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**ABN AMRO receives a conditional acquisition proposal for LaSalle Bank from Fortis, RBS and Santander (the “Consortium”) but determines that it is not superior to the Bank of America agreement**

ABN AMRO applied to the Enterprise Chamber to provide further clarification on the judgment of 3 May 2007. The Chamber declined to provide further clarification. In the interests of the shareholders of ABN AMRO, the Managing Board and Supervisory Board of ABN AMRO decided to interpret the judgment to mean that the “go shop” clause in the agreement with Bank of America for the sale of LaSalle could proceed. Under that clause an alternative bidder had the opportunity to execute a definitive agreement for LaSalle on superior terms, for cash and not subject to a financing condition (a “Superior Proposal”). The 14 day “go shop” period expired at 11:59 PM New York time on 6 May 2007. ABN AMRO recognises that the judgment of the Enterprise Chamber requires that any transaction regarding the sale of LaSalle cannot be consummated without the approval of the shareholders of ABN AMRO.

On 5 May 2007 ABN AMRO received an acquisition proposal from the Consortium to purchase LaSalle for US\$24.5 billion. This proposal was inter-conditional on the purchase by the Consortium of ABN AMRO for an indicative price of €38.40 per ABN AMRO share, subject to numerous further conditions.

The fundamental aspects of the intended offer for ABN AMRO, including with respect to financing, required regulatory notifications, tax clearances, the proposed material adverse change condition, required shareholder approvals and the pro-forma financial impact upon each of the Consortium members, remained unclear despite repeated requests for clarification since 25 April 2007, the day ABN AMRO received an indicative proposal from the Consortium. Further, no evidence as to the existence of any financing commitments was provided.

The Consortium expressly refused to remove the inter-conditionality between the LaSalle offer and the intended offer for ABN AMRO, despite several requests by ABN AMRO.

The considered view of the Managing Board and Supervisory Board of ABN AMRO, after receiving advice from their respective financial and legal advisors, is that the acquisition proposal for LaSalle did not constitute a Superior Proposal as a result of the uncertainty and execution risks as indicated above.

It is ABN AMRO’s intention to hold an Extraordinary General Meeting, the details of which will be made available in due course, to enable shareholders to express their views on the alternatives available to them at that time.

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Forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties. A number of important factors could therefore cause actual future results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forward looking statement. Such factors include, without limitation, the consummation of our proposed merger with Barclays PLC (“Barclays”); the completion of our proposed disposition of LaSalle; the conditions in the financial markets in Europe, the United States, Brazil and elsewhere from which we derive a substantial portion of our trading revenues; potential defaults of borrowers or trading counterparties; the implementation of our restructuring including the envisaged reduction in headcount; the reliability of our risk management policies, procedures and methods; the outcome of ongoing criminal investigations and other regulatory initiatives related to compliance matters in the United States and the nature and severity of any sanctions imposed; and other risks referenced in our filings with the US Securities and Exchange Commission. For more information on these and other factors, please refer to Part I: Item 3.D “Risk Factors” in our Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the US Securities and Exchange Commission and to any subsequent reports furnished or filed by us with the US Securities and Exchange Commission. The forward-looking statements contained in this announcement are made as of the date hereof, and the companies assume no obligation to update any of the forward-looking statements contained in this announcement.

#### **Additional Information and Where to Find it**

In connection with the proposed business combination transaction between Barclays and ABN AMRO, Barclays expects that it will file with the US Securities and Exchange Commission a Registration Statement on Form F-4





which will contain a prospectus, a Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO and other relevant materials. In addition, ABN AMRO expects that it will file with the US Securities and Exchange Commission a Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 and other relevant materials. 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 filings 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 Barclays and ABN AMRO, without charge, once they are filed with the SEC.

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