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BARCLAYS PLC AND ABN AMRO HOLDING N.V.

ANNOUNCE EXTENSION OF EXCLUSIVITY PERIOD

Barclays PLC ("Barclays") and ABN AMRO Holding N.V. ("ABN AMRO") announced today that they have extended the exclusivity period to the end of Friday 20th April 2007. Barclays and ABN AMRO are in talks regarding a potential combination of the two organisations that would create value for both sets of shareholders.

The discussions, which seek to incorporate the broad objectives set out on 20th March 2007, are progressing, but there can be no certainty that they will lead to a transaction or the form it will take.

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