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BARCLAYS PLC

24th November 2008

Barclays shareholders approve Capital Raising

Barclays PLC announces that all the resolutions put forward at today's General Meeting were passed.

Barclays PLC General Meeting

A poll was held on each of the resolutions proposed at the General Meeting held on 24th November 2008. The results of the polls are:

Resolutions	For	%	Against	%	Vote Withheld
1. To approve an increase in the authorised ordinary share capital of the Company	3,976,700,872	87.19	584,125,704	12.81	528,965,914
2. To approve an authority for the Directors to allot securities	3,905,131,079	85.41	666,924,015	14.59	517,737,396
3. To approve an authority for the Directors to allot equity securities for cash other than on a pro-rata basis to shareholders and to sell treasury shares	3,962,192,903	86.92	596,080,828	13.08	531,521,712
4. To grant an authority to the Directors to allot ordinary shares at a discount	3,958,152,186	86.87	598,266,762	13.13	533,379,845

On 24th November 2008 there were 8,370,447,337 ordinary shares in issue and 312 shareholders or persons representing shareholders attended the meeting. Shareholders are entitled to one vote per share. Votes withheld are not votes and, therefore, have not been counted in the calculation of the proportion of votes for and against a resolution.

Mandatorily Convertible Notes

The Mandatorily Convertible Notes ("MCNs") will be issued on 27th November 2008. Applications will be made for the MCNs to be admitted to the official list of the UKLA and to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market.

£2.8 billion, in aggregate principal amount, of MCNs will be issued by Barclays Bank PLC ("BBPLC") to Qatar Holding LLC ("Qatar Holding"), Challenger Universal Limited and entities representing the beneficial interests of HH Sheikh Mansour Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, a member of the Royal Family of Abu Dhabi ("HH Sheikh Mansour Bin Zayed Al Nahyan"). £1.25 billion, in aggregate principal amount, of MCNs will be issued by BBPLC to existing institutional shareholders and other institutional investors who participated in the accelerated non-underwritten bookbuild placing implemented on 31st October 2008. Conversion will result in the issue of 2,642,292,334 new ordinary shares of Barclays PLC ("Ordinary Shares"), representing 31.6% of Barclays PLC existing issued ordinary share capital, subject to any adjustment pursuant to the terms and conditions of the MCNs.

Reserve Capital Instruments and Warrants

The Reserve Capital Instruments ("RCIs") will be issued on 27th November 2008. The warrants were issued on 31st October 2008 and now carry an unconditional right to exercise in accordance with their terms at any time from the date of issue of the RCIs until 31st October 2013. Applications will be made for the RCIs and the warrants to be admitted to the official list of the UKLA and to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market.

£2.5 billion of RCIs will be issued by BBPLC to Qatar Holding and HH Sheikh Mansour Bin Zayed Al Nahyan. £500 million of RCIs will be issued by BBPLC to institutional investors who participated in the bookbuild placing implemented on 18th November 2008. Qatar Holding and HH Sheikh Mansour Bin Zayed Al Nahyan have also subscribed for warrants to subscribe at their option for up to 1,516,875,236 Ordinary Shares, representing 18.1% of Barclays PLC existing issued ordinary share capital.

Admission and commencement of dealings for the RCIs, warrants and MCNs is expected to commence from 28th November 2008.

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APPENDIX

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