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**6 August 2007**

**Barclays Merger with ABN AMRO Publication of Offer Documentation and Commencement of Offer Period**

Further to the announcement of 23 July 2007, setting out the revised terms of Barclays offer for the shares of ABN AMRO Holding N.V. ( ABN AMRO ), Barclays announces that it has received the regulatory clearances required to publish its offer documentation and is formally launching its offer for ABN AMRO, which will open for acceptance tomorrow.

Barclays is making an offer for all of the issued and outstanding ordinary shares, American depositary shares representing ordinary shares ( ABN AMRO ADSs ), depositary receipts issued for convertible preference finance shares ( ABN AMRO DR Preference Shares ) and formerly convertible preference finance shares of ABN AMRO (the Offer ).

**OFFER CONSIDERATION AND EXCHANGE RATIOS:**

- 2.13 Barclays Ordinary Shares and EUR 13.15 in cash for each ABN AMRO Ordinary Share
- 0.5325 Barclays ADSs and the US dollar equivalent of EUR 13.15<sup>1</sup> in cash for each ABN AMRO ADS

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<sup>1</sup> The cash consideration paid for each ABN AMRO ADS will be US dollars, based on the conversion of the Euro consideration to which holders of ABN AMRO ADSs are entitled, net of any applicable fees and expenses, into US dollars at the average exchange rate obtainable by The Bank of New York, the ADS exchange agent, for the five business days preceding the date on which the cash consideration is received by the ADS exchange agent for delivery in respect of such ABN AMRO ADSs

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- EUR 0.59 in cash for each ABN AMRO DR Preference Share or, if the holders of ABN AMRO DR Preference Shares so choose and subject to the passing of the Preference Share Resolutions at the Barclays Shareholder Meetings, 0.59 of a Barclays Preference Share for each ABN AMRO DR Preference Share

- EUR 27.65 in cash for each ABN AMRO Formerly Convertible Preference Finance Share
- OFFER DOCUMENTATION

Barclays is today publishing several documents in connection with the Offer (the Offer Documentation ):

- an offer document which contains, inter alia, the terms and conditions of the Offer (the Offer Document );
- a US offer document, filed by Barclays on a registration statement on Form F-4 (the US Offer Document );
- a prospectus relating to the New Barclays Ordinary Shares and the New Barclays Preference Shares to be issued in connection with the Offer (the Prospectus );
- a circular to Barclays shareholders which includes notices convening Barclays Shareholder Meetings to be held on 14 September 2007 (the Circular ); and
- a prospectus relating to the Barclays (Netherlands) Shares to be issued in connection with the Offer (the Barclays (Netherlands) Prospectus ).

The information in this announcement is not complete and additional information is contained in the Offer Documentation. ABN AMRO Shareholders are advised to review the Offer Documentation in detail and to seek independent advice when deemed appropriate in order to reach a balanced judgement on the Offer. The Offer Document contains a summary of the Offer in Dutch.

Copies of the Offer Documentation will be available on the website of Barclays ([www.barclays.com](http://www.barclays.com)). These documents will also be available free of charge upon request from ABN AMRO Bank N.V. in its capacity as listing and exchange agent on behalf of Barclays, subject to the same restrictions as apply to the Offer, at Kemelstede 2, 4817 ST Breda, The Netherlands, telephone +31 (0) 76 579 9455 or +800 2222 0024 (toll free from The Netherlands). In addition, the Prospectus and Circular will today be made available for viewing at the Document Viewing Facility at the UKLA at 25 The North Colonnade, Canary Wharf, London E14 5HS. US shareholders may request copies of the US Offer Document and other filings, without charge, upon written or oral request to Barclays information agent in the United States, Georgeson, at (212) 440-9800 or toll free at (888) 605-7547. The U.S. and Canadian Offer Documents will also be available on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

The initial offer period under the Offer will commence at 9am, Amsterdam time, on 7 August 2007 and end on 4 October 2007 at 3pm, Amsterdam time, unless the initial offer period is extended in accordance with applicable offer rules.

### Expected timetable of principal events

7 August 2007	Commencement of acceptance period in respect of the Offer
14 September 2007	Barclays Shareholder Meetings to approve the Offer
20 September 2007	Extraordinary General Meeting of ABN AMRO shareholders
4 October 2007	Closing date of the Offer

*This is an announcement within the meaning of article 9b paragraph 1 of the Dutch Securities Market Supervision Decree (Besluit toezicht effectenverkeer 1995).*

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### About Barclays

Barclays is a major global financial services provider engaged in retail and commercial banking, credit cards, investment banking, wealth management and investment management services with an extensive international presence in Europe, the USA, Africa and Asia. It is one of the largest financial services companies in the world by market capitalisation. With over 300 years of history and expertise in banking, Barclays operates in over 50 countries and employs 127,700 people. Barclays moves, lends, invests and protects money for over 27 million customers and clients worldwide. For further information about Barclays, please visit our website [www.barclays.com](http://www.barclays.com).

### About ABN AMRO

Netherlands-based ABN AMRO is a prominent international bank with total assets of EUR 1,120 bln (as at 30 June 2007). It has more than 4,500 branches in 56 countries and territories, and has a staff of more than 110,300 full-time equivalents worldwide. ABN AMRO is listed on Euronext and the New York Stock Exchange. For further information about ABN AMRO, please visit our website [www.abnamro.com](http://www.abnamro.com).

### Other Information

#### SEC Filings and this Filing: Important Information

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In connection with the proposed business combination transaction between ABN AMRO Holding N.V. ( ABN AMRO ) and Barclays PLC ( Barclays ), Barclays has filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) a Registration Statement on Form F-4 ( Form F-4 ), which includes the Barclays offer document/prospectus. Barclays will also file with the SEC a Statement



on Schedule TO and other relevant materials. In addition, ABN AMRO expects that it will file with the SEC a Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 and other relevant materials. Barclays intends to mail the final US Offer Document to holders of ABN AMRO ordinary shares located in the United States and Canada and to holders of ABN AMRO ADSs wherever located.

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

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

#### **Forward looking Statements**

This document contains certain forward-looking statements with respect to certain of ABN AMRO's and Barclays plans and their current goals and expectations relating to their future financial condition and performance and which involve a number of risks and uncertainties. Barclays cautions readers that no forward-looking statement is a guarantee of future performance and that actual results could differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate only to historical or current facts. Forward-looking statements sometimes use words such as aim, anticipate, target, expect, estimate, intend, plan, believe, or other words of similar meaning. Examples of forward-looking statements include, among others, statements regarding the consummation of the business combination between ABN AMRO and Barclays within the expected timeframe and on the expected terms (if at all), the benefits of the business combination transaction involving ABN AMRO and Barclays, including the achievement of synergy targets, ABN AMRO's and Barclays future financial position, income growth, impairment charges, business strategy, projected costs and estimates of capital expenditure and revenue benefits, projected levels of growth in the banking and financial markets, the combined group's future financial and operating results, future financial position, projected costs and estimates of capital expenditures, and plans and objectives for future operations of ABN AMRO, Barclays and the combined group and other statements that are not historical fact. Additional risks and factors are identified in ABN AMRO and Barclays filings with the SEC including ABN AMRO and Barclays Annual Reports on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2006, which are available on ABN AMRO's website at [www.abnamro.com](http://www.abnamro.com) and Barclays website at [www.barclays.com](http://www.barclays.com) respectively, and on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

Any forward-looking statements made herein speak only as of the date they are made. Barclays does not undertake to update forward-looking statements to reflect any changes in expectations with regard thereto or any changes in events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statement is based. The reader should, however, consult any additional disclosures that ABN AMRO and Barclays have made or may make in documents they have filed or may file with the SEC.

Persons (including, without limitation, custodians, nominees and trustees) who intend or would intend to send, mail or otherwise distribute the Offer Documentation or any documents relating thereto should read the restrictions on distribution set out in the Offer Documentation before taking any action.