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**26 March 2014**

**UK Financial Investments Limited (“UKFI”)**

**Disposal of £4.2bn of Lloyds Banking Group plc (the “Company”) which equates to 7.78% of the Company**

Further to its announcement on 25 March 2014, UKFI announces the successful completion of the disposal of part of HM Treasury’s shareholding in Lloyds Banking Group plc (the “Company”). The disposal was effected by way of a Placing (the “Placing”) of ordinary shares (the “Placing Shares”) by way of an accelerated bookbuilding process to institutional investors.

In summary, following settlement of the Placing which will take place on 31 March 2014:

- The shareholding of HM Treasury will be reduced from 23,326,529,533 ordinary shares, representing approximately 32.7% of the ordinary share capital of the Company, to 17,771,118,604 ordinary shares, representing approximately 24.9% of the ordinary share capital.
- Accordingly, the overall size of HM Treasury’s shareholding will be reduced by 23.8%.
- The Placing Price was 75.5 pence per Placing Share. As a result, the proceeds from the sale of the Placing Shares will be £4.2bn.
- Bank of America Merrill Lynch, J.P. Morgan Cazenove (who have also been acting as UKFI’s privatisation strategy adviser), Morgan Stanley Securities Limited and UBS Limited were appointed to act as Bookrunners in connection with the Placing.
- UKFI and HM Treasury have undertaken to the Bookrunners not to sell further shares in the Company for a period of 90 calendar days following the completion of the Placing without the prior written consent of a majority (by participation) of the Bookrunners.
- Lazard & Co., Limited acted as Capital Markets Adviser. Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP acted as Legal Counsel to UKFI in respect of English and US law.

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*The Placing has been completed.*

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