



## Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC - Joint Statement Re. ABN AMRO

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A meeting was arranged for 14.30 today with ABN AMRO so that the Banks could present their proposals to ABN AMRO for them to be considered alongside Barclays' proposals.

The Banks' proposals include the retention of LaSalle Bank. In view of ABN AMRO's decision to sell LaSalle Bank to Bank of America, the Banks need to understand the circumstances under which this sale can be terminated. The Banks are requesting this information today. Accordingly, the Banks do not consider it appropriate to meet with ABN AMRO today.

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### Important information

This announcement is made pursuant to article 9b(1) of the Dutch Decree on the Supervision of the Securities Trade 1995 (the "Decree"). Any possible transaction would be subject to approval of competent regulatory authorities in relevant jurisdictions.

In connection with a potential transaction involving ABN AMRO, the Banks may be required to file relevant documents with the SEC. Such documents, however, are not currently available. INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ ANY DOCUMENTS REGARDING THE POTENTIAL TRANSACTION IF AND WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. Investors will be able to obtain a free copy of such documents without charge, at the SEC's website (<http://www.sec.gov>) once such documents are filed with the SEC. Copies of such documents may also be obtained from each Bank, without charge, once they are filed with the SEC.

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