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Expressions of interest for the provision of corporate finance advice

The common objective of UK Financial Investments Limited (UKFI) and Northern Rock plc (NR or the Company) is to develop and execute a strategy for returning NR to the private sector.

In this context, UKFI invites expressions of interest from corporate finance advisers to work with both UKFI and NR in the evaluation of the strategic options for the Company. There is no presumption at this stage that any particular option will be pursued and no timeframe has yet been set for the return of the Company to private ownership.

Corporate finance advisers wishing to express an interest in participating in this process should contact enquiries@ukfi.co.uk by 5pm on 24 January 2011. Interested parties will be required to complete a Pre-Qualification Questionnaire and sign a Non Disclosure Agreement.

Following this, an Invitation to Tender (ITT) will be made available from 19 January 2011 to those parties that are selected. Responses to the ITT should be returned to UKFI by 5pm on 31 January 2011.

Only advisers with relevant experience and who fall within the meaning of "authorised person" as defined in section 31 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 will be considered for the role.