be requested more frequently than quarterly or as otherwise agreed between the parties.
- (viii) Not used.
- (ix) Not used.
- (x) If Party A does not take any of the measures described in Part 5(g)(i)(A), Part 5(g)(i)(B) or Part 5(g)(i)(C) above such failure shall not be or give rise to an Event of Default but shall constitute an Additional Termination Event with respect to Party A and shall be deemed to have occurred on the thirtieth day following the relevant S&P Rating Event with Party A as the sole Affected Party and all Transactions shall be Affected Transactions.
- (xi) If Party A does not take any of the measures described in Part 5(g)(iii)(A), Part 5(g)(iii)(B) or Part 5(g)(iii)(C) or Part 5(g)(iii)(D) above, such failure shall not be or give rise to an Event of Default but shall constitute an Additional Termination Event with respect to Party A and shall be deemed to have occurred on the thirtieth day following the occurrence of such Initial Moody's Rating Event with Party A as the sole Affected Party and all Transactions shall be Affected Transactions.
- (xii) If Party A does not perform any of its obligations under Part 5(g)(iv) (D) above, such failure shall give rise to an Event of Default with respect to Party A and shall be deemed to have occurred on the tenth day following the occurrence of the relevant Subsequent Moody's Rating Event with Party A as the Defaulting Party. If Party A does not perform its obligations under Part 5(g)(iv) (A), (B) or (C) and, even after having applied best effort, has failed within 30 days to satisfy Part 5(g)(iv) (A), (B) or (C) above, such failure shall not constitute an Event of Default but shall be an

Additional Termination Event with Party A as the sole Affected Party and all Transactions as Affected Transactions.

(xiii) **Fitch downgrade scheme**

(A) **Fitch Ratings Level 1 Event**

In relation to each occurrence of a Fitch Ratings Level 1 Event (except where a previous Fitch Ratings Level 1 Event is continuing):

- (1) Party A will, at Party A's own cost, use its reasonable efforts to procure that a Fitch Ratings Level 1 Cure Event occurs within the Fitch Ratings Level 1 Cure Period; and
- (2) if a Fitch Ratings Level 1 Cure Event does not occur within the Fitch Ratings Level 1 Cure Period:
  - (i) such non-occurrence shall not be or give rise to an Event of Default; but
  - (ii) an Additional Termination Event with respect to Party A shall be deemed to have occurred on the first Business Day immediately following the Fitch Ratings Level 1 Cure Period with Party A as the sole Affected Party and all Transactions shall be Affected Transactions;

provided that if a Fitch Ratings Level 2 Event or a Fitch Ratings Level 3 Event occurs on the same date as such Fitch Ratings Level 1 Event or during such Fitch Ratings Level 1 Cure Period, such Fitch Ratings Level 1 Event shall be deemed not to have occurred.

(B) **Fitch Ratings Level 2 Event**

In relation to each occurrence of a Fitch Ratings Level 2 Event (except where a previous Fitch Ratings Level 2 Event is continuing):

- (1) Party A will, at Party A's own cost, use its reasonable efforts to procure that a Fitch Ratings Level 2 Cure Event occurs within the Fitch Ratings Level 2 Cure Period; and
- (2) if a Fitch Ratings Level 2 Cure Event does not occur within the Fitch Ratings Level 2 Cure Period:
  - (i) such non-occurrence shall not be or give rise to an Event of Default; but
  - (ii) an Additional Termination Event with respect to Party A shall be deemed to have occurred on the first Business Day immediately following the Fitch Ratings Level 2 Cure Period with Party A as the sole Affected Party and all Transactions shall be Affected Transactions;

provided that if a Fitch Ratings Level 3 Event occurs on the same date as such Fitch Ratings Level 2 Event or during such Fitch Ratings Level 2 Cure Period, such Fitch Ratings Level 2 Event shall be deemed not to have occurred.

(C) **Fitch Ratings Level 3 Event**

In relation to each occurrence of a Fitch Ratings Level 3 Event (except where a previous Fitch Ratings Level 3 Event is continuing):

- (1) Party A will, at Party A's own cost, use its reasonable efforts to procure that a Fitch Ratings Level 3 Cure Event occurs within the Fitch Ratings Level 3 Cure Period; and
- (2) if a Fitch Ratings Level 3 Cure Event does not occur within the Fitch Ratings Level 3 Cure Period:
  - (i) such non-occurrence shall not be or give rise to an Event of Default; but
  - (ii) an Additional Termination Event with respect to Party A shall be deemed to have occurred on the first Business Day immediately following the Fitch Ratings Level 3 Cure Period with Party A as the sole Affected Party and all Transactions shall be Affected Transactions.

(D) **Fitch Ratings Level 2 Cure Event verification requirement**

If a Fitch Ratings Level 2 Cure Event occurs by means of the delivery of Eligible Credit Support (as contemplated in the definition of Fitch Ratings Level 2 Cure Event), Party A will, at its own cost provide to Fitch a written confirmation by an independent third party (being a person selected by Party A and approved by Fitch, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) of:

- (1) the relevant mark-to-market calculations of the outstanding Transactions; and
- (2) the correct and timely transfer of Eligible Credit Support by Party A,

each in accordance with the Credit Support Annex to this Agreement. Such independent third party confirmation shall be provided within 7 days of the calculations under sub-paragraph (1) above being carried out by Party A.

(E) **Fitch downgrade definitions**

In this Agreement:

"**Fitch**" means Fitch Ratings Ltd.

"**Fitch Minimum Rated Entity**" means at any time a person who satisfies both of the following:

- (1) its short term rating is at that time at least as high as "F1" (or its equivalent) by Fitch; as well as
- (2) its long-term, unsecured and unsubordinated debt obligations are rated at that time at least as high as "A+" (or its equivalent) by Fitch.

"**Fitch Ratings Level 1 Cure Event**" means in relation to a Fitch Ratings Level 1 Event the date following such Fitch Ratings Level 1 Event upon which one or more of the following occurs:

- (1) **Collateral:** Party A delivers Eligible Credit Support pursuant to the Credit Support Annex to this Agreement in support of its obligations under this Agreement in respect of which the Credit Support Amount complies with Fitch's Criteria (each as defined in such Credit Support Annex) or such lesser amount as may be agreed between Fitch and Party A; or
- (2) **Non-Collateral:** a Fitch Ratings Non-Collateral Cure Event.

"**Fitch Ratings Level 1 Cure Period**" means in relation to a Fitch Ratings Level 1 Event the period of 30 days after (but excluding) the date upon which such Fitch Ratings Level 1 Event occurs.

"**Fitch Ratings Level 1 Event**" means any date upon which neither Party A (or its successor), nor any Credit Support Provider or co-obligor of Party A, is a Fitch Minimum Rated Entity and as a result the then current rating of the Relevant Notes may in the reasonable opinion of Fitch be downgraded or placed on credit watch for possible downgrade.

"**Fitch Ratings Level 2 Cure Event**" means in relation to a Fitch Ratings Level 2 Event the date following such Fitch Ratings Level 2 Event upon which one or more of the following occurs:

- (1) **Collateral:** Party A delivers Eligible Credit Support pursuant to the Credit Support Annex to this Agreement in support of its obligations under this Agreement in respect of which the Credit Support Amount complies with Fitch's Criteria (each as defined in such Credit Support Annex) or such lesser amount as may be agreed between Fitch and Party A; or
- (2) **Non-Collateral:** a Fitch Ratings Non-Collateral Cure Event.

"**Fitch Ratings Level 2 Cure Period**" means in relation to a Fitch Ratings Level 2 Event the period of 30 days after (but excluding) the date upon which such Fitch Ratings Level 2 Event occurs.

"**Fitch Ratings Level 2 Event**" means any date upon which neither Party A (or its successor), nor any Credit Support Provider or co-obligor of Party A, is a Fitch Ratings Level 2 Minimum Rated Entity and as a result the then current rating of the Relevant Notes may in the reasonable opinion of Fitch be downgraded or placed on credit watch for possible downgrade.

"**Fitch Ratings Level 2 Minimum Rated Entity**" means at any time a person who satisfies both of the following:

- (1) its short term rating is at that time at least as high as "F2" (or its equivalent) by Fitch; as well as
- (2) its long-term, unsecured and unsubordinated debt obligations are rated at that time at least as high as "BBB+" (or its equivalent) by Fitch.

"**Fitch Ratings Level 3 Cure Event**" means in relation to a Fitch Ratings Level 3 Event the date following such Fitch Ratings Level 3 Event upon which a Fitch Ratings Non-Collateral Cure Event occurs.

"**Fitch Ratings Level 3 Cure Period**" means in relation to a Fitch Ratings Level 3 Event the period of 30 days after (but excluding) the date upon which such Fitch Ratings Level 3 Event occurs.

**"Fitch Ratings Level 3 Event"** means the first day upon which neither Party A (or its successor), nor any Credit Support Provider or co-obligor of Party A, is a Fitch Ratings Level 3 Minimum Rated Entity and as a result the then current rating of the Relevant Notes may in the reasonable opinion of Fitch be downgraded or placed on credit watch for possible downgrade.

**"Fitch Ratings Level 3 Minimum Rated Entity"** means at any time a person who satisfies both of the following:

- (1) its short term rating is at that time at least as high as "F3" by Fitch; as well as
- (2) its long-term, unsecured and unsubordinated debt obligations are rated at that time at least as high as "BBB-" by Fitch.

**"Fitch Ratings Non-Collateral Cure Entity"** means at any time a person (who may, without limitation, be an Affiliate of Party A):

- (1) who (or whose Credit Support Provider) is a Fitch Minimum Rated Entity at that time; or
- (2) who (or whose Credit Support Provider) at that time has such other lower rating as is commensurate with the rating assigned at that time to the Relevant Notes by Fitch.

**"Fitch Ratings Non-Collateral Cure Event"** means the first date upon which the following occurs:

- (1) **Transfer:** Party A transfers all of its rights and obligations with respect to this Agreement to a replacement third party which is a Fitch Ratings Non-Collateral Cure Entity; or
- (2) **Co-obligor or guarantor:** Party A procures another person which is a Fitch Ratings Non-Collateral Cure Entity to become co-obligor or guarantor in respect of the obligations of Party A under this Agreement; or
- (3) **Other agreed action:** Party A takes such other action as Party A may agree with Fitch as will result in the then rating by Fitch of the Relevant Notes then outstanding being maintained.

(h) ***Modifications to Representations***

- (i) Section 3 is amended by the addition at the end thereof of the following additional representations:

"(g) ***No Agency.*** Party A and Party B represent, warrant and undertake that it is entering into this Agreement and each Transaction as principal and not as agent of any person.

(h) ***Pari Passu.*** Party A represents, warrants and undertakes to Party B that Party A's obligations under this Agreement rank pari passu with all of its other unsecured, unsubordinated obligations except those obligations preferred by operation of law."

- (i) Party A and Party B each represent, warrant and undertake (which representation, warranty and undertaking will be deemed to be repeated at all times until the termination of this Agreement) that in relation to each

Transaction, it is not acting as agent or nominee for any other person or persons and that:

- (a) it is resident in the United Kingdom for United Kingdom tax purposes; or
  - (b) it is resident in a jurisdiction that has a double taxation convention or treaty with the United Kingdom under which provision, whether for relief or otherwise, in relation to interest (as defined in the relevant convention or treaty) is made; or
  - (c) it has entered into the relevant Transaction solely for the purposes of a trade or part of a trade carried on by it in the United Kingdom through a branch or agency or permanent establishment and will continue so to treat the relevant Transaction throughout the course of the relevant Transaction."
- (ii) Section 3(a)(v) shall be amended by the addition of the words "(with the exception of the payment of Stamp Tax and the costs of litigation provided for in Section 11)" after the words "this Agreement".
  - (iii) The representations set out in Section 3 (as amended as aforesaid) shall (in addition to the repetitions for which provision is made in Section 3) be deemed to be repeated by each party on each day on which a payment or delivery is required to be made under Section 2(a)(i).
- (i) ***Recording of Conversations***

Each party consents to the recording of the telephone conversations of trading and marketing personnel of the parties. Party A agrees to obtain any necessary consent of, and give notice of such recording to, such personnel of it.

- (j) ***Relationship between the Parties***

The Agreement is amended by the insertion after Section 14 of an additional Section 15, reading in its entirety as follows:

**"15. Relationship between the Parties**

Each party will be deemed to represent to the other party on the date on which it enters into a Transaction that (absent a written agreement between the parties that expressly imposes affirmative obligations to the contrary for that Transaction):

- (a) ***Non Reliance.*** It is acting for its own account, and it has made its own decisions to enter into that Transaction and as to whether that Transaction is appropriate or proper for it based upon advice from such advisers as it has deemed necessary. It is not relying on any communication (written or oral) of the other party as investment advice or as a recommendation to enter into that Transaction; it being understood that information and explanations related to the terms and conditions of a Transaction shall not be considered investment advice or a recommendation to enter into that Transaction. It has not received from the other party any assurance or guarantee as to the expected results of that Transaction.
- (b) ***Assessment and Understanding.*** It is capable of assessing the merits of and understanding (through independent professional advice), and understands and accepts, the terms, conditions and risks of that Transaction. It is also capable of assuming, and assumes, the financial and other risks of that Transaction.



(c) **Status of Parties.** The other party is not acting as a fiduciary or an adviser for it in respect of that Transaction."

(k) **Tax**

(i) In Section 2(d)(i)(4) of the Agreement the words in the first line of that paragraph "if such Tax is an Indemnifiable Tax" shall be deleted in their entirety and the words "but only where Party A is X" will be inserted in substitution therefor.

(ii) Party B will, on each Interest Payment Date (as defined in the Terms and Conditions relating to the Notes), subject to and in accordance with the order of priority of payments, as further agreed between Party A and Party B pursuant to the Deed of Charge, pay to Party A an amount or amounts ("**Withholding Compensation Amounts**") equal to:

(A) any Additional Amounts paid by Party A to Party B on such Interest Payment Date together with, to the extent not paid on any previous Interest Payment Date, an amount equal to any Additional Amounts paid by Party A under this Agreement on any previous Interest Payment Date, and

(B) any Withheld Amount on such Interest Payment Date, together with, to the extent not paid on any previous Interest Payment Date, an amount equal to any Withheld Amount applicable to any previous Interest Payment Date.

"**Additional Amounts**" in this paragraph Part 5(k) Part 5(k)(ii) shall mean the additional amounts (if any) paid by Party A to Party B in accordance with Section 2(d)(i)(4) of this Agreement.

"**Withheld Amount**" in this paragraph Part 5(k) Part 5(k)(ii) shall mean such withholding or deduction (if any) as Party B has made if Party B is required to make such withholding or deduction for or on account of United Kingdom tax from any amounts payable by it under a Transaction on any Interest Payment Date, in accordance with Section 2(d) of this Agreement.

This paragraph is the "Withholding Compensation Amounts Provision" referred to in certain of the Relevant Documents (as defined in the Deed of Charge).

(iii) Where Party B pays a Withholding Compensation Amount, Party A undertakes as follows:

(A) to the extent that Party A obtains any Tax credit, allowance, set-off or repayment from the tax authorities of any jurisdiction relating to any deduction or withholding giving rise to such payment, it shall forthwith pay to Party B so much of the cash benefit (as calculated below) relating thereto which it has received as will leave Party A in substantially the same position as Party A would have been in if no such deduction or withholding had been required;

(B) the "cash benefit" shall, in the case of a credit, allowance or set-off, be the additional amount of Tax which would have been payable by Party A but for the obtaining by it of the said Tax credit, allowance or set-off and, in the case of a repayment, shall be the amount of the repayment together, in either case, with any related interest or similar payment obtained by it and shall be taken to be received, in the case of a Tax credit, allowance or set-off, on the date when Party A becomes entitled to the Tax credit, allowance or set-off if Party A has made a provision for the additional amount of Tax otherwise payable which provision is able to be released on that date or on the date when the

additional amount of Tax would have been payable if no such provision has been made and, in the case of a repayment, on the date when the repayment is made;

- (C) it will use all reasonable endeavours to obtain any Tax credit, allowance, set-off or repayment as soon as is reasonably practicable and shall supply Party B with a reasonably detailed explanation of its calculation of the amount of any such Tax credit, allowance, set-off or repayment and of the date on which it becomes entitled to the same, or in the case of repayment, the same is received; and
- (D) it will use all reasonable endeavours to utilise in accordance with its accounting policies any Tax credit, allowance or set-off which would otherwise be unutilised.

Where Party B pays a Withholding Compensation Amount as a result of the withholding of a Withheld Amount, Party B undertakes to use reasonable endeavours to identify to Party A the withholding or deduction that has given rise to such payment.

(l) ***Security, Enforcement and Limited Recourse***

- (i) Party A agrees with Party B and the Trustee to be bound by the terms of the Deed of Charge and, in particular, confirms that:
  - (A) no sum shall be payable by or on behalf of Party B to it except in accordance with the provisions of the Deed of Charge;
  - (B) unless an Enforcement Notice shall have been served or unless the Trustee, having become bound to do so, fails to serve an Enforcement Notice and/or to take any steps or proceedings pursuant to Clause 8 of the Deed of Charge to enforce the security thereby created:-
    - (1) it shall not take any steps whatsoever to direct the Trustee to enforce any security created by or pursuant to Clause 3 of the Deed of Charge; and
    - (2) it shall not take any steps for the winding up, dissolution or reorganisation, or for the appointment of a receiver, administrator, administrative receiver, trustee, liquidator, sequestrator or similar officer of Party B or of any or all of its revenues and assets nor participate in any *ex parte* proceedings nor seek to enforce any judgment against Party B, subject to the provisions of the Deed of Charge.
- (ii) In relation to all sums due and payable by Party B to Party A, Party A agrees that it shall have recourse only to funds available for the purpose pursuant and subject to the order of priority of payments set out in the Deed of Charge.
- (iii) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 6 of this Agreement, any notice given by Party A designating an Early Termination Date, which date shall be no earlier than ten Business Days following the giving of notice, shall be given to the Trustee in respect of the Deed of Charge, with a copy to Party B. In the event that service of an Enforcement Notice occurs following the date of giving of such notice but prior to the date which would otherwise have been the Early Termination Date, the effective date of such Enforcement Notice shall be the Early Termination Date.

- (iv) If, on any date, Party B does not pay the full amount it would otherwise owe under any Transaction (after the application of Section 2(c) to such Transaction) because of the limitation contained in Part 5 (l)(i) or Part 5 (l)(ii) above, then
- (A) payment by Party B of the shortfall (and the corresponding payment obligation of Party A with respect to such shortfall (being the full amount Party A would otherwise owe on such date less the actual amount payable by Party A determined in accordance with Part 5 (l)(iv)(C) below) will not then fall due but will instead be deferred until the first Party A Payment Date thereafter on which sufficient funds are available (subject to Part 5 (l)(i) or Part 5 (l)(ii) above);
  - (B) failure by Party B to make the full payment under such Transaction (after the application of Section 2(c) to such Transaction) shall not constitute an Event of Default for the purpose of Section 5(a)(i); and
  - (C) the obligation of Party A to make payment to Party B, in respect of the same Transaction, on such date, will be reduced so that Party A will be obligated to pay the Equivalent Percentage of the amount it would otherwise owe under that Transaction.

**“Equivalent Percentage”** means the percentage obtained by dividing the amount paid by Party B by the amount it would have paid absent such limitation.

- (v) For the avoidance of doubt, if an Early Termination Date results from an Event of Default, any amount payable (the payment of which was deferred or not paid in the circumstances described under Part 5 (l)(iv) above by Party A or by Party B, as the case may be) under this Agreement will be deemed to be Unpaid Amounts owing to Party B or, as the case may be, owing to Party A.
- (vi) Following the calculation thereof, Party B shall notify Party A at least one Business Day in advance of the relevant Payment Date of the amount of any shortfall, the payment of which by Party B is deferred in accordance with Part 5 (l)(iv) above.
- (vii) If any payment of any amounts by Party A and Party B is deferred in accordance with Part 5 (l)(iv) above then the amount so deferred on the Party A Floating Amount shall, subject to the terms of this Agreement, be payable on the next Party A Payment Date (together with an additional floating amount accrued thereon at the applicable Party A Floating Rate) and the Party A Floating Amount due on such date shall be deemed to include such amounts. The amount so deferred on the Party B Floating Amount shall, subject to the terms of this Agreement, be payable on the next Party B Payment Date (together with an additional floating amount accrued thereon accrued at the applicable Party B Floating Rate) and the Party B Floating Amount due on such date shall be deemed to include such amounts.

(m) ***Condition Precedent***

Section 2(a)(iii) shall be amended by the deletion of the words "or Potential Event of Default" in respect only of the obligations under Section 2(a)(i) of Party A.

(n) ***Representations***

Section 3(b) shall be amended by the deletion of the words "or Potential Event of Default" in respect of the representation given by Party B only. For the purpose of Section 3(c), Party A shall be deemed to have no Affiliates.

(o) **Additional Definitions**

(i) **Definition of "Notes"**

For the purpose of this Agreement, "Class A Notes", "Class B Notes" and "Notes" have the same meaning as indicated in the Deed of Charge (as defined below).

(ii) **Definition of "Deed of Charge"**

For the purpose of this Agreement "Deed of Charge" means the Deed of Charge to be dated 27 October 2004 between, among others, Party A, Party B and the Trustee.

(iii) **Definitions**

This Agreement, the Confirmations and each Transaction hereunder are subject to the 2000 ISDA Definitions (as published by the International Swap and Derivatives Association, Inc.) (the "Definitions") and will be governed in all respects by the provisions set forth in the Definitions, without regard to any amendments subsequent to the date of this Agreement.

The provisions of the Definitions are incorporated by reference in and shall be deemed to be part of this Agreement and each Confirmation as if set forth in full in this Agreement and in each such Confirmation.

In the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of this Agreement and the Definitions, this Agreement will prevail.

Words and expressions used in this Schedule which are not defined herein or in the Definitions shall have the same meanings as are given to them in the Confirmation.

Terms defined or referred to in the Conditions (as defined in the Deed of Charge) and the Relevant Documents (as defined in Condition 3 of those Conditions) shall, where the context permits, bear the same respective meanings in this Agreement. In the event of any conflict between those Conditions and the definitions in the Relevant Documents, the definitions in the Conditions shall prevail.

(p) **Calculations**

Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default or an Additional Termination Event with respect to Party A, Party B will be entitled (but not obliged in the event that it does not designate an Early Termination Date) to proceed in accordance with Section 6 of the Agreement subject to the following:

(i) For the purposes of Section 6(d)(i), Party B's obligation with respect to the extent of information to be provided with its calculations is limited to information Party B has already received in writing and provided Party B is able to release this information without breaching the provisions of any law applicable to, or any contractual restriction binding upon, Party B.

(ii) The following amendments shall be deemed to be made to the definitions of "**Market Quotation**":

(A) the word "firm" shall be added before the word "quotations" in the second line;

(B) the words "provided that the documentation relating thereto is either the same as this Agreement and the existing confirmations hereto (and the short-term, unsecured and unsubordinated debt obligations of the Reference Market-

maker are rated not less than "F1" by Fitch and not less than "A-1" by S&P and the long-term, unsecured and unsubordinated debt obligations of the Reference Market-maker are rated not less than "A1" by Moody's and the short-term, unsecured and unsubordinated debt obligations of the Reference Market-maker are rated not less than "P-1" by Moody's (or, if such Reference Market-maker is not rated by a Rating Agency, at such equivalent rating (by another Rating Agency) that is acceptable to such Rating Agency) or the Rating Agencies have confirmed in writing such proposed documentation will not adversely impact the ratings of the Class A Notes" shall be added after "agree" in the sixteenth line; and

- (C) the last sentence shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

"If, on the last date set for delivery of quotations, exactly two quotations are provided, the Market Quotation will be either (a) the lower of the two quotations where there would be a sum payable by Party A to Party B, or (b) the higher of the two quotations where there would be a sum payable by Party B to Party A. If only one quotation is provided on such date, Party B may, in its discretion, accept such quotation as the Market Quotation and if Party B does not accept such quotation (or if no quotation has been provided), it will be deemed that the Market Quotation in respect of the Terminated Transaction cannot be determined."

- (iii) For the purpose of the definition of "Market Quotation", and without limiting the general rights of Party B under the Agreement:
- (A) Party B will undertake to use its reasonable efforts to obtain at least three firm quotations as soon as reasonably practicable after the Early Termination Date and in any event within the time period specified pursuant to Part 5 (p)(iii)(C) below;
- (B) Party A shall, for the purposes of Section 6(e), be permitted (but not obliged) to obtain quotations from Reference Market-makers on behalf of Party B; and
- (C) if, after reasonable efforts by or on behalf of Party B, no quotations have been obtained within 6 Local Business Days after the occurrence of the Early Termination Date or such longer period as Party B may specify in writing to Party A, then it will be deemed that the Market Quotation in respect of the Terminated Transaction cannot be determined.
- (iv) Party B will be deemed to have discharged its obligations under Part 5 (iii)(A) above if it promptly requests, in writing, Party A (such request to be made within one Local Business Day after the occurrence of the Early Termination Date) to obtain quotations from Reference Market-makers.
- (v) Party B will not be obliged to consult with Party A as to the day and time of obtaining any quotations.
- (vi) In relation to Part 5(f) of the Schedule to this Agreement, in the case of a redemption in full of the Relevant Notes pursuant to the Issuer exercising an option to redeem under Condition 5(c) (*Redemption for Taxation or Other Reasons*) of the terms and conditions of the Notes, "**Market Quotation**" in respect of the Terminated Transactions shall be determined based on the anticipated rate of reduction (as determined at the commercially reasonable discretion of Party A after and subject to prior consultation with Party B and giving due weight to Party B's views) in the Party A Currency Amount and the Party B Currency Amount had such redemption not occurred.

(q) **Transfers**

**Transfers by Party A:**

Section 7 of this Agreement shall not apply to Party A, who shall be required to comply with, and shall be bound by, the following:

Without prejudice to Section 6(b)(ii), Party A may transfer all its interest and obligations in and under this Agreement upon providing no less than five Business Days' prior written notice to the Trustee (save that where a transfer has taken place pursuant to Part 5(g) notice may be contemporaneous with transfer), to any other entity (a "**Transferee**") provided that:

- (i) the Transferee's short-term unsecured and unsubordinated debt obligations are then rated not less than "F1" by Fitch and not less than "A-1" by S&P and its long-term, unsecured and unsubordinated debt obligations are then rated not less than "A1" by Moody's and its short-term, unsecured and unsubordinated debt obligations are then rated not less than "P-1" by Moody's (or its equivalent by any substitute rating agency) or such Transferee's obligations under this Agreement are guaranteed by an entity whose long-term, unsecured and unsubordinated debt obligations are then rated not less than "A+" by Fitch and not less than "A+" by S&P and whose long-term, unsecured and unsubordinated debt obligations are then rated not less than "A1" by Moody's and whose short-term, unsecured and unsubordinated debt obligations are then rated not less than "P-1" by Moody's (or its equivalent by any substitute rating agency);
- (ii) as of the date of such transfer the Transferee will not, as a result of such transfer, be required to withhold or deduct any amount on account of Tax from any payments made under this Agreement;
- (iii) (judged as of the time of transfer) a Termination Event or an Event of Default will not immediately occur under this Agreement as a result of such transfer;
- (iv) (except where agreed otherwise by Party B) no additional amount will be payable by Party B to Party A or the Transferee on the next succeeding Scheduled Payment Date as a result of such transfer; and
- (v) (if the Transferee is domiciled in a different country from both Party A and Party B) S&P, Moody's and Fitch have provided prior written notification that the then current ratings of the Notes will not be adversely affected.

Following such transfer all references to Party A shall be deemed to be references to the Transferee.

Save as otherwise provided for in this Agreement and notwithstanding Section 7, Party A shall not be permitted to transfer (by way of security or otherwise) this Agreement nor any interest or obligation in or under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the Trustee.

**Transfers by Party B:**

Neither this Agreement nor any interest in or under this Agreement or any Transaction may be transferred by Party B to any other entity save with Party A's prior written consent except that such consent is not required in the case of a transfer, charge or assignment to the Trustee as contemplated in the Deed of Charge. For the avoidance of doubt, Party A hereby agrees and consents to the assignment by way of security by Party B of its interests under this Agreement to the Trustee (or any successor thereto) pursuant to and in accordance with the Deed of Charge and acknowledges notice of such assignment. Party A and Party B acknowledge that the provisions of this Agreement and any Transaction hereunder will be subject to (a) the priority of payments set out in the Deed of Charge.

Any transfer by Party B shall be subject to the consent of the Trustee.

(r) ***Indemnity***

Without prejudice to any other rights, powers, remedies and privileges which Party B may have, Party A hereby agrees with Party B to indemnify and keep indemnified Party B on an after-tax basis from and against any reasonable cost, expense, damage, loss or liability (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any tax liability) which Party B may incur or suffer to the extent that Party B would not have incurred or suffered such cost, expense, damage, loss or liability had Party A complied with its representations, warranty and undertaking as set out in sub-paragraph (h)(iii) of this Part 5.

(s) ***Netting***

Except where specified otherwise in the relevant Confirmation, in respect of each Transaction made under this Agreement:

- (i) Section 2(c)(ii) of the Agreement will not apply to amounts in respect of the same Transaction; and
- (ii) Section 2(c)(ii) of the Agreement will not apply to amounts in respect of different Transactions (if any) under this Agreement.

(t) ***Rights of Third Parties***

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 provided that this shall not affect any rights of any third party which may be granted in respect of this Agreement pursuant to the terms of the Deed of Charge.

(u) ***Principal Paying Agent Payment***

Party A hereby undertakes with Party B that, unless otherwise agreed between the parties, and until duly requested, it will make all payments of all sums payable in respect of this Agreement direct to the Principal Paying Agent in respect of the Notes. Party B agrees that payment by Party A made in accordance with this provision of an amount due to Party B shall discharge the liability of Party A *pro tanto* in respect of that payment only.

(v) ***Successors***

References in this Agreement to the parties hereto, Party A and Party B shall (for the avoidance of doubt) include, where appropriate, any permitted successor or assign thereof.

(w) ***Benefit of Agreement***

Any legal entity into which Party A is merged or converted or any legal entity resulting from any merger or conversion to which Party A is a party shall, to the extent permitted by applicable law, be a party to this Agreement in place of Party A without any further act or formality.

(x) ***Change of Account***

Section 2(b) is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

***"Change of Account.*** Party A may change its account for receiving payment or delivery by giving notice to Party B at least ten Local Business Days prior to the scheduled date for payment or delivery to which such change applies unless Party B gives timely notice of a reasonable objection to such change. Party B may change its account for receiving payment or

delivery by giving notice to Party A at least ten Local Business Days prior to the scheduled date for payment or delivery to which such change applies unless Party A gives timely notice of a reasonable objection to such change."

(y) **Inconsistency**

In the event of an inconsistency among or between any of the following documents, the relevant document first listed below shall govern:


- (i) Confirmation;
- (ii) Schedule; and
- (iii) Definitions.

(z) **Severability**

Any provision of this Agreement which is prohibited (for reasons other than those constituting an illegality) or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions of the Agreement or affecting the validity or enforceability of such provision in any other jurisdiction unless the severance shall substantially impair the benefits of the remaining portions of this Agreement or change the reciprocal obligations of the parties.

**Signed for and behalf of:**  
on:  
by:

**HSBC Bank plc**  
27 October 2004

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Authorised signatory  
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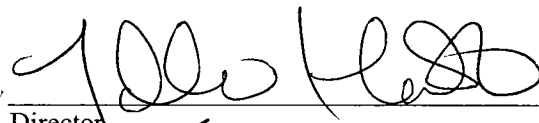
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Name David Mares



(Currency Swap A1b Agreement)

(Bilateral Form - Transfer)<sup>1</sup>

(ISDA Agreements Subject to English Law)<sup>2</sup>

# ISDA<sup>®</sup>

International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc.

## CREDIT SUPPORT ANNEX

to the Schedule to the

### ISDA Master Agreement

dated as of 27 October 2004

between

HSBC Bank plc ..... and Paragon Mortgages (No.8) PLC  
("Party A") ..... ("Party B")

Citicorp Trustee Company Limited

(the "Trustee", which expression shall include its successors and assigns).

This Annex supplements, forms part of, and is subject to, the ISDA Master Agreement referred to above and is part of its Schedule. For the purposes of this Agreement, including, without limitation, Sections 1(c), 2(a), 5 and 6, the credit support arrangements set out in this Annex constitute a Transaction (for which this Annex constitutes the Confirmation).

#### Paragraph 1. Interpretation

Capitalised terms not otherwise defined in this Annex or elsewhere in this Agreement have the meanings specified pursuant to Paragraph 10, and all references in this Annex to Paragraphs are to Paragraphs of this Annex. In the event of any inconsistency between this Annex and the other provisions of this Schedule, this Annex will prevail, and in the event of any inconsistency between Paragraph 11 and the other

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<sup>1</sup> This document is not intended to create a charge or other security interest over the assets transferred under its terms. Persons intending to establish a collateral arrangement based on the creation of a charge or other security interest should consider using the ISDA Credit Support Deed (English law) or the ISDA Credit Support Annex (New York law), as appropriate.

<sup>2</sup> This Credit Support Annex has been prepared for use with ISDA Master Agreements subject to English law. Users should consult their legal advisers as to the proper use and effect of this form and the arrangements it contemplates. In particular, users should consult their legal advisers if they wish to have the Credit Support Annex made subject to a governing law other than English law or to have the Credit Support Annex subject to a different governing law than that governing the rest of the ISDA Master Agreement (e.g., English law for the Credit Support Annex and New York law for the rest of the ISDA Master Agreement).

provisions of this Annex, Paragraph 11 will prevail. For the avoidance of doubt, references to "transfer" in this Annex mean, in relation to cash, payment and, in relation to other assets, delivery.

## **Paragraph 2. Credit Support Obligations**

(a) **Delivery Amount.** Subject to Paragraphs 3 and 4, upon a demand made by the Transferee on or promptly following a Valuation Date, if the Delivery Amount for that Valuation Date equals or exceeds the Transferor's Minimum Transfer Amount, then the Transferor will transfer to the Transferee Eligible Credit Support having a Value as of the date of transfer at least equal to the applicable Delivery Amount (rounded pursuant to Paragraph 11(b)(iii)(D)). Unless otherwise specified in Paragraph 11(b), the "Delivery Amount" applicable to the Transferor for any Valuation Date will equal the amount by which:

(i) the Credit Support Amount

exceeds

(ii) the Value as of that Valuation Date of the Transferor's Credit Support Balance (adjusted to include any prior Delivery Amount and to exclude any prior Return Amount, the transfer of which, in either case, has not yet been completed and for which the relevant Settlement Day falls on or after such Valuation Date).

(b) **Return Amount.** Subject to Paragraphs 3 and 4, upon a demand made by the Transferor on or promptly following a Valuation Date, if the Return Amount for that Valuation Date equals or exceeds the Transferee's Minimum Transfer Amount, then the Transferee will transfer to the Transferor Equivalent Credit Support specified by the Transferor in that demand having a Value as of the date of transfer as close as practicable to the applicable Return Amount (rounded pursuant to Paragraph 11(b)(iii)(D)) and the Credit Support Balance will, upon such transfer, be reduced accordingly. Unless otherwise specified in Paragraph 11(b), the "Return Amount" applicable to the Transferee for any Valuation Date will equal the amount by which:

(i) the Value as of that Valuation Date of the Transferor's Credit Support Balance (adjusted to include any prior Delivery Amount and to exclude any prior Return Amount, the transfer of which, in either case, has not yet been completed and for which the relevant Settlement Day falls on or after such Valuation Date)

exceeds

(ii) the Credit Support Amount.

## **Paragraph 3. Transfers, Calculations and Exchanges**

(a) **Transfers.** All transfers under this Annex of any Eligible Credit Support, Equivalent Credit Support, Interest Amount or Equivalent Distributions shall be made in accordance with the instructions of the Transferee or Transferor, as applicable, and shall be made:

(i) in the case of cash, by transfer into one or more bank accounts specified by the recipient;

(ii) in the case of certificated securities which cannot or which the parties have agreed will not be delivered by book-entry, by delivery in appropriate physical form to the recipient or its account accompanied by any duly executed instruments of transfer, transfer tax stamps and any other documents necessary to constitute a legally valid transfer of the transferring party's legal and beneficial title to the recipient; and

(iii) in the case of securities which the parties have agreed will be delivered by book-entry, by the giving of written instructions (including, for the avoidance of doubt, instructions given by telex, facsimile transmission or electronic messaging system) to the relevant depository institution or other entity specified by the recipient, together with a written copy of the instructions to the recipient, sufficient, if complied with, to result in a legally effective transfer of the transferring party's legal and beneficial title to the recipient.

Subject to Paragraph 4 and unless otherwise specified, if a demand for the transfer of Eligible Credit Support or Equivalent Credit Support is received by the Notification Time, then the relevant transfer will be made not later than the close of business on the Settlement Day relating to the date such demand is received; if a demand is received after the Notification Time, then the relevant transfer will be made not later than the close of business on the Settlement Day relating to the day after the date such demand is received.

(b) **Calculations.** All calculations of Value and Exposure for purposes of Paragraphs 2 and 4(a) will be made by the relevant Valuation Agent as of the relevant Valuation Time. The Valuation Agent will notify each party (or the other party, if the Valuation Agent is a party) of its calculations not later than the Notification Time on the Local Business Day following the applicable Valuation Date (or, in the case of Paragraph 4(a), following the date of calculation).

(c) **Exchanges.**

(i) Unless otherwise specified in Paragraph 11, the Transferor may on any Local Business Day by notice inform the Transferee that it wishes to transfer to the Transferee Eligible Credit Support specified in that notice (the "New Credit Support") in exchange for certain Eligible Credit Support (the "Original Credit Support") specified in that notice comprised in the Transferor's Credit Support Balance.

(ii) If the Transferee notifies the Transferor that it has consented to the proposed exchange, (A) the Transferor will be obliged to transfer the New Credit Support to the Transferee on the first Settlement Day following the date on which it receives notice (which may be oral telephonic notice) from the Transferee of its consent and (B) the Transferee will be obliged to transfer to the Transferor Equivalent Credit Support in respect of the Original Credit Support not later than the Settlement Day following the date on which the Transferee receives the New Credit Support, unless otherwise specified in Paragraph 11(d) (the "Exchange Date"); *provided* that the Transferee will only be obliged to transfer Equivalent Credit Support with a Value as of the date of transfer as close as practicable to, but in any event not more than, the Value of the New Credit Support as of that date.

#### Paragraph 4. Dispute Resolution

(a) ***Disputed Calculations or Valuations.*** If a party (a "Disputing Party") reasonably disputes (I) the Valuation Agent's calculation of a Delivery Amount or a Return Amount or (II) the Value of any transfer of Eligible Credit Support or Equivalent Credit Support, then:

(1) the Disputing Party will notify the other party and the Valuation Agent (if the Valuation Agent is not the other party) not later than the close of business on the Local Business Day following, in the case of (I) above, the date that the demand is received under Paragraph 2 or, in the case of (II) above, the date of transfer;

(2) in the case of (I) above, the appropriate party will transfer the undisputed amount to the other party not later than the close of business on the Settlement Day following the date that the demand is received under Paragraph 2;

(3) the parties will consult with each other in an attempt to resolve the dispute; and

(4) if they fail to resolve the dispute by the Resolution Time, then:

(i) in the case of a dispute involving a Delivery Amount or Return Amount, unless otherwise specified in Paragraph 11(c), the Valuation Agent will recalculate the Exposure and the Value as of the Recalculation Date by:

(A) utilising any calculations of that part of the Exposure attributable to the Transactions that the parties have agreed are not in dispute;

(B) calculating that part of the Exposure attributable to the Transactions in dispute by seeking four actual quotations at mid-market from Reference Market-makers for purposes of calculating Market Quotation, and taking the arithmetic average of those obtained; *provided* that if four quotations are not available for a particular Transaction, then fewer than four quotations may be used for that Transaction, and if no quotations are available for a particular Transaction, then the Valuation Agent's original calculations will be used for the Transaction; and

(C) utilising the procedures specified in Paragraph 11(e)(ii) for calculating the Value, if disputed, of the outstanding Credit Support Balance;

(ii) in the case of a dispute involving the Value of any transfer of Eligible Credit Support or Equivalent Credit Support, the Valuation Agent will recalculate the Value as of the date of transfer pursuant to Paragraph 11(e)(ii).

Following a recalculation pursuant to this Paragraph, the Valuation Agent will notify each party (or the other party, if the Valuation Agent is a party) as soon as possible but in any event not later than the Notification Time on the Local Business Day following the Resolution Time. The appropriate party will, upon demand following such notice given by the Valuation Agent or a resolution pursuant to (3) above and subject to Paragraph 3(a), make the appropriate transfer.

(b) **No Event of Default.** The failure by a party to make a transfer of any amount which is the subject of a dispute to which Paragraph 4(a) applies will not constitute an Event of Default for as long as the procedures set out in this Paragraph 4 are being carried out. For the avoidance of doubt, upon completion of those procedures, Section 5(a)(i) of this Agreement will apply to any failure by a party to make a transfer required under the final sentence of Paragraph 4(a) on the relevant due date.

**Paragraph 5. Transfer of Title, No Security Interest, Distributions and Interest Amount**

(a) **Transfer of Title.** Each party agrees that all right, title and interest in and to any Eligible Credit Support, Equivalent Credit Support, Equivalent Distributions or Interest Amount which it transfers to the other party under the terms of this Annex shall vest in the recipient free and clear of any liens, claims, charges or encumbrances or any other interest of the transferring party or of any third person (other than a lien routinely imposed on all securities in a relevant clearance system).

(b) **No Security Interest.** Nothing in this Annex is intended to create or does create in favour of either party any mortgage, charge, lien, pledge, encumbrance or other security interest in any cash or other property transferred by one party to the other party under the terms of this Annex.

(c) **Distributions and Interest Amount.**

(i) **Distributions.** The Transferee will transfer to the Transferor not later than the Settlement Day following each Distributions Date cash, securities or other property of the same type, nominal value, description and amount as the relevant Distributions ("Equivalent Distributions") to the extent that a Delivery Amount would not be created or increased by the transfer, as calculated by the Valuation Agent (and the date of calculation will be deemed a Valuation Date for this purpose).

(ii) **Interest Amount.** Unless otherwise specified in Paragraph 11(f)(iii), the Transferee will transfer to the Transferor at the times specified in Paragraph 11(f)(ii) the relevant Interest Amount to the extent that a Delivery Amount would not be created or increased by the transfer, as calculated by the Valuation Agent (and the date of calculation will be deemed a Valuation Date for this purpose).

**Paragraph 6. Default**

If an Early Termination Date is designated or deemed to occur as a result of an Event of Default in relation to a party, an amount equal to the Value of the Credit Support Balance, determined as though the Early Termination Date were a Valuation Date, will be deemed to be an Unpaid Amount due to the Transferor (which may or may not be the Defaulting Party) for purposes of Section 6(e). For the avoidance of doubt, if Market Quotation is the applicable payment measure for purposes of Section 6(e), then the Market Quotation determined under Section 6(e) in relation to the Transaction constituted by this Annex will be deemed to be zero, and, if Loss is the applicable payment measure for purposes of Section 6(e), then the Loss determined under Section 6(e) in relation to the Transaction will be limited to the Unpaid Amount representing the Value of the Credit Support Balance.

### **Paragraph 7. Representation**

Each party represents to the other party (which representation will be deemed to be repeated as of each date on which it transfers Eligible Credit Support, Equivalent Credit Support or Equivalent Distributions) that it is the sole owner of or otherwise has the right to transfer all Eligible Credit Support, Equivalent Credit Support or Equivalent Distributions it transfers to the other party under this Annex, free and clear of any security interest, lien, encumbrance or other restriction (other than a lien routinely imposed on all securities in a relevant clearance system).

### **Paragraph 8. Expenses**

Each party will pay its own costs and expenses (including any stamp, transfer or similar transaction tax or duty payable on any transfer it is required to make under this Annex) in connection with performing its obligations under this Annex, and neither party will be liable for any such costs and expenses incurred by the other party.

### **Paragraph 9. Miscellaneous**

(a) **Default Interest.** Other than in the case of an amount which is the subject of a dispute under Paragraph 4(a), if a Transferee fails to make, when due, any transfer of Equivalent Credit Support, Equivalent Distributions or the Interest Amount, it will be obliged to pay the Transferor (to the extent permitted under applicable law) an amount equal to interest at the Default Rate multiplied by the Value on the relevant Valuation Date of the items of property that were required to be transferred, from (and including) the date that the Equivalent Credit Support, Equivalent Distributions or Interest Amount were required to be transferred to (but excluding) the date of transfer of the Equivalent Credit Support, Equivalent Distributions or Interest Amount. This interest will be calculated on the basis of daily compounding and the actual number of days elapsed.

(b) **Good Faith and Commercially Reasonable Manner.** Performance of all obligations under this Annex, including, but not limited to, all calculations, valuations and determinations made by either party, will be made in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner.

(c) **Demands and Notices.** All demands and notices given by a party under this Annex will be given as specified in Section 12 of this Agreement.

(d) **Specifications of Certain Matters.** Anything referred to in this Annex as being specified in Paragraph 11 also may be specified in one or more Confirmations or other documents and this Annex will be construed accordingly.

### **Paragraph 10. Definitions**

As used in this Annex:

**"Base Currency"** means the currency specified as such in Paragraph 11(a)(i).

**"Base Currency Equivalent"** means, with respect to an amount on a Valuation Date, in the case of an amount denominated in the Base Currency, such Base Currency amount and, in the case of an amount denominated in a currency other than the Base Currency (the "Other Currency"), the amount of Base Currency required to purchase such amount of the Other Currency at the spot exchange rate determined by the Valuation Agent for value on such Valuation Date.

**"Credit Support Amount"** means, with respect to a Transferor on a Valuation Date, (i) the Transferee's Exposure plus (ii) all Independent Amounts applicable to the Transferor, if any, minus (iii) all Independent Amounts applicable to the Transferee, if any, minus (iv) the Transferor's Threshold; *provided, however*, that the Credit Support Amount will be deemed to be zero whenever the calculation of Credit Support Amount yields a number less than zero.

**"Credit Support Balance"** means, with respect to a Transferor on a Valuation Date, the aggregate of all Eligible Credit Support that has been transferred to or received by the Transferee under this Annex, together with any Distributions and all proceeds of any such Eligible Credit Support or Distributions, as reduced pursuant to Paragraph 2(b), 3(c)(ii) or 6. Any Equivalent Distributions or Interest Amount (or portion of either) not transferred pursuant to Paragraph 5(c)(i) or (ii) will form part of the Credit Support Balance.

**"Delivery Amount"** has the meaning specified in Paragraph 2(a).

**"Disputing Party"** has the meaning specified in Paragraph 4.

**"Distributions"** means, with respect to any Eligible Credit Support comprised in the Credit Support Balance consisting of securities, all principal, interest and other payments and distributions of cash or other property to which a holder of securities of the same type, nominal value, description and amount as such Eligible Credit Support would be entitled from time to time.

**"Distributions Date"** means, with respect to any Eligible Credit Support comprised in the Credit Support Balance other than cash, each date on which a holder of such Eligible Credit Support is entitled to receive Distributions or, if that date is not a Local Business Day, the next following Local Business Day.

**"Eligible Credit Support"** means, with respect to a party, the items, if any, specified as such for that party in Paragraph 11(b)(ii) including, in relation to any securities, if applicable, the proceeds of any redemption in whole or in part of such securities by the relevant issuer.

**"Eligible Currency"** means each currency specified as such in Paragraph 11(a)(ii), if such currency is freely available.

**"Equivalent Credit Support"** means, in relation to any Eligible Credit Support comprised in the Credit Support Balance, Eligible Credit Support of the same type, nominal value, description and amount as that Eligible Credit Support.

**"Equivalent Distributions"** has the meaning specified in Paragraph 5(c)(i).

**"Exchange Date"** has the meaning specified in Paragraph 11(d).

**"Exposure"** means, with respect to a party on a Valuation Date and subject to Paragraph 4 in the case of a dispute, the amount, if any, that would be payable to that party by the other party (expressed as a positive number) or by that party to the other party (expressed as a negative number) pursuant to Section 6(e)(ii)(1) of this Agreement if all Transactions (other than the Transaction constituted by this Annex) were being terminated as of the relevant Valuation Time, on the basis that (i) that party is not the Affected Party and (ii) the Base Currency is the Termination Currency; *provided* that Market Quotations will be determined by the Valuation Agent on behalf of that party using its estimates at mid-market of the amounts that would be paid for Replacement Transactions (as that term is defined in the definition of "Market Quotation").

**"Independent Amount"** means, with respect to a party, the Base Currency Equivalent of the amount specified as such for that party in Paragraph 11 (b)(iii)(A); if no amount is specified, zero.

**"Interest Amount"** means, with respect to an Interest Period, the aggregate sum of the Base Currency Equivalents of the amounts of interest determined for each relevant currency and calculated for each day in that Interest Period on the principal amount of the portion of the Credit Support Balance comprised of cash in such currency, determined by the Valuation Agent for each such day as follows:

- (x) the amount of cash in such currency on that day; multiplied by
- (y) the relevant Interest Rate in effect for that day; divided by
- (z) 360 (or, in the case of pounds sterling, 365).

**"Interest Period"** means the period from (and including) the last Local Business Day on which an Interest Amount was transferred (or, if no Interest Amount has yet been transferred, the Local Business Day on which Eligible Credit Support or Equivalent Credit Support in the form of cash was transferred to or received by the Transferee) to (but excluding) the Local Business Day on which the current Interest Amount is transferred.

**"Interest Rate"** means, with respect to an Eligible Currency, the rate specified in Paragraph 11(f)(i) for that currency.

**"Local Business Day"**, unless otherwise specified in Paragraph 11(h), means:

- (i) in relation to a transfer of cash or other property (other than securities) under this Annex, a day on which commercial banks are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the place where the relevant account is located and, if different, in the principal financial centre, if any, of the currency of such payment;
- (ii) in relation to a transfer of securities under this Annex, a day on which the clearance system agreed between the parties for delivery of the securities is open for the acceptance and execution of settlement instructions or, if delivery of the securities is contemplated by other means, a day on which commercial banks are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the place(s) agreed between the parties for this purpose;



(iii) in relation to a valuation under this Annex, a day on which commercial banks are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the place of location of the Valuation Agent and in the place(s) agreed between the parties for this purpose; and

(iv) in relation to any notice or other communication under this Annex, a day on which commercial banks are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the place specified in the address for notice most recently provided by the recipient.

**"Minimum Transfer Amount"** means, with respect to a party, the amount specified as such for that party in Paragraph 11(b)(iii)(C); if no amount is specified, zero.

**"New Credit Support"** has the meaning specified in Paragraph 3(c)(i).

**"Notification Time"** has the meaning specified in Paragraph 11(c)(iv).

**"Recalculation Date"** means the Valuation Date that gives rise to the dispute under Paragraph 4; *provided, however*, that if a subsequent Valuation Date occurs under Paragraph 2 prior to the resolution of the dispute, then the **"Recalculation Date"** means the most recent Valuation Date under Paragraph 2.

**"Resolution Time"** has the meaning specified in Paragraph 11(c)(i).

**"Return Amount"** has the meaning specified in Paragraph 2(b).

**"Settlement Day"** means, in relation to a date, (i) with respect to a transfer of cash or other property (other than securities), the next Local Business Day and (ii) with respect to a transfer of securities, the first Local Business Day after such date on which settlement of a trade in the relevant securities, if effected on such date, would have been settled in accordance with customary practice when settling through the clearance system agreed between the parties for delivery of such securities or, otherwise, on the market in which such securities are principally traded (or, in either case, if there is no such customary practice, on the first Local Business Day after such date on which it is reasonably practicable to deliver such securities).

**"Threshold"** means, with respect to a party, the Base Currency Equivalent of the amount specified as such for that party in Paragraph 11(b)(iii)(B); if no amount is specified, zero.

**"Transferee"** means, in relation to each Valuation Date, the party in respect of which Exposure is a positive number and, in relation to a Credit Support Balance, the party which, subject to this Annex, owes such Credit Support Balance or, as the case may be, the Value of such Credit Support Balance to the other party.

**"Transferor"** means, in relation to a Transferee, the other party.

**"Valuation Agent"** has the meaning specified in Paragraph 11(c)(i).

**"Valuation Date"** means each date specified in or otherwise determined pursuant to Paragraph 11(c)(ii).

**"Valuation Percentage"** means, for any item of Eligible Credit Support, the percentage specified in Paragraph 11(b)(ii).

**"Valuation Time"** has the meaning specified in Paragraph 11(c)(iii).

**"Value"** means, for any Valuation Date or other date for which Value is calculated, and subject to Paragraph 4 in the case of a dispute, with respect to:

- (i) Eligible Credit Support comprised in a Credit Support Balance that is:
  - (A) an amount of cash, the Base Currency Equivalent of such amount multiplied by the applicable Valuation Percentage, if any; and
  - (B) a security, the Base Currency Equivalent of the bid price obtained by the Valuation Agent multiplied by the applicable Valuation Percentage, if any; and
- (ii) items that are comprised in a Credit Support Balance and are not Eligible Credit Support, zero.

**Paragraph 11. Elections and Variables**

(a) **Base Currency and Eligible Currency.**

- (i) **“Base Currency”** means the Party A Currency.
- (ii) **“Eligible Currency”** means the Base Currency and each other currency specified here: United States Dollars and GBPs.

It is agreed by the parties that where the Credit Support Amount is transferred in a currency other than the Base Currency, the Valuation Percentage specified in Paragraph 11(b)(ii) shall be reduced by a percentage agreed by the parties and approved by the relevant rating agency ("Additional Valuation Percentage"), such Additional Valuation Percentage being 6% or such lower percentage as agreed by the parties and approved by the relevant rating agency. For the purpose of this Annex, references to the “relevant rating agency” shall mean the rating agency whose Ratings Criteria will be used to determine the amount of Eligible Credit Support that Party A is required to transfer to Party B following a credit ratings downgrade of Party A.

(b) **Credit Support Obligations.**

(i) **Delivery Amount, Return Amount and Credit Support Amount.**

- (A) **“Delivery Amount”** has the meaning specified in Paragraph 2(a), except that the words, “upon a demand made by the Transferee” shall be deleted and the word “that” on the second line of Paragraph 2(a) shall be replaced with the word “a”.
- (B) **“Return Amount”** has the meaning as specified in Paragraph 2(b).
- (C) **“Credit Support Amount”** has the meaning specified under the relevant definition of Ratings Criteria. In circumstances where more than one of the Ratings Criteria apply to Party A, the Credit Support Amount shall be calculated by reference to the Ratings Criteria which would result in Party A transferring the greatest amount of Eligible Credit Support. Under no circumstances will Party A be required to transfer more Eligible Credit Support than the greatest amount calculated in accordance with the Ratings Criteria set out below.

(ii) **Eligible Credit Support.** The following items will qualify as **“Eligible Credit Support”** for Party A:

	<b>Valuation Percentage</b>
(A) cash in an Eligible Currency	100%
(B) if the Base Currency is USD, negotiable debt obligations issued after 18 July 1984 by the U.S. Treasury Department having a residual maturity on such date of less than 1 year (with local and foreign currency issuer ratings of Moody’s Aa2, S&P AA and Fitch AAA or above)	98%
(C) if the Base Currency is USD, negotiable debt obligations issued after 18 July 1984 by the U.S. Treasury Department having a residual maturity on such date equal to or greater than 1 year but less than 5 years (with local and foreign currency issuer ratings of Moody’s Aa2, S&P AA and Fitch AAA or above)	94%
(D) if the Base Currency is USD, negotiable debt obligations issued after 18 July 1984 by the U.S. Treasury Department having a residual maturity on such date equal to or greater than 5 years but less than 10 years (with local and foreign currency issuer ratings of Moody’s Aa2, S&P AA and Fitch AAA or above)	91%

- (E) negotiable debt obligations of the United Kingdom (with local and foreign currency issuer ratings of Moody's Aa2, S&P AA and Fitch AAA or above) with a residual maturity of less than 10 years at the date of their transfer to the Secured Party 88%

or any other item (and applicable Valuation Percentage for such other item) as may be agreed between Party A, Party B and the relevant rating agencies from time to time; and

provided that in relation to calculations in connection with the Fitch Criteria, the applicable Valuation Percentage shall be (1) the relevant percentage determined by reference to the table headed "Advance Rates (%)" appearing at the end of Appendix 3 to the Fitch Criteria, or (2) in relation to type of Eligible Credit Support not listed in that table, such percentage as may be agreed between Party A, Party B and Fitch from time to time.

For the avoidance of doubt, where negotiable debt obligations are rated by only one of the above relevant rating agencies, the rating applied will be based on the rating of that agency.

Where the ratings of the relevant agencies differ with respect to the same negotiable debt obligation, the lower of the ratings shall apply.

(iii) **Thresholds.**

(A) **"Independent Amount"** means, for Party A and Party B, with respect to each Transaction, zero.

(B) **"Threshold"** means, for Party A, infinity, unless:

- (1) an Initial S&P Rating Event has occurred and the action set out in Part 5(g)(i)(B), (C) or (D) of the Schedule to the Agreement has not occurred in relation to such Initial S&P Rating Event; and/or
- (2) an Initial Moody's Rating Event has occurred and the action set out in Part 5(g)(iii)(A), (B) or (C) of the Schedule to the Agreement has not occurred in relation to such Initial Moody's Rating Event; and/or
- (3) a Subsequent Moody's Rating Event has occurred and the action set out in Part 5(g)(iv)(A), (B) or (C) of the Schedule to the Agreement has not occurred in relation to such Subsequent Moody's Rating Event; and/or
- (4) a Fitch Ratings Level 1 Event has occurred and a Fitch Ratings Non-Collateral Cure Event has not occurred as contemplated in Part 5(g) of the Schedule to the Agreement; and/or
- (5) a Fitch Ratings Level 2 Event has occurred and a Fitch Ratings Non-Collateral Cure Event has not occurred as contemplated in Part 5(g) of the Schedule to the Agreement;

in which case its Threshold shall be zero;

**"Threshold"** means, for Party B: infinity

(C) **"Minimum Transfer Amount"** shall be zero.

(D) **"Rounding"**. The Delivery Amount and the Return Amount will be rounded up and down to the nearest integral multiple of EUR10,000 respectively, subject to the maximum Return Amount being equal to the Credit Support Balance.

(c) **Valuation and Timing.**

(i) **"Valuation Agent"** means, Party A in all circumstances.

(ii) **"Valuation Date"** means every day; provided that if such day is not a Local Business Day, then the Valuation Date shall be the preceding day that is a Local Business Day.

- (iii) **“Valuation Time”** means 5.00p.m. London time on the Local Business Day immediately preceding the Valuation Date or date of calculation, as applicable; provided that the calculations of Value and Exposure will be made as approximately the same time on the same date.
- (iv) **“Notification Time”** means by 2:00p.m., London time, on a Local Business Day.
- (d) **Exchange Date.** **“Exchange Date”** has the meaning specified in paragraph 3(c)(ii).
- (e) **Dispute Resolution.**
  - (i) **“Resolution Time”** means 2:00 p.m., London, on the Local Business Day following the date on which notice is given that gives rise to a dispute under Paragraph 4.
  - (ii) **“Value”.** For the purpose of Paragraph 4(a)(4)(i)(C) and 4(a)(4)(ii), the Value of the outstanding Credit Support Balance or of any transfer of Eligible Credit Support or Equivalent Credit Support, as the case may be, will be calculated as follows:
    - (A) with respect to any Eligible Credit Support or Equivalent Credit Support comprising securities ("Securities") the Base Currency Equivalent of the sum of (a) (x) the last mid price on such date for such Securities on the principal national securities exchange on which such Securities are listed, multiplied by the applicable Valuation Percentage; or (y) where any Securities are not listed on a national securities exchange, the mid price for such Securities quoted as at the close of business on such date by any principal market maker (which shall not be and shall be independent from the Valuation Agent) for such Securities chosen by the Valuation Agent, multiplied by the applicable Valuation Percentage; or (z) if no such mid price is listed or quoted for such date, the last mid price listed or quoted (as the case may be), as of the day next preceding such date on which such prices were available, multiplied by the applicable Valuation Percentage; plus (b) the accrued interest where applicable on such Securities (except to the extent that such interest shall have been paid to the Transferor pursuant to Paragraph 5(c)(ii) or included in the applicable price referred to in subparagraph (a) above) as of such date;
    - (B) with respect to any Cash, the Base Currency Equivalent of the amount thereof; and
    - (C) with respect to any Eligible Credit Support or Equivalent Credit Support other than Securities and Cash, the Base Currency Equivalent of the fair market value thereof on such date, as determined in any reasonable manner chosen by the Valuation Agent, multiplied by the applicable Valuation Percentage.
  - (iii) **“Alternative”.** The provisions of Paragraph 4 will apply.
- (f) **Distribution and Interest Amount.**
  - (i) **Interest Rate.** The **“Interest Rate”** will be with respect to the Base Currency, the overnight rate for such day, as set forth under the heading “EONIA” on Telerate Screen Page 247 or any successor page and if for any reason Telerate Screen Page 247 should be unavailable the Interest Rate shall be such rate as agreed between the parties reflecting the then prevailing market rate. In the event that the parties agree that Eligible Credit Support may include currencies other than the Base Currency, the **“Interest Rate”** with respect to each such currency shall be such rate as may be agreed between the parties at the time that it is agreed that Eligible Credit Support may include such currency.
  - (ii) **“Transfer of Interest Amount”.** The transfer of the Interest Amount will be made on the first Local Business Day following the end of each calendar month to the extent that Party B has earned and received such amount of interest and that a Delivery Amount would not be created or increased by that transfer, and on any other Local Business Day on which Equivalent Credit Support is transferred to the Transferor pursuant to Paragraph 2(b), provided that Party B shall only be obliged to transfer any Interest Amount to Party A to the extent that it has received such amount.

(iii) **"Alternative to Interest Amount"**. The provisions of Paragraph 5(c)(ii) will apply. For the purposes of calculating the Interest Amount the amount of interest calculated for each day of the Interest Period shall, with respect to any Eligible Currency, be compounded daily.

(iv) **"Interest Amount"** The definition of **"Interest Amount"** shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

**"Interest Amount"** means, with respect to an Interest Period and each portion of the Credit Support Balance comprised of cash in an Eligible Currency, the sum of the amounts of interest determined for each day in that Interest Period by the Valuation Agent as follows:

- (x) the amount of such currency comprised in the Credit Support Balance at the close of business for general dealings in the relevant currency on such day (or, if such day is not a Local Business Day, on the immediately preceding Local Business Day); multiplied by
- (y) the relevant Interest Rate; divided by
- (z) 360 (or in the case of Pounds Sterling, 365).

(g) **Addresses for Transfers.**

Party A:

<u>GBP Cash</u>	<u>EUR Cash</u>	<u>USD Cash</u>
HSBC Bank PLC, London SWIFT: MIDLGB22 A/c number: 35575058 Sort Code: 40-53-71	HSBC Bank PLC, London SWIFT: MIDLGB22 A/c number: 87511552	HSBC Bank USA, New York SWIFT: MRMDUS33 A/C: 000023868

Party B: to be advised

(h) **Other Provisions.**

(i) **Transfer Timing**

(A) The final paragraph of Paragraph 3(a) shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

"Subject to Paragraph 4, and unless otherwise specified, any transfer of Eligible Credit Support or Equivalent Credit Support (whether by the Transferor pursuant to Paragraph 2(a) or by the Transferee pursuant to Paragraph 2(b)) shall be made not later than the close of business on the Settlement Day."

(B) The definition of Settlement Day shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

**"Settlement Day"** means the next Local Business Day after the Demand Date

(C) For the purposes of this Paragraph 11(h)(i):

**"Demand Date"** means, with respect to a transfer by a party:

- (i) in the case of a transfer pursuant to Paragraph 2, Paragraph 3 or Paragraph 4(a)(2), the relevant Valuation Date; and
- (ii) in the case of a transfer pursuant to Paragraph 3(c)(ii)(A), the date on which the Transferee has given its consent to the proposed exchange,

for the avoidance of doubt, on each Demand Date upon request the Transferor shall deliver to the Transferee and the Trustee a statement showing the amount of Eligible Credit Support to be delivered.

(ii) **Early Termination**

The heading for Paragraph 6 shall be deleted and replaced with "Early Termination" and the following shall be added after the word "Default" in the first line of Paragraph 6, "or a Termination Event in relation to all (but not less than all) Transactions".

(iii) **Costs and expenses**

Notwithstanding Paragraph 8, Party A will be responsible for, and will reimburse and indemnify Party B and/or the Note Trustee and/or their agents promptly upon written demand (made from time to time) for, all reasonable costs and expenses (including, without limitation, Taxes) incurred by Party B and/or the Note Trustee and/or their agents (as the case may be) directly in connection with this Annex (including, without limitation, in connection with the transfer, receipt, administration and/or holding of Eligible Credit Support, Equivalent Eligible Support, Interest Amount and/or Equivalent Distributions the making of calculations, determinations, communications or valuations, the opening and maintenance of accounts and the preservation, dispute and enforcement of rights). Party A acknowledges and agrees that such costs and expenses may be incurred by Paragon Finance PLC on behalf of Party B in connection with this Annex and each party acknowledges and agrees that Party A may reimburse Paragon Finance PLC directly in respect of such costs and expenses.

(iv) **Cumulative Rights**

The rights, powers and remedies of the Transferee under this Annex shall be in addition to all rights, powers and remedies given to the Transferee by the Agreement or by virtue of any statute or rule of law, all of which rights, powers and remedies shall be cumulative and may be exercised successively or concurrently without impairing the rights of the Transferee in the Credit Support Balance created pursuant to this Annex.

(v) **Single Transferor and Single Transferee**

Party A and Party B agree that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Annex, (including, without limitation, the recital hereto, Paragraph 2 or the definitions in Paragraph 10), (a) the term "Transferee" as used in this Annex means only Party B, (b) the term "Transferor" as used in this Annex means only Party A, (c) only Party A will be required to make Transfers of Eligible Credit Support hereunder; and (d) in the calculation of any Credit Support Amount, where the Transferee's Exposure would be expressed as a negative number, such Exposure shall be deemed to be zero.

(vi) **"Ratings Criteria"** means, the criteria used by S&P ("**S&P Criteria**"), the criteria used by Fitch as set out in the report by Fitch Ratings dated 13 September 2004 and entitled *Counterparty Risk in Structured Finance Transactions: Swap Criteria* ("**Fitch Criteria**") and the criteria used by Moody's ("**Moody's Criteria**") for the purposes of determining the amount of Eligible Credit Support Party A is required to transfer hereunder following a credit ratings downgrade where Party A has opted to or is required to transfer Eligible Credit Support in support of its obligations under the Agreement pursuant to Part 5, paragraph (g) of the Agreement.

**Moody's Criteria:**

"**Credit Support Amount**" shall be calculated in accordance with the meaning specified in Paragraph 10 provided however that the words "plus the Additional Collateral Amount" shall be added after the words "Transferee's Exposure" in the second line thereof. For such purposes "**Additional Collateral Amount**" means with respect to a Valuation Date the sum of (i) the Transferee's Exposure multiplied by A and (ii) the product of B multiplied by the sum of the Notional Amount as defined in the confirmation for the outstanding Transaction under the Agreement, where:

- (i) "A" means 2% and "B" means 1.6%, if the long-term, unsecured and unsubordinated debt obligations or the short-term, unsecured and unsubordinated debt obligations of Party A (or its successor) and, if relevant,

any Credit Support Provider of Party A cease to be rated as high as "A1" and "Prime-1" by Moody's;

- (ii) "A" means 2% and "B" means 3.7% if the long-term, unsecured and unsubordinated debt obligations or the short-term, unsecured and unsubordinated debt obligations of Party A (or its successor) and, if relevant, any Credit Support Provider of Party A cease to be rated as high as "A3" and "Prime-2" by Moody's or Moody's long term or short term rating is withdrawn; and
- (iii) "A" means 0% and "B" means 0% in all other cases.

**S&P Criteria:**

"*Credit Support Amount*" shall mean for the purposes of the S&P Criteria with respect to a Transferor on a Valuation Date the greater of:

(A)

- (i)  $MTM + VB = CR$ ;
- (ii)  $MTM + (VB \times 0.1) = BRCR$ ; or
- (iii)  $CR \times CM1 \times CM2 = CCR$

where applicable, and;

(B) 0

If the Transaction under this Agreement is an Interest Rate Swap, Basis Swap or Currency Swap (as defined in the Confirmation for each outstanding Transaction under this Agreement), then (A)(i), (ii) or (iii) will apply respectively.

Where:

"*MTM*" means Transferees Exposure;

"*VB*" means the Currency Amount (as defined in the Confirmation for each outstanding Transaction under this Agreement) times the relevant percentage set out in Table A below;

"*CM1*" and "*CM2*" mean the multiplication factors set out in Table B below. The currency of each leg of the Transaction will determine which factor to use for each of CM1 and CM2.



**TABLE A**

<b>Volatility Buffer</b>				
Counterparty	The Group 1, Group 2 or Group 3 is dependent on the currency of the Transaction.	Remaining Term (as defined in the 2000 ISDA Definitions) of Transaction up to 5 years	Remaining Term (as defined in the 2000 ISDA Definitions) of Transaction up to 10 years, but greater than 5 years	Remaining Term (as defined in the 2000 ISDA Definitions) of Transaction more than 10 years
The rating by S&P of Party A's long-term unsecured, unsubordinated obligations is at least equal to "A+"	Group 1	0.6%	1.05%	1.5%
	Group 2	1.05%	1.75%	3.0%
	Group 3	1.5%	2.45%	4.5%
The rating by S&P of Party A's long-term unsecured, unsubordinated obligations is equal to "A"	Group 1	0.9%	1.10%	1.9%
	Group 2	1.35%	2.45%	4.5%
	Group 3	1.8%	3.15%	6.0%
The rating by S&P of Party A's long-term unsecured, unsubordinated obligations is less than "A"	Group 1	1.2%	2.25%	4.5%
	Group 2	1.5%	3.15%	6.0%
	Group 3	2.1%	3.85%	7.5%
Group 1 currencies are: Belgian francs, Deutschemarks, Dutch guilders, Euro, European Currency Units, French franca, Japanese yen, Swiss francs and U.S. dollars.				
Group 2 currencies are: Australian dollars, British pounds sterling, Canadian dollars, Danish kroner, New Zealand dollars and Swedish kroner.				
Group 3 currencies are: Hong Kong dollars, Italian lire and Spanish pesetas.				

**TABLE B**

<b>Multiplication Factors For Currency Swaps</b>	
U.S. dollars	1.000
Canadian dollars	1.020
New Zealand dollars	1.020
Australian dollars	1.030
Hong Kong dollars	1.030
Belgian dollars	1.040
British pounds sterling	1.040
Danish kroner	1.040
Dutch guilders	1.040
European Currency Units	1.040
Euro	1.040
French francs	1.040
German marks	1.040
Japanese yen	1.040
Italian lire	1.045
Spanish pesetas	1.045
Swedish kroner	1.045
Swiss francs	1.045

**Fitch Criteria:**

"**Credit Support Amount**" shall mean at any time for the purposes of the Fitch Criteria with respect to a Transferor on a Valuation Date the result of the following formula:

$$\max[MV + VC \times 105\% \times N; 0]$$

where:

"**max**" means maximum;

"**MV**" means the mark-to-market value of the outstanding Transactions at that time determined by Party A in good faith;

"**VC**" means the applicable volatility cushion at that time determined by reference to the table headed "Volatility Cushion (%)" appearing at the end of Appendix 2 to the Fitch Criteria (and for such purpose calculating the relevant Weighted Average Life assuming a zero prepayment rate and zero default rate in relation to the Mortgages beneficially owned by the Issuer); and

"**N**" means the current aggregate notional amount of the outstanding Transactions at that time.

(vii) **Calculations.**

Paragraph 3(b) of this Annex shall be amended by inserting the words "and shall provide each party (or the other party, if the Valuation Agent is a party) with a description in reasonable detail of how such calculations were made, upon request" after the word "calculations" in the third line thereof.

(viii) **Demands and Notices.**

All demands, specifications and notices under this Annex will be made pursuant to Section 12 of this Agreement.

(ix) **Exposure.**

For the purpose of calculating "**Exposure**" in Paragraph 10 of the Annex, the Valuation Agent shall, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Rating Agencies, seek two quotations from Reference Market-makers; *provided* that if 2 Reference Market-makers are not available to provide a quotation, then fewer than 2 Reference Market-makers may be used for such purpose, and if no Reference Market-makers are available, then the Valuation Agent's estimates at mid-market will be used. Where more than 1 quotation is obtained, the quotation representing the greatest amount of Exposure shall be used by the Valuation Agent.