



**CANADIAN IMPERIAL BANK OF COMMERCE**

*(a Canadian chartered bank)*

**CAD 60,000,000,000**

**Global Covered Bond Programme**

**unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed as to payments by**

**CIBC COVERED BOND (LEGISLATIVE) GUARANTOR LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**

*(a limited partnership formed under the laws of Ontario)*

This Information Memorandum (“**Information Memorandum**”) relates to a prospective issue (the “**Issue**”) by Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce acting through its office in its Sydney Branch (ARBN 608 235 847) (the “**Issuer**”) of Australian dollar denominated Covered Bonds (“**Australian Covered Bonds**”), governed by the law in force in New South Wales, Australia, to be issued by the Issuer in the Australian domestic wholesale capital market and unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed as to payments by CIBC Covered Bond (Legislative) Guarantor Limited Partnership (the “**Guarantor**”) under a guarantee governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein. The Australian Covered Bonds will be issued under the Issuer’s global Covered Bond programme (the “**Programme**”). This Information Memorandum should be read with the Programme prospectus dated July 22, 2021, as supplemented by the first covered bond prospectus supplement dated August 27, 2021 (the “**Programme Prospectus**”), which is annexed to and (together with all documents incorporated by reference therein) deemed to be incorporated in, and form part of, this Information Memorandum. Terms defined in the Programme Prospectus have the same meaning when used in this Information Memorandum.

The Issuer is a registered issuer and the Programme is a registered program under Part I.1 of the National Housing Act (Canada) and the Canadian Registered Covered Bond Programs Guide (the “**CMHC Guide**”) published by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (“**CMHC**”), the administrator of the Canadian covered bond legal framework under Part I.1 of the of the National Housing Act (Canada). The Australian Covered Bonds will be registered covered bonds under Part I.1 of the National Housing Act (Canada) and the CMHC Guide. For further information, see “Description of the Canadian Registered Covered Bond Programs Framework” in the Programme Prospectus.

THE AUSTRALIAN COVERED BONDS HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY CMHC NOR HAS CMHC PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS INFORMATION MEMORANDUM. THE AUSTRALIAN COVERED BONDS ARE NOT INSURED OR GUARANTEED BY CMHC OR THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA OR ANY OTHER AGENCY THEREOF.

The Australian Covered Bonds will be issued in registered uncertificated form only and will be constituted by a deed poll dated January 15, 2015, as supplemented by a supplemental deed poll dated August 31, 2017, a supplemental deed poll dated July 26, 2019 and a supplemental deed poll dated on or about September 14, 2021, executed by the Issuer (the “**Australian Deed Poll**”). The holders of the Australian Covered Bonds will have the benefit of, and be subject to, a third amended and restated trust deed dated July 22, 2021 (such trust deed as supplemented as described below and as may be further amended, supplemented or replaced, the “**Trust Deed**”) made between the Issuer, CIBC Covered Bond (Legislative) Guarantor Limited Partnership, as guarantor (the “**Guarantor**”) and Computershare Trust Company of Canada, as bond trustee (in such capacity, the “**Bond Trustee**” which expression shall include any successor as bond trustee), as supplemented in relation to the Australian Covered Bonds by the second amended and restated supplemental trust deed dated as of April 7, 2016 as amended by a First Addendum dated September 5, 2017, a Second Addendum dated August 1, 2019 and a Third Addendum dated on or about September 14, 2021 (such amended and restated supplemental trust deed as may be further amended, supplemented, or replaced, the “**Supplemental Trust Deed**”) made between the Issuer, the Guarantor and the Bond Trustee and by the Australian Deed Poll and the Agency Agreement (as supplemented by an amended and restated supplemental agency agreement dated as of January 15, 2015, as amended on April 7, 2016 and as further amended on July 26, 2019, under which the Issuer has appointed BTA Institutional Services Australia Limited (ABN 48 002 916 396) to act as issuing and paying agent and registrar in respect of the Australian Covered Bonds (the “**Australian Agent**”) (the “**Supplemental Agency Agreement**”). The Australian Deed Poll and the Australian Terms and Conditions (defined below) must be read in

conjunction with the Trust Deed (including the terms applicable to the Australian Covered Bonds under the Supplemental Trust Deed), the Agency Agreement, the Supplemental Agency Agreement and the other Transaction Documents. A summary of the Programme is contained in the Programme Prospectus, and a summary of supplemental arrangements applicable to the Australian Covered Bonds is contained in this Information Memorandum.

The Terms and Conditions of any Australian Covered Bonds (“**Australian Terms and Conditions**”) shall be as set out in the Australian Deed Poll as supplemented, modified or replaced by the applicable Final Terms (as defined herein) in relation to those Australian Covered Bonds. The holders of the Australian Covered Bonds also have the benefit of, and are subject to, certain additional provisions set forth in the Supplemental Trust Deed.

The Australian Covered Bonds are not expected to be listed or admitted to trading on any stock exchange.

The Australian Covered Bonds and the related Covered Bond Guarantee have not been, and will not be, registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933 as amended (the “**Securities Act**”) or the securities laws or “blue sky” laws of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States and may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, US persons as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act except pursuant to an exemption from or in a transaction not subject to the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Accordingly, the Australian Covered Bonds are being offered only in offshore transactions to non-US persons in reliance upon Regulation S. Australian Covered Bonds are subject to restrictions on transfer as described herein.

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce is registered as a foreign company in Australia and is a foreign authorised deposit-taking institution under the *Banking Act 1959* of the Commonwealth of Australia (the “**Australian Banking Act**”). The Australian Covered Bonds are not the obligation of any government and, in particular, are not guaranteed by the Commonwealth of Australia or the government of Canada nor do they benefit from the depositor protection provisions of Division 2 of Part II of the Australian Banking Act. However, under section 11F of the Australian Banking Act, if the Issuer (whether in or outside Australia) suspends payment or becomes unable to meet its obligations, the assets of the Issuer in Australia are to be available to meet its liabilities in Australia (including if those liabilities are in respect of the Australian Covered Bonds) in priority to all other liabilities of the Issuer. Further, under section 86 of the Reserve Bank Act 1959 of Australia (the “**Reserve Bank Act**”), debts due by the Issuer to the Reserve Bank of Australia (“**RBA**”) shall in a winding-up of the Issuer have priority over all other debts of the Issuer.

The Guarantor is not a bank nor an authorised deposit taking institution authorised to carry on banking business under the Australian Banking Act and it is not supervised by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority. The Guarantor is not registered as a foreign company or otherwise registered, authorised or qualified to carry on financial services or other business in Australia. The Covered Bond Guarantee is not the obligation of any government and, in particular, is not guaranteed by the Commonwealth of Australia or the government of Canada.

None of the Information Memorandum, the Programme Prospectus or any other disclosure document in relation to the Australian Covered Bonds has been, and nor will any such document be, lodged with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission and no such document is, and nor does it purport to be, a document containing disclosure to investors for the purposes of Part 6D.2 or Part 7.9 of the Corporations Act 2001 of the Commonwealth of Australia (the “**Corporations Act**”). Neither this Information Memorandum nor the Programme Prospectus is intended to be used in connection with any offer for which such disclosure is required and neither such document contains all the information that would be required by those provisions if they applied. Neither this Information Memorandum nor the Programme Prospectus is to be provided to any ‘retail client’ as defined in section 761G of the Corporations Act and neither such document takes into account the individual objectives, financial situation or needs of any prospective investor. In addition, neither the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (the “**CSSF**”) nor any other securities regulatory authority has reviewed information contained in the Information Memorandum or the Programme Prospectus in connection with the Australian Covered Bonds.

Under present Australian law, interest and other amounts paid on the Australian Covered Bonds by the Issuer will not be subject to Australian interest withholding tax if the Australian Covered Bonds issued out of a branch or other permanent establishment of the Bank in Australia are issued in accordance with certain prescribed conditions set out in section 128F of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 of Australia. One of these conditions is that the Issuer must not know, or have reasonable grounds to suspect, that an Australian Covered Bond, or an interest in an Australian Covered Bond, was being, or would later be, acquired directly or indirectly by an Offshore Associate (as defined in “*Taxation - Australia*”) of the Issuer, other than in the capacity of a dealer, manager, or underwriter in relation to the placement of the relevant Australian Covered Bonds, or a clearing house, custodian, funds manager or responsible entity of a registered scheme. Accordingly, **the Australian Covered Bonds must not be acquired by an Offshore**

**Associate of the Issuer.** For these purposes, an Offshore Associate of the Issuer is defined broadly and may include, but is not limited to, any entity that is directly or indirectly owned or controlled by the Issuer. Any investor who believes that it may be affiliated with or related to any of the above-mentioned entities or who otherwise believes it may be an Offshore Associate of the Issuer should make appropriate enquiries before investing in any Australian Covered Bonds. For further detail with respect to the above and other tax matters (including Canadian tax matters), please refer to “*Terms and Conditions of the Australian Covered Bonds – Taxation*”.

**THE INFORMATION MEMORANDUM DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A PROSPECTUS FOR THE PURPOSES OF REGULATION (EU) 2017/1129 (AS AMENDED, THE “PROSPECTUS REGULATION”), NO PROSPECTUS IS REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROSPECTUS REGULATION FOR THIS ISSUE OF AUSTRALIAN COVERED BONDS. THE AUSTRALIAN COVERED BONDS WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF THE INFORMATION MEMORANDUM ARE NOT COMPLIANT WITH THE PROSPECTUS REGULATION AND DO NOT FORM PART OF THE PROGRAMME PROSPECTUS AND THE CSSF HAS NEITHER APPROVED NOR REVIEWED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE INFORMATION MEMORANDUM OR THE RELATED FINAL TERMS IN RELATION TO THE AUSTRALIAN COVERED BONDS. THE AUSTRALIAN COVERED BONDS ARE NOT BEING OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC IN ANY EEA MEMBER STATE AND ARE NOT LISTED OR ADMITTED TO TRADING ON ANY REGULATED MARKET IN THE EEA.**

Before making an investment decision, prospective investors should consider the appropriateness of the information having regard to their own objectives, financial situation and needs and seek legal and taxation advice appropriate to their jurisdiction. Neither the Issuer nor the Guarantor is licensed in Australia to provide financial product advice in respect of its financial products. Cooling off rights do not apply to the acquisition of the Australian Covered Bonds. The offer and sale of the Australian Covered Bonds within Australia will be subject to certain restrictions set out in this Information Memorandum.

The Joint Lead Managers, the Bond Trustee and the Australian Agent have received, or will receive, fees from the Issuer in connection with their participation in the offer and may hold interests in the Australian Covered Bonds for their own account. In addition, certain of the Joint Lead Managers, the Bond Trustee and the Australian Agent and their affiliates have engaged, or may in the future engage, in a wide range of financial services and businesses including securities trading and brokerage activities and providing investment banking and/or commercial banking, investment management, corporate finance, credit and derivative, trading and research products and services to, the Issuer and the Guarantor, out of which conflicting interests or duties may arise. In the ordinary course of these activities, each Joint Lead Manager may at any time hold long or short positions, and may trade or otherwise effect transactions, for its own account or the accounts of investors or any other party that may be involved in the issue of the Australian Covered Bonds.

None of the Joint Lead Managers nor their related bodies corporate, and/or their directors, officers, employees or clients act as the adviser of or owe any fiduciary or other duties to any recipient of this Information Memorandum in connection with the Australian Covered Bonds and/or any related transaction (including, without limitation, in respect of the preparation and due execution of the transaction documents and the power, capacity or authorisation of any other party to enter into and execute the transaction documents). No reliance may be placed on any Joint Lead Manager for financial, legal, taxation, accounting or investment advice or recommendations of any sort.

Persons contemplating purchasing the Australian Covered Bonds should make their own decision as to the sufficiency and relevance for their purpose of the information contained in this Information Memorandum and any other offering documentation in respect of the Australian Covered Bonds, undertake their own independent investigation of the appropriateness of the Australian Covered Bonds for them taking into account their financial and taxation circumstances, investment objectives and particular needs and take all appropriate advice from qualified professional persons as they deem necessary. Any investment decision should rely on that investigation and appraisal and not on this Information Memorandum..

*Credit ratings are for distribution only to a person (a) who is not a “retail client” within the meaning of section 761G of the Corporations Act and is also a sophisticated investor, professional investor or other investor in respect of whom disclosure is not required under Part 6D.2 or 7.9 of the Corporations Act; and (b) who is otherwise permitted to receive credit ratings in accordance with applicable laws in any jurisdiction in which the person may be located. Anyone who is not such a person is not entitled to receive this Information Memorandum and anyone who receives this Information Memorandum must not distribute it to any person who is not entitled to receive it.*



## **Currency references**

All references in this document to “Australian dollars”, “AUD” and “A\$” refer to the lawful currency for the time being of the Commonwealth of Australia and to “\$”, “C\$”, “CAD” or “Canadian dollars” are to the currency of Canada.

The important notice and other statements appearing (to the extent such notice and other statements are applicable to the Australian Covered Bonds as the Australian Covered Bonds are not being offered to the public in any EEA Member State and are not admitted to the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange or admitted to trading on any regulated market in the EEA) on pages 1 to 15 of the Programme Prospectus apply to this Information Memorandum as if set out herein in full.

### ***Joint Lead Managers for the Issue***

Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited  
(ABN 11 005 357 522)

National Australia Bank Limited (ABN 12 004 044  
937)

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation  
Limited, Sydney Branch (ABN 65 117 925 970)

Westpac Banking Corporation (ABN 33 007 457 141)

*(non-Australian distribution only)*

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, London Branch  
(a registered UK branch of Canadian Imperial Bank of  
Commerce, UK Registered No. FC001165, Branch No.  
BR000397)

## STRUCTURE OVERVIEW

Australian Covered Bonds will be constituted by the Australian Deed Poll. The Australian Deed Poll is executed by the Issuer in favour of the registered holders from time to time of the Australian Covered Bonds (the “**Holders**”) and in favour of the Bond Trustee, who holds the benefit of the Australian Deed Poll on trust for the Holders pursuant to the Trust Deed.

Holders will also have the benefit of, and be subject to, the Trust Deed (including the Covered Bond Guarantee and the Supplemental Trust Deed), the Agency Agreement and the other Transaction Documents. An overview of the principal Transaction Documents is contained on pages 208 to 267 of the Programme Prospectus.

The application of the Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement to the Australian Covered Bonds is modified by the Supplemental Trust Deed and the Supplemental Agency Agreement. In particular, the Australian Covered Bonds are constituted by the Australian Deed Poll instead of the Trust Deed and are issued in the form and on the terms and conditions set out in the Australian Deed Poll (as reproduced in this Information Memorandum) and as supplemented, modified or replaced by the applicable Final Terms (as defined herein), instead of the form and on the terms and conditions set out in the Programme Prospectus.

The Australian Covered Bonds, the Australian Deed Poll and the Australian Terms and Conditions are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, the law in force in New South Wales, Australia.

The Trust Deed (including the Covered Bond Guarantee set forth therein and the Supplemental Trust Deed but excluding the Australian Deed Poll), the Agency Agreement (which includes the Supplemental Agency Agreement), and the other Transaction Documents (except for the Australian Deed Poll), are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

The Australian Covered Bonds are not intended to be listed on any securities exchange and are intended to be entered in the system operated by Austraclear Limited (ABN 94 002 060 773) for holding securities and the electronic recording and settling of transactions in those securities between members of that system (the “**Austraclear System**”) instead of the clearing systems described in the Programme Prospectus. The Austraclear System is not a clearing system referred to in the Programme Prospectus and statements in the Programme Prospectus in relation to those clearing systems, including as to the likelihood of application of FATCA withholding (as defined in the Programme Prospectus) to payments made on Covered Bonds held within such clearing systems, may not be applicable to the Austraclear System. Neither the Issuer nor the Guarantor has any obligation to the holders of beneficial interests in Australian Covered Bonds held within the Austraclear System with respect to payments on such Australian Covered Bonds and accordingly such holders must satisfy themselves in relation to the rules of the Austraclear System and all other aspects of the arrangements relating to the holding of their interests in Australian Covered Bonds in the Austraclear System.

Australian Covered Bonds may only be offered (directly or indirectly), and applications will only be invited for the issue of Australian Covered Bonds, if:

- (a) in the case of any offer or invitation or issue made in, into or from Australia (including an offer, invitation or issue to a person in Australia or an issue entered in the Register in Australia): (i) when the offer or invitation is made the aggregate principal amount of the Australian Covered Bonds being offered, and the consideration payable by the offeree or invitee at the time of offer or invitation (disregarding moneys lent by the Issuer or its associates), is at least A\$500,000 (where “A\$” means the lawful currency for the time being of Australia) (or the equivalent in another currency); and (ii) the offeree or invitee is not a “retail client” as defined in section 761G of the Corporations Act; and
- (b) in all cases, the offer or invitation (and any resulting issue) is in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations or directives (including, without limitation, the laws of the jurisdiction in which the offer, invitation or issue takes place).

Persons (who must be outside Australia) who hold interests in respect of Australian Covered Bonds in smaller parcels through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg should note that they may be unable to receive a transfer of Australian Covered Bonds into their name.

## SUMMARY OF SUPPLEMENTAL TRUST DEED AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENCY AGREEMENT

### Supplemental Trust Deed

The Supplemental Trust Deed provides for the Australian Covered Bonds to be issued under and constituted by the applicable Australian Deed Poll. Pursuant to the Supplemental Trust Deed the holders of the Australian Covered Bonds will also have the benefit of, and be subject to, certain provisions common to Covered Bonds issued under the Programme and set out below (the “**Programme Terms**”), as supplemented, modified or replaced in relation to any Australian Covered Bonds by the applicable Final Terms (as defined herein).

The Covered Bond Guarantee has been created in, and pursuant to, and on the terms set out in, the Trust Deed and the security for the obligations of the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee and the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party has been created in and pursuant to, and on the terms set out in, a general security agreement (such general security agreement as amended, supplemented or replaced the “**Security Agreement**”) dated July 2, 2013 and made between the Guarantor, the Bond Trustee and certain other Secured Creditors.

The Programme Terms include summaries of and are subject to, the provisions of the Trust Deed, the Security Agreement, the Agency Agreement and the other Transaction Documents. The Terms and Conditions include a summary of and are subject to, certain provisions of the applicable Australian Deed Poll.

The Australian Covered Bonds are issued in series (each, a “**Series**”), and each Series may comprise one or more tranches (“**Tranches**” and each, a “**Tranche**”) of Australian Covered Bonds. Each Tranche will be the subject of final terms (each, “**Final Terms**”).

Save as provided in Programme Terms 3 and 4, references in these Programme Terms to “**Covered Bonds**” are to Australian Covered Bonds of the relevant Series in units of the lowest Specified Denomination in the Specified Currency and references in these Programme Terms to “**Covered Bondholders**” are to the Holders.

References in these Programme Terms to the Final Terms are to Part A of the Final Terms prepared in relation to the Australian Covered Bonds of the relevant Tranche or Series.

In respect of any Australian Covered Bonds, references herein to “**Terms and Conditions**” are to the terms and conditions set out in the applicable Australian Deed Poll as supplemented or modified or (to the extent thereof) replaced by Part A of the Final Terms and any reference herein to a “**Condition**” is a reference to the relevant Condition of the Terms and Conditions of the relevant Australian Covered Bonds.

Except where the context otherwise requires, capitalized terms used or otherwise defined in the Programme Terms shall bear the meanings given to them in the applicable Final Terms and/or the Third Amended and Restated Master Definitions and Construction Agreement made between the parties to the Transaction Documents dated July 22, 2021 (such third amended and restated master definitions and construction agreement as may be amended, supplemented or replaced, the “**Master Definitions and Construction Agreement**” or the “**Master Definitions**”).

### Programme Terms

#### 1. Guarantee

Payment of Guaranteed Amounts in respect of the Covered Bonds when the same shall become Due for Payment has been unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by the Guarantor (the “**Covered Bond Guarantee**”) in favour of the Bond Trustee (for and on behalf of the Covered Bondholders) following a Covered Bond Guarantee Activation Event pursuant to the terms of the Trust Deed. The Guarantor shall have no obligation under the Covered Bond Guarantee to pay any Guaranteed Amounts until a Covered Bond Guarantee Activation Event (as defined below) has occurred. The obligations of the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee are direct and, following the occurrence of a Covered Bond Guarantee Activation Event, unconditional and, except as provided in the Guarantee Priority of Payments, unsubordinated obligations of the Guarantor, which are secured as provided in the Security Agreement. For the purposes of these Programme Terms and the applicable Terms and Conditions, a “**Covered Bond Guarantee**”



**Activation Event**” means the earlier to occur of (i) an Issuer Event of Default together with the service of an Issuer Acceleration Notice on the Issuer and the service of a Notice to Pay on the Guarantor; and (ii) a Guarantor Event of Default together with the service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice on the Issuer and the Guarantor. If a Notice to Pay is served on the Guarantor, the Guarantor shall pay Guaranteed Amounts in respect of the Covered Bonds on the Original Due for Payment Dates or, if applicable, the Extended Due for Payment Date.

Any payment made by the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee shall (unless such obligation shall have been discharged as a result of the payment of Excess Proceeds to the Bond Trustee pursuant to Programme Term 3) discharge *pro tanto* the obligations of the Issuer in respect of such payment under the Covered Bonds, Receipts and Coupons except where such payment has been declared void, voidable or otherwise recoverable in whole or in part and recovered from the Bond Trustee or the holders of the Covered Bonds.

## **2. Redemption and Purchase**

### ***Extended Due for Payment Date Provisions***

**2.1** Without prejudice to Condition 7 and Programme Term 3, if an Extended Due for Payment Date is specified as applicable in the Final Terms for a Series of Australian Covered Bonds and the Issuer has failed to pay the Final Redemption Amount on the Final Maturity Date specified in the Final Terms (or after expiry of the grace period set out in Programme Term 3.1(a)) and, following service of a Notice to Pay on the Guarantor by no later than the date falling one Business Day prior to the Extension Determination Date, the Guarantor has insufficient moneys available in accordance with the Guarantee Priority of Payments to pay in full the Guaranteed Amounts corresponding to the Final Redemption Amount of the relevant Series of Australian Covered Bonds on the date falling on the earlier of (a) the date which falls two Business Days after service of such Notice to Pay on the Guarantor or, if later, the Final Maturity Date (or, in each case, after the expiry of the grace period set out in Programme Term 3.2) under the terms of the Covered Bond Guarantee or (b) the Extension Determination Date, then (subject as provided below) payment of the unpaid amount by the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee shall be deferred until the Extended Due for Payment Date, provided that in respect of any amount representing the Final Redemption Amount due and remaining unpaid on the earlier of (a) and (b) above, the Guarantor will apply any moneys available (after paying or providing for payment of higher ranking or *pari passu* amounts in accordance with the Guarantee Priority of Payments) to pay the Guaranteed Amounts corresponding to the Final Redemption Amount of the relevant Series of Australian Covered Bonds on any Interest Payment Date thereafter up to (and including) the relevant Extended Due for Payment Date.

The Issuer shall confirm to the Australian Agent as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event at least 4 Business Days prior to the Final Maturity Date of a Series of Australian Covered Bonds whether payment will be made in full of the Final Redemption Amount in respect of such Series of Australian Covered Bonds on that Final Maturity Date. Any failure by the Issuer to notify the Issuing and Paying Agent shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the extension of maturity.

The Guarantor shall notify the relevant holders of the Australian Covered Bonds (in accordance with Condition 13), the Rating Agencies, the Bond Trustee, the Australian Agent and the Registrar as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event at least one Business Day prior to the dates specified in (a) and (b) of the first paragraph of this Programme Term 2.1 of any inability of the Guarantor to pay in full the Guaranteed Amounts corresponding to the Final Redemption Amount in respect of a Series of Australian Covered Bonds pursuant to the Covered Bond Guarantee. Any failure by the Guarantor to notify such parties shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the extension nor give rise to any rights in any such party.

In the circumstances outlined above, the Guarantor shall on the earlier of (a) the date falling two Business Days after the service of a Notice to Pay on the Guarantor or if later the Final Maturity Date (or, in each case, after the expiry of the applicable grace period set out in Programme Term 3.2) and (b) the Extension Determination Date, under the Covered Bond Guarantee, apply the moneys (if any) available (after paying or providing for payment of higher ranking or *pari passu* amounts in accordance with the Guarantee Priority of Payments) pro rata in part payment of an amount equal to the Final Redemption Amount of each Australian Covered Bond of the relevant Series of Australian Covered Bonds and shall pay Guaranteed Amounts constituting the Scheduled Interest in respect of each such Australian Covered Bond on such date. The obligation of the Guarantor to pay any amounts in respect of the balance of the Final

Redemption Amount not so paid shall be deferred as described above. Such failure to pay by the Guarantor shall not constitute a Guarantor Event of Default.

Any discharge of the obligations of the Issuer as the result of the payment of Excess Proceeds to the Bond Trustee shall be disregarded for the purposes of determining the amounts to be paid by the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee in connection with this Programme Term 2.1.

For the purposes of this Programme Term 2.1:

**“Extended Due for Payment Date”** means, in relation to any Series of Australian Covered Bonds, the date, if any, specified as such in the applicable Final Terms to which the payment of all or (as applicable) part of the Final Redemption Amount payable on the Final Maturity Date will be deferred in the event that the Final Redemption Amount is not paid in full on the Extension Determination Date;

**“Extension Determination Date”** means, in respect of a Series of Australian Covered Bonds, the date falling two Business Days after the expiry of seven days from (and including) the Final Maturity Date of such Australian Covered Bonds;

**“Guarantee Priority of Payments”** means the priority of payments relating to moneys received by the Cash Manager for and on behalf of the Guarantor and moneys standing to the credit of the Guarantor Accounts, to be paid on each Guarantor Payment Date in accordance with the Guarantor Agreement; and

**“Rating Agency”** means any one of Moody’s Investors Service, Inc. and Fitch Ratings, Inc. to the extent that at the relevant time they provide ratings in respect of the then outstanding Australian Covered Bonds, or their successors and “Rating Agencies” means more than one Rating Agency.

### ***Redemption due to Illegality***

**2.2** The Covered Bonds of all Series may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer in whole, but not in part, at any time, on giving not less than 30 nor more than 60 days’ notice to the Bond Trustee, the Australian Agent (with respect to Australian Covered Bonds) and, in accordance with Condition 13, all holders of the Covered Bonds (which notice shall be irrevocable), if the Issuer satisfies the Bond Trustee immediately before the giving of such notice that it has, or will, before the next Interest Payment Date of any Covered Bond of any Series, become unlawful for the Issuer to make, fund or allow to remain outstanding any advance made by it to the Guarantor pursuant to the Intercompany Loan Agreement, as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the applicable laws or regulations or any change in the application or official interpretation of such laws or regulations, which change or amendment has become or will become effective before the next such Interest Payment Date.

Covered Bonds redeemed pursuant to this Programme Term 2.2 will be redeemed at their Early Redemption Amount together (if appropriate) with interest accrued to (but excluding) the date of redemption.

Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this Programme Term 2.2, the Issuer shall deliver to the Australian Agent and Bond Trustee a certificate signed by two senior officers of the Issuer stating that the Issuer is entitled to effect such redemption and setting forth a statement of facts showing that the conditions precedent to the right of the Issuer so to redeem have occurred and the Australian Agent and Bond Trustee shall be entitled to accept the certificate as sufficient evidence of the satisfaction of the conditions precedent set out above, in which event it shall be conclusive and binding on all holders of the Australian Covered Bonds.

## **3. Events of Default**

### ***Issuer Events of Default***

**3.1** The Bond Trustee at its discretion may, and if so requested in writing by the holders of at least 25 per cent. of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds (which for this purpose or the purpose of any Extraordinary Resolution (as defined in the Trust Deed) referred to in this Programme Term 3.1 means the Covered

Bonds of this Series together with the Covered Bonds of any other Series constituted by the Trust Deed (and the Covered Bonds of any other Series constituted by the applicable Australian Deed Poll) then outstanding as if they were a single Series (with the nominal amount of Covered Bonds not denominated in Canadian dollars converted into Canadian dollars at the applicable Covered Bond Swap Rate) or if so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution of all the holders of the Covered Bonds shall, (but in the case of the happening of any of the events mentioned in subparagraphs (b) to (f) below, only if the Bond Trustee shall have certified in writing to the Issuer and the Guarantor, that such event is, in its opinion, materially prejudicial to the interests of the holders of the Covered Bonds of any Series) (subject in each case to being indemnified and/or secured to its satisfaction), give notice (an “**Issuer Acceleration Notice**”) in writing to the Issuer that as against the Issuer (but, for the avoidance of doubt, not against the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee) each Covered Bond of each Series is, and each such Covered Bond shall thereupon immediately become, due and repayable at its Early Redemption Amount together with accrued interest as provided in the Trust Deed if any of the following events (each, an “**Issuer Event of Default**”) shall occur and be continuing:

- (a) the Issuer fails to pay any principal or interest in respect of the Covered Bonds within 10 Business Days in the case of principal and 30 days in the case of interest, in each case of the respective due date; or
- (b) the Issuer fails to perform or observe any obligations under the Covered Bonds, Receipts or Coupons of any Series, the Trust Deed or any other Transaction Document to which the Issuer is a party (other than the Dealership Agreement and any subscription agreement for the Covered Bonds) but excluding any obligation of the Issuer to comply with the Asset Coverage Test and such failure continues for a period of 30 days (or such longer period as the Bond Trustee may permit) next following the service by the Bond Trustee on the Issuer of notice requiring the same to be remedied (except in circumstances where the Bond Trustee considers such failure to be incapable of remedy in which case no period of continuation will apply and no notice by the Bond Trustee will be required); or
- (c) an Insolvency Event in respect of the Issuer; or
- (d) an Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice has been served and not revoked (in accordance with the terms of the Transaction Documents) on or before the Guarantor Payment Date immediately following the next Calculation Date after service of such Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice; or
- (e) if the Pre-Maturity Test in respect of any Series of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds is breached less than six months prior to the Final Maturity Date of that Series of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds, and the Guarantor has not cured the breach before the earlier to occur of: (i) ten Toronto Business Days from the date that the Seller is notified of the breach of the Pre-Maturity Test and (ii) the Final Maturity Date of that Series of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds; or
- (f) if a ratings trigger prescribed by the Conditions or the Transaction Documents (and not otherwise specifically provided for in this Programme Term 3.1) is breached and the prescribed remedial action is not taken within the specified time period, unless, in respect of any ratings trigger other than the Account Bank Threshold Ratings, the Standby Account Bank Threshold Ratings, the Cash Management Deposit Ratings and the Servicer Deposit Threshold Ratings, such breach occurs at a time that the Guarantor is Independently Controlled and Governed.

For the purposes of these Programme Terms “**Calculation Date**” means the last Toronto Business Day of each month.

Upon the Covered Bonds becoming immediately due and repayable against the Issuer pursuant to this Programme Term 3.1, the Bond Trustee shall forthwith serve a notice to pay (the “**Notice to Pay**”) on the Guarantor pursuant to the Covered Bond Guarantee and the Guarantor shall be required to make payments of Guaranteed Amounts when the same shall become Due for Payment in accordance with the terms of the Covered Bond Guarantee.

Following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default and service of an Issuer Acceleration Notice, the Bond Trustee may or shall take such proceedings against the Issuer in accordance with the first paragraph of Programme Term 3.3.

The Trust Deed provides that all moneys (the “**Excess Proceeds**”) received by the Bond Trustee from the Issuer or any receiver, liquidator, administrator or other similar official appointed in relation to the Issuer following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default and service of an Issuer Acceleration Notice, shall be paid by the Bond Trustee, as soon as practicable after receipt thereof by the Bond Trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Covered Bonds of the relevant Series to the Guarantor (or the Cash Manager on its behalf) for the account of the Guarantor and shall be held in the Guarantor Accounts and the Excess Proceeds shall thereafter form part of the Security granted pursuant to the Security Agreement and shall be used by the Guarantor (or the Cash Manager on its behalf) in the same manner as all other moneys from time to time held by the Cash Manager and/or standing to the credit of the Guarantor in the Guarantor Accounts. Any Excess Proceeds received by the Bond Trustee shall discharge pro tanto the obligations of the Issuer in respect of the payment of the amount of such Excess Proceeds under the Covered Bonds, Receipts and Coupons. However, the obligations of the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee are, following a Covered Bond Guarantee Activation Event, unconditional and irrevocable and the receipt by the Bond Trustee of any Excess Proceeds shall not reduce or discharge any of such obligations.

By subscribing for Covered Bonds, each holder of the Covered Bonds shall be deemed to have irrevocably directed the Bond Trustee to pay the Excess Proceeds to the Guarantor in the manner as described above.

### ***Guarantor Events of Default***

3.2 The Bond Trustee at its discretion may, and if so requested in writing by the holders of at least 25 per cent. of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds (which for this purpose and the purpose of any Extraordinary Resolution referred to in this Programme Term 3.2 means the Covered Bonds of this Series together with the Covered Bonds of any other Series constituted by the Trust Deed (and the Covered Bonds of any other Series constituted by the applicable Australian Deed Poll)) then outstanding as if they were a single Series (with the nominal amount of Covered Bonds not denominated in Canadian dollars converted into Canadian dollars at the applicable Covered Bond Swap Rate) or if so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution of all the holders of the Covered Bonds shall (but in the case of the happening of any of the events described in paragraphs (b) to (f) below, only if the Bond Trustee shall have certified in writing to the Issuer and the Guarantor that such event is, in its opinion, materially prejudicial to the interests of the holders of the Covered Bonds of any Series) (subject in each case to being indemnified and/or secured to its satisfaction) give notice (the “**Guarantor Acceleration Notice**”) in writing to the Issuer and the Guarantor, that (x) each Covered Bond of each Series is, and each Covered Bond of each Series shall as against the Issuer (if not already due and repayable against it following an Issuer Event of Default), thereupon immediately become, due and repayable at its Early Redemption Amount together with accrued interest and (y) all amounts payable by the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee shall thereupon immediately become due and payable at the Guaranteed Amount corresponding to the Early Redemption Amount for each Covered Bond of each Series together with accrued interest, in each case as provided in the Trust Deed and thereafter the Security shall become enforceable if any of the following events (each, a “**Guarantor Event of Default**”) shall occur and be continuing:

- (a) default is made by the Guarantor for a period of seven days or more in the payment of any Guaranteed Amounts when Due for Payment in respect of the Covered Bonds of any Series, except in the case of the payment of a Guaranteed Amount when Due for Payment under Condition 6.01 where the Guarantor shall be required to make payments of Guaranteed Amounts which are Due for Payment on the dates specified therein; or
- (b) if default is made by the Guarantor in the performance or observance of any obligation, condition or provision binding on it (other than any obligation for the payment of Guaranteed Amounts in respect of the Covered Bonds of any Series) under the Trust Deed, the Security Agreement or any other Transaction Document (other than the obligation of the Guarantor to (i) repay the Demand Loan pursuant to the terms of the Intercompany Loan Agreement, or (ii) make a payment under a Swap Agreement if it has insufficient funds therefor) to which the Guarantor is a party and, except where such default is or the effects of such default are, in the opinion of the Bond Trustee, not capable of remedy when no such continuation and notice as is hereinafter mentioned will be required, such default continues for 30 days (or such longer period as the Bond Trustee may permit) after written notice thereof has been given by the Bond Trustee to the Guarantor requiring the same to be remedied; or
- (c) an Insolvency Event in respect of the Guarantor; or

- (d) a failure to satisfy the Amortization Test on any Calculation Date following the occurrence and during the continuance of an Issuer Event of Default; or
- (e) the Covered Bond Guarantee is not, or is claimed by the Guarantor not to be, in full force and effect; or
- (f) if a ratings trigger prescribed by the Conditions or the Transaction Documents (and not otherwise specifically provided for in this Programme Term 3.2) is breached and the prescribed remedial action is not taken within the specified time period, unless, in respect of any ratings trigger other than the Account Bank Threshold Ratings, the Standby Account Bank Threshold Ratings, the Cash Management Deposit Ratings and the Servicer Deposit Threshold Ratings, such breach occurs at a time that the Guarantor is Independently Controlled and Governed.

Following the occurrence of a Guarantor Event of Default and service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice on the Guarantor, the Bond Trustee may or shall take such proceedings or steps in accordance with the first and second paragraphs, respectively, of Programme Term 3.3 and the holders of the Covered Bonds shall have a claim against the Guarantor, under the Covered Bond Guarantee, for an amount equal to the Early Redemption Amount together with accrued but unpaid interest and any other amount due under the Covered Bonds (other than additional amounts payable under Condition 8) as provided in the Trust Deed in respect of each Covered Bond.

### ***Enforcement***

3.3 The Bond Trustee may at any time, at its discretion and without further notice, take such proceedings against the Issuer and/or the Guarantor, as the case may be, and/or any other person as it may think fit to enforce the provisions of the Trust Deed, the Covered Bonds, the Receipts, the Coupons and any other Transaction Document, but it shall not be bound to take any such enforcement proceedings in relation to the Trust Deed, the Covered Bonds, the Receipts or the Coupons or any other Transaction Document unless (i) it shall have been so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution of all the holders of the Covered Bonds of all Series (with the Covered Bonds of all Series taken together as a single Series as described above) or so requested in writing by the holders of not less than 25 per cent. of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds of all Series then outstanding (taken together and converted into Canadian dollars at the applicable Covered Bond Swap Rate) and (ii) it shall have been indemnified and/or secured to its satisfaction.

The Bond Trustee may at any time, at its discretion and without further notice, take such proceedings against the Guarantor and/or any other person as it may think fit to enforce the provisions of the Security Agreement and may, at any time after the Security has become enforceable, take such steps as it may think fit to enforce the Security, but it shall not be bound to take any such steps unless (i) it shall have been so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution of all the holders of the Covered Bonds of all Series (with the Covered Bonds of all Series taken together as a single Series as described above) or a request in writing by the holders of not less than 25 per cent. of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds of all Series then outstanding (taken together and converted into Canadian dollars at the applicable Covered Bond Swap Rate); and (ii) it shall have been indemnified and/or secured to its satisfaction.

In exercising any of its powers, trusts, authorities and discretions the Bond Trustee shall, subject to applicable law, only have regard to the interests of the holders of the Covered Bonds of all Series and shall not have regard to the interests of any other Secured Creditors.

No holder of the Covered Bonds, Receiptholder or Couponholder shall be entitled to proceed directly against the Issuer or the Guarantor or to take any action with respect to the Trust Deed, the Covered Bonds, the Receipts, the Coupons, or the Security unless the Bond Trustee, having become bound so to proceed, fails so to do within a reasonable time and such failure shall be continuing.

## **4. Meetings of Holders of the Covered Bonds, Modification and Waiver**

4.1 The Trust Deed contains provisions for convening meetings of the holders of the Covered Bonds to consider any matter affecting their interests, including the modification by Extraordinary Resolution of these Programme

Terms, the applicable Terms and Conditions or the provisions of the Trust Deed. The quorum at any such meeting in respect of any Covered Bonds of any Series for passing an Extraordinary Resolution is one or more persons holding or representing not less than a clear majority of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds of such Series for the time being outstanding, or at any adjourned meeting one or more persons being or representing holders of the Covered Bonds whatever the nominal amount of the Covered Bonds of such Series so held or represented, except that at any meeting the business of which includes the modification of any Series Reserved Matter (as defined below), the quorum shall be one or more persons holding or representing not less than two-thirds of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds of such Series for the time being outstanding, or at any adjourned such meeting one or more persons holding or representing not less than one third of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds of such Series for the time being outstanding. An Extraordinary Resolution passed at any meeting of the holders of the Covered Bonds of a Series shall, subject as provided below, be binding on all the holders of the Covered Bonds of such Series, whether or not they are present at the meeting, and on all Receiptholders and Couponholders in respect of such Series of Covered Bonds. Pursuant to the Trust Deed, the Bond Trustee may convene a single meeting of the holders of Covered Bonds of more than one Series if in the opinion of the Bond Trustee there is no conflict between the holders of such Covered Bonds, in which event the provisions of this paragraph shall apply thereto mutatis mutandis.

Notwithstanding the provisions of the immediately preceding paragraph, any Extraordinary Resolution to direct the Bond Trustee to accelerate the Covered Bonds pursuant to Programme Term 3 or to direct the Bond Trustee to take any enforcement action (a "Programme Resolution") shall only be capable of being passed at a single meeting of the holders of the Covered Bonds of all Series then outstanding. Any such meeting to consider a Programme Resolution may be convened by the Issuer, the Guarantor or the Bond Trustee or by holders of the Covered Bonds of any Series. The quorum at any such meeting for passing a Programme Resolution is one or more persons holding or representing at least a clear majority of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds of all Series for the time being outstanding or at any adjourned such meeting one or more persons holding or representing Covered Bonds whatever the nominal amount of the Covered Bonds of any Series so held or represented. A Programme Resolution passed at any meeting of the holders of the Covered Bonds of all Series shall be binding on all holders of the Covered Bonds of all Series, whether or not they are present at the meeting, and on all related Receiptholders and Couponholders in respect of such Series of Covered Bonds.

In connection with any meeting of the holders of Covered Bonds of more than one Series the Covered Bonds of any Series not denominated in Canadian dollars shall be converted into Canadian dollars at the applicable Covered Bond Swap Rate.

#### Modification and Waiver

**4.2** The Bond Trustee may (in the case of (a) and (b) below), and the Bond Trustee shall (in the case of (c) below), agree, and the Issuer and the Guarantor may also agree (in the case of (a) – (c) below), without the consent of the holders of the Covered Bonds, Receiptholders or Couponholders of any Series and without the consent of the other Secured Creditors (and for this purpose the Bond Trustee may disregard whether any such modification relates to a Series Reserved Matter), to:

- (a) any modification of the Covered Bonds of one or more Series, the related Receipts and/or Coupons or any Transaction Document provided that in the opinion of the Bond Trustee such modification is not materially prejudicial to the interests of any of the holders of the Covered Bonds of any Series; or
- (b) any modification of the Covered Bonds of any one or more Series, the related Receipts and/or Coupons or any Transaction Document which is of a formal, minor or technical nature or is in the opinion of the Bond Trustee made to correct a manifest error or to comply with mandatory provisions of law; or
- (c) any modification (other than in respect of a Series Reserved Matter, provided that a Base Rate Modification (as defined below) will not constitute a Series Reserved Matter) to the Programme Terms, Conditions and/or any Transaction Document (including, for the avoidance of doubt but without limitation, the Covered Bond Swap Agreement in relation to the relevant Series of Covered Bonds and subject to the consent only of the Secured Creditors (i) party to the relevant Transaction Document being amended or (ii) whose ranking in any Priorities of Payments is affected) that the Issuer considers necessary for the purpose of changing the base

rate in respect of the Covered Bonds from a Reference Rate to an alternative base rate (any such rate, an “**Alternative Base Rate**”) and making such other amendments as are necessary or advisable in the reasonable judgment of the Issuer to facilitate such change (a “**Base Rate Modification**”), provided that:

(A) the Issuer certifies to the Bond Trustee in writing (such certificate, a “**Base Rate Modification Certificate**”) that:

(i) such Base Rate Modification is being undertaken due to:

(I) a material disruption to the relevant Reference Rate, an adverse change in the methodology of calculating the relevant Reference Rate or the relevant Reference Rate ceasing to exist or be published;

(II) the insolvency or cessation of business of the administrator of the Reference Rate (in circumstances where no successor administrator has been appointed);

(III) a public statement by the administrator of the relevant Reference Rate that it will cease publishing such Reference Rate permanently or indefinitely (in circumstances where no successor administrator for the Reference Rate has been appointed that will continue publication of the relevant Reference Rate) and such cessation is reasonably expected by the Issuer to occur prior to the Final Maturity Date or the Extended Due for Payment Date, as applicable;

(IV) a public statement by the supervisor of the administrator of the relevant Reference Rate that such Reference Rate has been or will be permanently or indefinitely discontinued or will be changed in an adverse manner and such cessation is reasonably expected by the Issuer to occur prior to the Final Maturity Date or the Extended Due for Payment Date, as applicable;

(V) a public statement by the supervisor of the administrator of the relevant Reference Rate that means such Reference Rate may no longer be used or that its use is or will be subject to restrictions or adverse consequences; or

(VI) the reasonable expectation of the Issuer that any of the events specified in sub-paragraphs (I), (II), (III), (IV) or (V) will occur or exist within six months of the proposed effective date of such Base Rate Modification,

(ii) the modifications proposed are required solely for the purpose of applying the Alternative Base Rate and making consequential modifications to any Transaction Document which are, as reasonably determined by the Issuer as necessary or advisable in its reasonable judgement, and the modifications have been drafted solely to such effect; and

(iii) the consent of each Secured Creditor (x) which is party to the relevant Transaction Document being amended, or (y) whose ranking in any Priorities of Payments is affected has been obtained (evidence of which shall be provided by the Issuer to the Bond Trustee with the Base Rate Modification Certificate) and, subject to Programme Term 4.2(c)(G), no other consents are required to be obtained in relation to the Base Rate Modification; and

- (B) such Alternative Base Rate is:
1. a base rate published, endorsed, approved or recognised by the Bank of England, the Federal Reserve, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York or the European Central Bank, any regulator in the United States, the UK or the EU or any stock exchange on which the Covered Bonds are listed or any relevant committee or other body established, sponsored or approved by any of the foregoing; or
  2. in relation to the BBSW Rate, a base rate that is an industry-accepted successor rate for BBSW Rate-linked floating rate notes at such time; or
  3. a base rate utilised in a material number of publicly-listed new issues of floating rate covered bonds or floating rate senior unsecured notes prior to the effective date of such Base Rate Modification (for these purposes, 5 such issues shall be considered material); or
  4. a base rate utilised in a publicly-listed new issue of floating rate covered bonds where the issuer (or, in the case of asset backed securities, the originator of the relevant assets) is the Issuer or a Subsidiary of the Issuer,
- (C) at least 30 days' prior written notice of any Base Rate Modification has been given to the Bond Trustee;
- (D) the Base Rate Modification Certificate is provided to the Bond Trustee at the time the Bond Trustee is notified of the Base Rate Modification and on the effective date of such Base Rate Modification;
- (E) with respect to each Rating Agency, a Rating Agency Confirmation (as defined in Condition 19.01) has been obtained;
- (F) the Issuer pays (or arranges for the payment of) all fees, costs and expenses (including legal fees) properly incurred by the Bond Trustee in connection with such Base Rate Modification;
- (G) the Issuer has provided at least 30 days' notice to the Covered Bondholders of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds of the Base Rate Modification in accordance with Condition 13 and by publication on Bloomberg on the "Company News" screen relating to the Covered Bonds (in each case specifying the date and time by which Covered Bondholders must respond), and Covered Bondholders representing at least 10 per cent of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds then outstanding have not notified the Issuer or the Issuing and Paying Agent in accordance with the then current practice of any applicable Clearing System through which such Covered Bonds may be held by the time specified in such notice that such Covered Bondholders do not consent to the Base Rate Modification.

If Covered Bondholders representing at least 10 per cent of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds then outstanding have notified the Issuer or the Issuing and Paying Agent in accordance with the then current practice of any applicable Clearing System through which the Covered Bonds may be held or in the manner specified in the next following paragraph of this Programme Term 4.2 where there is no applicable Clearing System by the time specified in such notice that such Covered Bondholders do not consent to the Base Rate Modification, then the Base Rate



Modification will not be made unless an Extraordinary Resolution of the Covered Bondholders of the relevant Series then outstanding is passed in favour of the Base Rate Modification in accordance with this Programme Term 4.

Where there is no applicable Clearing System, Covered Bondholders may object in writing to a Base Rate Modification by notifying the Issuer or the Issuing and Paying Agent but any such objection in writing must be accompanied by evidence to the Bond Trustee's satisfaction (having regard to prevailing market practices) of the relevant Covered Bondholder's holding of the Covered Bonds.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Issuer may give effect to an Alternative Base Rate on more than one occasion provided that the conditions set out in this Programme Term 4.2(c) are satisfied.

(d) When implementing any modification pursuant to Programme Term 4.2(c):

- (A) the Bond Trustee shall not consider the interests of the Covered Bondholders, any other Secured Creditor or any other person and shall act and rely solely and without investigation or liability on any Base Rate Modification Certificate or other certificate or evidence provided to it by the Issuer and shall not be liable to the Covered Bondholders, any other Secured Creditor or any other person for so acting or relying, irrespective of whether any such modification is or may be materially prejudicial to the interests of any such person; and
- (B) the Bond Trustee shall not be obliged to agree to any modification which, in the sole opinion of the Bond Trustee, would have the effect of (i) exposing the Bond Trustee to any liability against which it has not been indemnified and/or secured and/or pre-funded to its satisfaction or (ii) increasing the obligations or duties, or decreasing the rights, powers, authorisations, discretions, indemnification or protections, of the Bond Trustee in the Transaction Documents and/or these Programme Terms or the Conditions.

The Bond Trustee may also agree, without the consent of the holders of the Covered Bonds of any Series, the related Receiptholders and/or Couponholders, to the waiver or authorization of any breach or proposed breach of any of the provisions of the Covered Bonds of any Series, or determine, without any such consent as described above, that any Issuer Event of Default or Guarantor Event of Default or Potential Issuer Event of Default or Potential Guarantor Event of Default shall not be treated as such, provided that, in any such case, it is not, in the opinion of the Bond Trustee, materially prejudicial to the interests of any of the holders of the Covered Bonds of any Series.

Any such modification, waiver, authorization or determination shall be binding on all holders of the Covered Bonds of all Series of Covered Bonds for the time being outstanding, the related Receiptholders and the Couponholders and the other Secured Creditors, and unless the Bond Trustee otherwise agrees, any such modification shall be notified by the Issuer to the holders of the Covered Bonds of all Series of Covered Bonds for the time being outstanding and the other Secured Creditors in accordance with the relevant terms and conditions as soon as practicable thereafter.

In connection with the exercise by it of any of its trusts, powers, authorities and discretions (including, without limitation, any modification, waiver, authorization or determination), the Bond Trustee shall have regard to the general interests of the holders of the Covered Bonds of each Series as a class (but shall not have regard to any interests arising from circumstances particular to individual holders of the Covered Bonds, Receiptholders or Couponholders whatever their number) and, in particular but without limitation, shall not have regard to the consequences of any such exercise for individual holders of the Covered Bonds, the related Receiptholders, Couponholders (whatever their number) resulting from their being for any purpose domiciled or resident in, or otherwise connected with, or subject to the jurisdiction of, any particular territory or any political subdivision thereof and the Bond Trustee shall not be entitled to require, nor shall any holder of the Covered Bonds, Receiptholder or Couponholder be entitled to claim, from the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Bond Trustee or any other person any indemnification or payment in respect of any tax consequences of any such exercise upon individual holders of the Covered Bonds, Receiptholders and/or

Couponholders, except to the extent already provided for in the applicable Condition 8 and/or in any undertaking or covenant given in addition to, or in substitution for, the applicable Condition 8 pursuant to the Trust Deed.

For the purposes of these Programme Terms:

**“Potential Issuer Event of Default”** means any condition, event or act which, with the lapse of time and/or the issue, making or giving of any notice, certification, declaration, demand, determination and/or request and/or the taking of any similar action and/or the fulfilment of any similar condition, would constitute an Issuer Event of Default;

**“Potential Guarantor Event of Default”** means any condition, event or act which, with the lapse of time and/or the issue, making or giving of any notice, certification, declaration, demand, determination and/or request and/or the taking of any similar action and/or the fulfilment of any similar condition, would constitute a Guarantor Event of Default; and

**“Series Reserved Matter”** in relation to Covered Bonds of a Series means: (i) reduction or cancellation of the amount payable or, where applicable, modification of the method of calculating the amount payable or modification of the date of payment or, where applicable, modification of the method of calculating the date of payment in respect of any principal or interest in respect of the Covered Bonds; (ii) alteration of the currency in which payments under the Covered Bonds, Receipts and Coupons are to be made; (iii) alteration of the majority required to pass an Extraordinary Resolution; (iv) any amendment to the Covered Bond Guarantee or the Security Agreement (except in a manner determined by the Bond Trustee not to be materially prejudicial to the interests of the holders of the Covered Bonds of any Series); (v) except in accordance with conditions relating to the replacement of lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed Covered Bonds, the sanctioning of any such scheme or proposal for the exchange or sale of the Covered Bonds for or the conversion of the Covered Bonds into, or the cancellation of the Covered Bonds in consideration of, shares, stock, covered bonds, bonds, debentures, debenture stock and/or other obligations and/or securities of the Issuer or any other company formed or to be formed, or for or into or in consideration of cash, or partly for or into or in consideration of such shares, stock, bonds, covered bonds, debentures, debenture stock and/or other obligations and/or securities as described above and partly for or into or in consideration of cash and for the appointment of some person with power on behalf of the holders of the Covered Bonds to execute an instrument of transfer of the Registered Covered Bonds held by them in favour of the persons with or to whom the Covered Bonds are to be exchanged or sold respectively; and (vi) alteration of specific sections of the Trust Deed relating to the quorum and procedure required for meetings of holders of Covered Bonds.

## 5. Currency Indemnity

If the Discharge Amount (as defined in the applicable Condition 15) is less than the amount in the Contractual Currency (as defined in the applicable Condition 15) expressed to be due to any Holder of a Covered Bond in respect of such Covered Bond the Issuer shall indemnify such Holder against any loss sustained by such Holder as a result. In any event, the Issuer shall indemnify each such Holder against any cost of making such purchase which is reasonably incurred. These indemnities constitute a separate and independent obligation from the Issuer’s other obligations, shall give rise to a separate and independent cause of action, shall apply irrespective of any indulgence granted by any Holder of a Covered Bond and shall continue in full force and effect despite any judgement, order, claim or proof for a liquidated amount in respect of any sum due in respect of the Covered Bonds or any judgement or order. Any such loss shall be deemed to constitute a loss suffered by the relevant Holder of a Covered Bond and no proof or evidence of any actual loss will be required by the Issuer.

## 6. Branch of Account

**6.1** For the purposes of the Bank Act, the branch of the Bank set out in the applicable Final Terms shall be the branch of account (the **“Branch of Account”**) for the deposits evidenced by the Covered Bonds.

**6.2** The Covered Bonds will be paid without the necessity of first being presented for payment at the Branch of Account.

**6.3** If the Branch of Account is not in Canada, the Bank may change the Branch of Account for the deposits evidenced by the Covered Bonds, upon not less than seven days' prior notice to its Holder given in accordance with the applicable Condition 13 and upon and subject to the following terms and conditions:

- (a) if a Covered Bond is denominated in Yen, the Branch of Account shall not be in Japan;
- (b) the Issuer shall indemnify and hold harmless the Holders of the Covered Bonds and Coupons relating thereto against any tax, duty, assessment or governmental charge which is imposed or levied upon such Holder as a consequence of such change, and shall pay the reasonable costs and expenses of the Australian Agent in connection with such change; and
- (c) notwithstanding (b) above, no change of the Branch of Account may be made unless immediately after giving effect to such change (i) no Issuer Event of Default, Guarantor Event of Default, Potential Issuer Event of Default or Potential Guarantor Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing and (ii) payments of principal and interest on Covered Bonds of this Series and Coupons relating thereto to Holders thereof (other than Excluded Holders, as hereinafter defined) shall not, in the opinion of counsel to the Issuer, be subject to any taxes, as hereinafter defined, to which they would not have been subject had such change not taken place. For the purposes of this section, an "**Excluded Holder**" means a Holder of a Covered Bond of this Series or Coupon relating thereto who is subject to taxes by reason of his having some connection with the Relevant Jurisdiction other than the mere holding of a Covered Bond of this Series or Coupon as a non-resident of such Relevant Jurisdiction. "**Relevant Jurisdiction**" means and includes Canada, its provinces or territories and the jurisdiction in which the new Branch of Account is located, and "**taxes**" means and includes any tax, duty, assessment or other governmental charge imposed or levied in respect of the payment of the principal of the Covered Bonds of this Series or interest thereon for or on behalf of a Relevant Jurisdiction or any authority therein or thereof having power to tax.

## **7. Substitution**

Subject as provided in the Trust Deed, the Bond Trustee, if it is satisfied that to do so would not be materially prejudicial to the interests of the holders of the Covered Bonds, may agree, without the consent of the holders of the Covered Bonds, Receiptholders or Couponholders, to the substitution of a Subsidiary of the Issuer in place of the Issuer as principal debtor under the Covered Bonds and the Trust Deed, provided that the obligations of such Subsidiary in respect of the Covered Bonds and the Trust Deed shall be guaranteed by the Issuer in such form as the Bond Trustee may require.

Any substitution pursuant to this Programme Term 7 shall be binding on the holders of the Covered Bonds, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders and, unless the Bond Trustee agrees otherwise, shall be notified to the holders of the Covered Bonds as soon as practicable thereafter in accordance with the applicable Condition 13.

It shall be a condition of any substitution pursuant to this Programme Term 7 that (i) the Covered Bond Guarantee shall remain in place or be modified to apply mutatis mutandis and continue in full force and effect in relation to any Subsidiary of the Issuer which is proposed to be substituted for the Issuer as principal debtor under the Covered Bonds and the Trust Deed; and (ii) any Subsidiary of the Issuer which is proposed to be substituted for the Issuer is included in the Registry as a registered issuer and that all other provisions of the Covered Bond Legislative Framework and the CMHC Guide are satisfied prior to the substitution of the Issuer.

## **8. Rating Agency Confirmation**

If a Rating Agency Confirmation or some other response by a Rating Agency is a condition to any action or step or is otherwise required under any Transaction Document and a written request for such Rating Agency Confirmation or response is delivered to that Rating Agency by any of the Issuer, the Guarantor and/or the Bond Trustee, as applicable (each a "**Requesting Party**"), and either (i) the Rating Agency indicates that it does not consider such confirmation or response necessary in the circumstances, or (ii) within 10 Business Days of actual receipt of such request by the Rating Agency, such request elicits no confirmation or response and/or such request elicits no statement by the Rating Agency that such confirmation or response could not be given, the Requesting Party will be entitled to disregard the

requirement for a Rating Agency Confirmation or affirmation of rating or other response by the Rating Agency and proceed on the basis that such confirmation or affirmation of rating or other response by the Rating Agency is not required in the particular circumstances of the request. The failure by a Rating Agency to respond to a written request for a confirmation or affirmation shall not be interpreted to mean that such Rating Agency has given any deemed Rating Agency Confirmation or affirmation of rating or other response in respect of such action or step.

## **9. Indemnification of Bond Trustee and Bond Trustee contracting with the Issuer and/or the Guarantor**

If, in connection with the exercise of its powers, trusts, authorities or discretions the Bond Trustee is of the opinion that the interests of the holders of the Covered Bonds of any one or more Series would be materially prejudiced thereby, the Bond Trustee shall not exercise such power, trust, authority or discretion without the approval by Extraordinary Resolution of such holders of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds then outstanding or by a direction in writing of such holders of the Covered Bonds of at least 25 per cent. of the Principal Amount Outstanding of Covered Bonds of the relevant Series then outstanding.

The Trust Deed and the Security Agreement contain provisions for the indemnification of the Bond Trustee and for relief from responsibility, including provisions relieving the Bond Trustee from taking any action unless indemnified and/or secured to the satisfaction of the Bond Trustee.

The Trust Deed and the Security Agreement also contain provisions pursuant to which the Bond Trustee is entitled, among other things: (i) to enter into business transactions with the Issuer, the Guarantor and/or any of their respective Subsidiaries and affiliates and to act as trustee for the holders of any other securities issued or guaranteed by, or relating to, the Issuer, the Guarantor and/or any of their respective Subsidiaries and affiliates; (ii) to exercise and enforce its rights, comply with its obligations and perform its duties under or in relation to any such transactions or, as the case may be, any such trusteeship without regard to the interests of, or consequences for, the holders of the Covered Bonds, Receipholders or Couponholders or the other Secured Creditors; and (iii) to retain and not be liable to account for any profit made or any other amount or benefit received thereby or in connection therewith.

The Bond Trustee will not be responsible for any loss, expense or liability, which may be suffered as a result of any Portfolio Assets, or any deeds or documents of title thereto, being uninsured or inadequately insured or being held by clearing organisations or their operators or by intermediaries such as banks, brokers or other similar persons on behalf of the Bond Trustee. The Bond Trustee will not be responsible for: (i) supervising the performance by the Issuer or any other party to the Transaction Documents of their respective obligations under the Transaction Documents and the Bond Trustee will be entitled to assume, until it has written notice to the contrary, that all such persons are properly performing their duties; (ii) considering the basis on which approvals or consents are granted by the Issuer or any other party to the Transaction Documents under the Transaction Documents; (iii) monitoring the Covered Bond Portfolio, including, without limitation, whether the Covered Bond Portfolio is in compliance with the Asset Coverage Test and/or the Amortization Test; or (iv) monitoring whether the Portfolio Assets satisfy the Eligibility Criteria. The Bond Trustee will not be liable to any holder of the Covered Bonds or other Secured Creditor for any failure to make or to cause to be made on their behalf the searches, investigations and enquiries which would normally be made by reasonable and prudent institutional mortgage lenders in the Seller's market in relation to the Security and have no responsibility in relation to the legality, validity, sufficiency and enforceability of the Security and the Transaction Documents.

### **Supplemental Agency Agreement**

BTA Institutional Services Australia Limited (ABN 48 002 916 396) has been appointed by the Issuer under the Supplemental Agency Agreement to act as Issuing and Paying Agent and Registrar in respect of the Australian Covered Bonds.

The Issuer has appointed CIBC Australia Limited (ABN 69 000 067 256) of Level 45, Gateway Building, 1 Macquarie Place, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia as its agent to receive service of process in Australia in connection with the Australian Covered Bonds.

No other agents appointed under the Transaction Documents will act as agents in respect of the Australian Covered Bonds.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN COVERED BONDS

*The following are the terms and conditions of the Australian Covered Bonds (the “**Terms and Conditions**”), which as supplemented, modified or replaced in relation to any Australian Covered Bonds by the applicable Final Terms, will be applicable to each Series of Australian Covered Bonds issued under the Australian Deed Poll unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms. To avoid doubt these Terms and Conditions do not apply to any other Covered Bonds. All capitalized terms that are not defined in these Terms and Conditions will have the meanings given to them in the applicable Final Terms.*

These Terms and Conditions apply to those Covered Bonds, known as “**Australian Covered Bonds**”, which are issued in registered, uncertificated (or inscribed) form by Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce acting through its office in Toronto, Canada or its Sydney Branch (ARBN 608 235 847), as specified in the applicable Final Terms (the “**Issuer**” or the “**Bank**”) as part of the Issuer’s CAD 60 billion global Covered Bond programme (the “**Programme**”) and are constituted by the deed poll made by the Issuer dated January 15, 2015, as supplemented by (i) a supplemental deed poll dated August 31, 2017, (ii) a supplemental deed poll dated on July 26, 2019 and (iii) a supplemental deed poll dated on or about September 14, 2021 (such deed poll as may be further amended, supplemented, or replaced, the “**Australian Deed Poll**”). Australian Covered Bonds take the form of entries in a register (“**Australian Register**”) established and maintained by BTA Institutional Services Australia Limited (ABN 48 002 916 396) (or such other registrar as is specified in the relevant Final Terms or appointed in accordance with the Terms and Conditions or the Agency Agreement (defined below)) (“**Australian Agent**”) in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia or such other place in Australia as is agreed between the Issuer and the Australian Agent.

The Holders of the Australian Covered Bonds have the benefit of and are subject to:

- (a) a third amended and restated trust deed dated July 22, 2021 (such trust deed as amended and supplemented as described below and as may be further amended, supplemented or replaced, the “**Trust Deed**”) made between the Issuer, CIBC Covered Bond (Legislative) Guarantor Limited Partnership, as guarantor (the “**Guarantor**”) and Computershare Trust Company of Canada, as bond trustee (in such capacity, the “**Bond Trustee**” which expression shall include any successor as bond trustee), as supplemented in relation to the Australian Covered Bonds by the second amended and restated supplemental trust deed dated as of April 7, 2016 as amended by a First Addendum dated September 5, 2017, by a Second Addendum dated August 1, 2019 and by a Third Addendum dated on or about September 14, 2021 (such amended and restated supplemental trust deed as may be further amended, supplemented, or replaced, the “**Supplemental Trust Deed**”) made between the Issuer, the Guarantor and the Bond Trustee (including the Programme Terms specified in Schedule 1 thereto) and by the Australian Deed Poll. To avoid doubt, references to the Trust Deed in these Terms and Conditions include the Supplemental Trust Deed and the Australian Deed Poll; and
- (b) an agency agreement dated as of July 2, 2013 (such agency agreement as amended, supplemented or replaced, the “**Agency Agreement**”) and made between the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Bond Trustee, HSBC Bank USA, National Association and HSBC Bank plc and the other agents named therein, as amended on June 24, 2015 and June 21, 2016 and as supplemented in relation to the Australian Covered Bonds by an amended and restated supplemental agency agreement dated as of January 15, 2015, as amended on April 7, 2016 and as further amended on July 26, 2019 (such amended and restated supplemental agency agreement as may be further amended, supplemented or replaced, the “**Supplemental Agency Agreement**”) made between the Issuer, the Guarantor and the Australian Agent pursuant to which the Australian Agent has been appointed to act as registrar and issuing and paying agent in respect of Australian Covered Bonds and, for greater certainty, pursuant to which it is confirmed that the other registrars, issuing agents, paying agents, transfer agents, exchange agents and calculation agents named therein do not act in any capacity in relation to the Australian Covered Bonds. To avoid doubt, references to the Agency Agreement in these Terms and Conditions include the Supplemental Agency Agreement.

References in these Terms and Conditions to the Final Terms are to Part A of the Final Terms prepared in relation to the Australian Covered Bonds of the relevant Tranche or Series.

In respect of any Australian Covered Bonds, references herein to these “Terms and Conditions” are to these terms and conditions as supplemented or modified or (to the extent thereof) replaced by the Final Terms and any reference herein

to a “**Condition**” is a reference to the relevant Condition of the Terms and Conditions of the relevant Australian Covered Bonds.

The Australian Covered Bonds are issued in series (each, a “**Series**”), and each Series may comprise one or more tranches (“**Tranches**” and each, a “**Tranche**”). Each Tranche will be the subject of a Final Terms (each, “**Final Terms**”).

The Bond Trustee acts for the benefit of the holders for the time being of the Australian Covered Bonds (the “**Holders**” or “**Holders of the Australian Covered Bonds**”, which expression shall, in relation to any Australian Covered Bonds, mean the persons whose names are for the time being entered in the Australian Register as the Holders of the Australian Covered Bonds (notwithstanding that such person may be the operator of a clearing system who holds the Australian Covered Bonds on behalf of the accountholders in that system)) and for holders of each other series of Covered Bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed.

The Guarantor has, in the Trust Deed, irrevocably and unconditionally guaranteed the due and punctual payment of the Guaranteed Amounts in respect of the Covered Bonds (including, without limitation, the Australian Covered Bonds) as and when the same shall become due for payment on certain dates and in accordance with the Trust Deed (“**Due for Payment**”), but only after the occurrence of a Covered Bond Guarantee Activation Event.

The security for the obligations of the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee and the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party has been created in and pursuant to, and on the terms set out in, a general security agreement (such general security agreement as amended, supplemented or replaced the “**Security Agreement**”) dated July 2, 2013 and made between the Guarantor, the Bond Trustee and certain other Secured Creditors.

These Terms and Conditions include summaries of and are subject to, certain provisions of the Trust Deed, the Australian Deed Poll, the Security Agreement, the Agency Agreement and the other Transaction Documents.

Copies of the Trust Deed, the Australian Deed Poll, the Security Agreement, the Master Definitions and Construction Agreement (as defined below), the Agency Agreement, the Australian Information Memorandum (as defined below) and the Programme Prospectus (as defined below) and each of the other Transaction Documents (other than the Dealership Agreement and any subscription agreements) are available for inspection during normal business hours at the registered office for the time being of the Australian Agent. Copies of the applicable Final Terms of all Australian Covered Bonds of each Series (including in relation to unlisted Australian Covered Bonds of any Series) are obtainable during normal business hours of the specified office of the Australian Agent, by any Holder of the Australian Covered Bonds or person in whose security record the Australian Covered Bonds are credited within the Austraclear System (a “**Relevant Account Holder**”) subject to producing evidence satisfactory to the Issuer and the Bond Trustee or, as the case may be, the Australian Agent as to its holding of each Australian Covered Bond and identity. The Holders of the Australian Covered Bonds are deemed to have notice of, are bound by, and are entitled to the benefit of, all the provisions of, and definitions contained in, the Trust Deed, the Supplemental Trust Deed the Australian Deed Poll, the Security Agreement, the Master Definitions and Construction Agreement, the Agency Agreement, the Supplemental Agency Agreement, each of the other Transaction Documents (other than the Dealership Agreement and any subscription agreements) and the applicable Final Terms which are applicable to them and to have notice of each set of Final Terms relating to each other Series.

Except where the context otherwise requires, capitalized terms used or otherwise defined in these Terms and Conditions shall bear the meanings given to them in the applicable Final Terms and/or the Third Amended and Restated Master Definitions and Construction Agreement made between the parties to the Transaction Documents dated July 22, 2021 (such second amended and restated master definitions and construction agreement as may be further amended, supplemented or replaced, the “**Master Definitions and Construction Agreement**” or “**Master Definitions**”), a copy of each of which may be obtained as described above.

*Text included in these Terms and Conditions in italics is included for information purposes only and does not form part of these Terms and Conditions. Further information in relation to the Australian Covered Bonds and the Programme may be found in the Information Memorandum dated September ●, 2021 (the “**Australian Information Memorandum**”) and the Programme prospectus dated July 22, 2021, as supplemented by the first covered bond*

*prospectus supplement dated August 27, 2021 (together, the “Programme Prospectus”) which is annexed to and deemed to be incorporated in, and form part of, the Australian Information Memorandum.*

## **1. Form and Denomination**

**1.01** Australian Covered Bonds are issued in registered form and will not be serially numbered, unless otherwise agreed between the Issuer and the Australian Agent. No certificate or other evidence of title will be issued by or on behalf of the Issuer to evidence title to an Australian Covered Bond unless the Issuer determines that certificates should be made available or it is required to do so pursuant to any applicable law or regulation.

**1.02** Each entry in the Australian Register constitutes a separate and individual acknowledgement to the Bond Trustee on behalf of, and to, the relevant Holder of the indebtedness of the Issuer to the relevant Holder. The obligations of the Issuer in respect of each Australian Covered Bond constitute separate and independent obligations which the Holder to whom those obligations are owed and the Bond Trustee are entitled to enforce in accordance with (and subject to) these Conditions, the Trust Deed and the Australian Deed Poll without having to join any other Holder or any predecessor in title of a Holder.

**1.03** The Australian Covered Bond is a Fixed Rate Australian Covered Bond, a Floating Rate Australian Covered Bond or a Zero Coupon Australian Covered Bond, depending on the Interest Basis specified in the applicable Final Terms.

### *Denomination*

**1.04** Australian Covered Bonds are in the Specified Denominations specified in the Final Terms.

### *Currency*

**1.05** The Australian Covered Bonds are denominated in Australian dollars.

## **2. Title and Transfer**

**2.01** Title to Australian Covered Bonds passes upon entry of the transfer in the Australian Register. The Issuer shall procure that the Australian Agent keep a register or registers in which shall be entered the names and addresses of the Holders of Australian Covered Bonds and particulars of the Australian Covered Bonds held by them, together with such other details as are required to be shown on the Australian Register by or for the effective operation of these Terms and Conditions or by law or which the Issuer and Australian Agent determine should be shown in the Australian Register.

**2.02** No Australian Covered Bond will be registered in the name of more than four persons or in the name of an unincorporated association. Australian Covered Bonds registered in the name of more than one person are held by those persons as joint tenants.

**2.03** Australian Covered Bonds will be registered by name only without reference to any trusteeship. The person registered in the Australian Register as a Holder of an Australian Covered Bond will be treated by the Issuer, the Bond Trustee and the Australian Agent as the absolute owner of that Australian Covered Bond and none of the Issuer, the Bond Trustee or the Australian Agent will, except as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or as required by law, be obliged to take notice of any other claim to an Australian Covered Bond.

Upon a person acquiring title to any Australian Covered Bond by virtue of becoming registered as the Holder of that Australian Covered Bond, all rights and entitlements arising by virtue of the Australian Deed Poll, Trust Deed, Security Agreement, Supplemental Agency Agreement and each of the other Transaction Documents in respect of that Australian Covered Bond vest absolutely in the registered owner of the Australian Covered Bond, such that no person who has previously been registered as the owner of the Australian Covered Bond has or is entitled to assert



against the Issuer, the Bond Trustee or the Australian Agent or the registered Holder of the Australian Covered Bond for the time being and from time to time any rights, benefits or entitlements in respect of the Australian Covered Bond.

### ***Transfer of Australian Covered Bonds***

**2.04** An Australian Covered Bond may, upon the terms and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Agency Agreement and as required by law, be transferred in whole but not in part in accordance with this Condition 2. Interests in Australian Covered Bonds entered in the Austraclear System will be transferable only in accordance with the Austraclear Regulations.

**2.05** Application for the transfer of Australian Covered Bonds must be made by the lodgement with the Australian Agent of a duly completed and executed and (if applicable) stamped transfer and acceptance form in the form specified by, and obtainable from the Australian Agent, or by any other document or in any other manner approved by the Issuer and the Australian Agent. Each transfer and acceptance form must be accompanied by such evidence (if any) as the Australian Agent may require to prove the title of the transferor or the transferor's right to transfer the Australian Covered Bonds and must be properly executed by both the transferor and the transferee. Any such transfer will be subject to such reasonable regulations as the Issuer and the Australian Agent may from time to time prescribe (the initial such regulations being set out in the schedule to the Agency Agreement (as supplemented)).

**2.06** The transferor of an Australian Covered Bond is deemed to remain the Holder of that Australian Covered Bond until the name of the transferee is entered in the Australian Register in respect of that Australian Covered Bond. Transfers will not be registered later than eight days prior to the maturity date of the Australian Covered Bond.

**2.07** Australian Covered Bonds may only be transferred if:

- (a) in the case of a transfer in, into or from Australia (including any transfer to or by a person in Australia or any transfer of Australian Covered Bonds entered in the Register in Australia): (i) the aggregate principal amount of the Australian Covered Bonds being transferred, and the consideration payable by the transferee at the time of transfer within Australia (disregarding moneys lent by the transferor or its associates), is at least A\$500,000 (or the equivalent in another currency); and (ii) the transferee is not a "retail client" as defined in section 761G of the Corporations Act; and
- (b) in all cases, the transfer is in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations or directives (including, without limitation, the laws of the jurisdiction in which the transfer takes place).

**2.08** A transfer to an unincorporated association or to more than 4 persons is not permitted.

**2.09** A person becoming entitled to an Australian Covered Bond as a consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a Holder or of a vesting order or a person administering the estate of a Holder may, upon producing such evidence as to that entitlement or status as the Australian Agent considers sufficient, transfer the Australian Covered Bond or, if so entitled, become registered as the Holder of the Australian Covered Bond.

**2.10** Where the transferor executes a transfer of less than all Australian Covered Bonds registered in its name, and the specific Australian Covered Bonds to be transferred are not identified, the Australian Agent may register the transfer in respect of such of the Australian Covered Bonds registered in the name of the transferor as the Australian Agent thinks fit, provided the aggregate principal amount of the Australian Covered Bonds registered as having been transferred equals the aggregate principal amount of the Australian Covered Bonds expressed to be transferred in the transfer.

**2.11** The registration of a transfer will be effected without charge by or on behalf of the Issuer or the Australian Agent, but upon payment by the applicant of (or the giving by the applicant of such indemnity as the Issuer or the Australian Agent may require in respect of) any tax, duty or other governmental charges which may be imposed in relation thereto.

**2.12** In the event of a partial redemption of Australian Covered Bonds under Condition 6.05, the Issuer shall not be required to register the transfer of any Australian Covered Bond, or part of a Australian Covered Bond called for partial redemption.

### **3. Status of the Australian Covered Bonds**

The Australian Covered Bonds constitute deposit liabilities of the Issuer for purposes of the *Bank Act* (Canada), however the Australian Covered Bonds will not be insured under the *Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation Act* (Canada), and will constitute legal, valid and binding direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the Issuer and rank pari passu with all deposit liabilities of the Issuer without any preference among themselves and at least pari passu with all other unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the Issuer, present and future (except as otherwise prescribed by law). Unless otherwise specified in the Final Terms, the deposits to be evidenced by the Australian Covered Bonds will be taken by the main branch of the Issuer in Toronto, but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 9.

*The Issuer is registered as a foreign company in Australia and is a foreign authorised deposit-taking institution under the Banking Act 1959 of the Commonwealth of Australia (the “Australian Banking Act”). The Australian Covered Bonds are not the obligation of any government and, in particular, are not guaranteed by the Commonwealth of Australia or the government of Canada nor do they benefit from the depositor protection provisions of Division 2 of Part II of the Australian Banking Act. However, under section 11F of the Australian Banking Act, if the Issuer (whether in or outside Australia) suspends payment or becomes unable to meet its obligations, the assets of the Issuer in Australia are to be available to meet its liabilities in Australia (including if those liabilities are in respect of the Australian Covered Bonds) in priority to all other liabilities of the Issuer. Further, under section 86 of the Reserve Bank Act 1959 of Australia (the “Reserve Bank Act”), debts due by the Issuer to the Reserve Bank of Australia (“RBA”) shall in a winding-up of the Issuer have priority over all other debts of the Issuer.*

### **4. Guarantee**

Pursuant to the Trust Deed, the Australian Covered Bonds have the benefit of the Covered Bond Guarantee.

*For a description of the Covered Bond Guarantee see Programme Terms 1 and 2.1 on pages 7-9 of the Australian Information Memorandum.*

Any payment made by the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee shall (unless such obligation shall have been discharged as a result of the payment of Excess Proceeds to the Bond Trustee pursuant to the provisions referred to in the Trust Deed) discharge pro tanto the obligations of the Issuer in respect of such payment under the Covered Bonds, except where such payment has been declared void, voidable or otherwise recoverable in whole or in part and recovered from the Bond Trustee or the Holders of the Covered Bonds.

*The Guarantor is not a bank nor an authorised deposit-taking institution authorised to carry on banking business in Australia under the Australian Banking Act and it is not supervised by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority. The Guarantor is not registered as a foreign company or otherwise registered, authorised or qualified to carry on financial services or other business in Australia. The Covered Bond Guarantee is not the obligation of any government and, in particular, is not guaranteed by the Commonwealth of Australia or the government of Canada.*

### **5. Interest**

#### *Interest*

**5.01** Australian Covered Bonds may be interest-bearing or non interest-bearing. The Interest Basis is specified in the applicable Final Terms. Words and expressions appearing in this Condition 5 and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in Condition 5.09.

### ***Interest on Fixed Rate Australian Covered Bonds***

**5.02** Each Fixed Rate Covered Bond bears interest on its Outstanding Principal Amount from and including the Interest Commencement Date at the rate(s) per annum equal to the Rate(s) of Interest. Interest will be payable in arrears on the Interest Payment Date(s) in each year up to and including the Final Maturity Date if that does not fall on an Interest Payment Date.

Unless otherwise provided in the applicable Final Terms, the amount of interest payable on each Interest Payment Date in respect of the Fixed Interest Period ending on, but excluding, such date will amount to the Fixed Coupon Amount. Payments of interest on any Interest Payment Date will, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms, amount to the Broken Amount(s) so specified.

As used in these Terms and Conditions, “**Fixed Interest Period**” means the period from and including an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to but excluding the next (or first) Interest Payment Date.

Interest will be calculated on the Calculation Amount of the Fixed Rate Australian Covered Bonds and will be paid to the Holders of the Australian Covered Bonds. If interest is required to be calculated for a period ending other than on an Interest Payment Date, or if no Fixed Coupon Amount is specified in the applicable Final Terms, such interest shall be calculated in accordance with Condition 5.08.

Notwithstanding anything else in this Condition 5.02, if an Extended Due for Payment Date is specified in the Final Terms, interest following the Original Due for Payment Date will continue to accrue and be payable on any unpaid amount in accordance with Condition 5 at a Rate of Interest specified in the applicable Final Terms which may provide that such Series of Fixed Rate Australian Covered Bonds will continue to bear interest at a fixed rate or at a floating rate determined in accordance with Condition 5.03 (despite the fact that interest accrued and was payable on such Australian Covered Bonds prior to the Final Maturity Date at a fixed rate).

### ***Interest on Floating Rate Australian Covered Bonds***

#### **5.03 Interest Payment Dates**

Each Floating Rate Australian Covered Bond bears interest on its Outstanding Principal Amount from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date and such interest will be payable in arrears on either:

- (a) the Specified Interest Payment Date(s) (each an “**Interest Payment Date**”) in each year specified in the applicable Final Terms; or
- (b) if no Specified Interest Payment Date(s) is/are specified in the applicable Final Terms, each date (each an “**Interest Payment Date**”) which falls the number of months or other period specified as the Interest Period in the applicable Final Terms after the preceding Interest Payment Date or, in the case of the first Interest Payment Date, after the Interest Commencement Date.

Such interest will be payable in respect of each Interest Period (which expression, shall, in these Terms and Conditions, mean the period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Payment Date). Interest will be calculated on the Calculation Amount of the Floating Rate Australian Covered Bonds and will be paid to the Holders of the Australian Covered Bonds.

### ***Rate of Interest***

Where the Screen Rate Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject to the provisions of Programme Term 4.2, be determined by the Calculation Agent on the following basis:

- (a) the Calculation Agent will determine the Reference Rate (if there is only one quotation for the Reference Rate on the Relevant Screen Page) or, as the case may require, the arithmetic mean

(rounded, if necessary, to the nearest ten thousandth of a percentage point, 0.00005 being rounded upwards) of the quotations for the Reference Rate in the relevant currency for a period of the duration of the relevant Interest Period on the Relevant Screen Page as of the Relevant Time on the relevant Interest Determination Date;

- (b) if, on any Interest Determination Date, no rate so appears or, as the case may be, if fewer than two quotations for the Reference Rate so appear on the Relevant Screen Page or if the Relevant Screen Page is unavailable, the Issuer will request appropriate quotations of the Reference Rate be provided to the Calculation Agent and the Calculation Agent will determine the arithmetic mean (rounded as described above) of the rates at which deposits in the relevant currency are offered by the Reference Banks at approximately the Relevant Time on the Interest Determination Date to prime banks in the Relevant Financial Centre (as defined herein, and which, for greater certainty will be the Euro-zone in the case of EURIBOR) interbank market for a period of the duration of the relevant Interest Period and in an amount that is representative for a single transaction in the relevant market at the Relevant Time;
- (c) if, on any Interest Determination Date, only two or three rates are so quoted, the Calculation Agent will determine the arithmetic mean (rounded as described above) of the rates so quoted; or
- (d) if fewer than two rates are so quoted, the Calculation Agent will determine the arithmetic mean (rounded as described above) of the rates for the Reference Rate quoted by four major banks in the Financial Centre as selected by the Calculation Agent, at approximately 11.00 a.m. (Financial Centre time) on the first day of the relevant Interest Period for loans in the relevant currency to leading European banks for a period for the duration of the relevant Interest Period and in an amount that is representative for a single transaction in the relevant market at the Relevant Time,

and the Rate of Interest applicable to such Australian Covered Bonds during each Interest Period will be the sum of the Margin specified in the Final Terms and the Reference Rate or, as the case may be, the arithmetic mean (rounded as described above) of the rates so determined, provided however that if the Calculation Agent is unable to determine a Reference Rate or, as the case may be, an arithmetic mean of rates in accordance with the above provisions in relation to any Interest Period, the Rate of Interest applicable to such Australian Covered Bonds during such Interest Period will be the sum of the Margin and the rate or, as the case may be, the arithmetic mean (rounded as described above) of the rates determined in relation to such Australian Covered Bonds in respect of the last preceding Interest Period.

#### ***BBSW Australian Covered Bonds***

**5.03A** Where BBSW Rate Determination is specified in the Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will be the relevant BBSW Rate plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the Margin (if any).

#### ***ISDA Rate Australian Covered Bonds***

**5.04** Where ISDA Determination is specified in the Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will be the relevant ISDA Rate plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the Margin, if any. For purposes of this Condition 5.04, "ISDA Rate" for an Interest Period means a rate equal to the Fixed Rates, Fixed Amounts, Floating Rates or Floating Amounts, as the case may be, as set out in the applicable Final Terms, as would have applied (regardless of any event of default or termination event or tax event thereunder) if the Issuer had entered into a schedule and confirmation and credit support annex, if applicable in respect of the relevant Tranche or Series of Australian Covered Bonds, as applicable, with the Holder of such Australian Covered Bond under the terms of an agreement to which the ISDA Definitions applied and under which:

- the Fixed Rate Payer, Fixed Amount Payer, Floating Rate Payer or, as the case may be, Floating Amount Payer is the Issuer (as specified in the Final Terms);

- the Effective Date is the Interest Commencement Date;
- the Floating Rate Option is as specified in the applicable Final Terms;
- the Designated Maturity, if applicable, is the period specified in the applicable Final Terms;
- the Australian Agent (or such other calculation agent as may be specified in the Final Terms) is the Calculation Agent;
- the Calculation Periods are the Interest Periods;
- the Payment Dates are the Interest Payment Dates;
- the relevant Reset Date is the day specified in the applicable Final Terms;
- if applicable, the Applicable Benchmark, Fixing Date, Fixing Time and/or any other items specified in the relevant Final Terms as relating to ISDA Determination are as specified in the relevant Final Terms;
- the Calculation Amount is the principal amount of such Australian Covered Bond;
- the Day Count Fraction applicable to the calculation of any amount is that specified in the Final Terms (which may be Actual/Actual, Actual/365, Actual/Actual (ISDA), Actual/365 (Fixed), Actual/360, 30E/360, Eurobond Basis, 30/360, 360/360, Bond Basis, 30E/360 (ISDA), Actual/Actual (ICMA) or Act/Act (ICMA)), or if none is so specified, as may be determined in accordance with the ISDA Definitions;
- the Business Day Convention applicable to any date is that specified in the Final Terms (which may be Following Business Day Convention, Modified Following Business Day Convention, Modified Business Day Convention, Preceding Business Day Convention, FRN Convention or Eurodollar Convention), or if none is so specified, as may be determined in accordance with the ISDA Definitions; and
- for the purposes of this Condition 5.04, “**Floating Rate**”, “**Calculation Agent**”, “**Floating Rate Option**”, “**Designated Maturity**”, “**Reset Date**”, “**Applicable Benchmark**”, “**Fixing Date**” and “**Fixing Time**” have the meanings given to those terms in the ISDA Definitions.

***Maximum or Minimum Interest Rate***

**5.05** If any Maximum or Minimum Interest Rate is specified in the Final Terms, then the Rate of Interest shall in no event be greater than the maximum or be less than the minimum so specified.

***Accrual of Interest after the due date***

**5.06** Interest will cease to accrue as from the due date for redemption therefor unless payment in full of the Final Redemption Amount is improperly withheld or refused or default is otherwise made in the payment thereof. In such event, interest shall continue to accrue on the principal amount in respect of which payment has been improperly withheld or refused or default has been made (as well after as before any demand or judgment) at the Rate of Interest then applicable or such other rate as may be specified for this purpose in the Final Terms if permitted by applicable law until the date on which the relevant payment is made or, if earlier the seventh day after the date on which, the Australian Agent having received the funds required to make such payment, notice is given to the Holders of the

Australian Covered Bonds in accordance with Condition 13 that the Australian Agent has received the required funds (except to the extent that there is failure in the subsequent payment thereof to the relevant Holder).

### ***Interest Amount(s), Calculation Agent and Reference Banks***

**5.07** If a Calculation Agent is specified in the Final Terms, the Calculation Agent, as soon as practicable after the Relevant Time on each Interest Determination Date (or such other time on such date as the Calculation Agent may be required to calculate any Final Redemption Amount, obtain any quote or make any determination or calculation) will determine the Rate of Interest and calculate the amount(s) of interest payable (the “**Interest Amount(s)**”) in the manner specified in Condition 5.08 below, calculate the Final Redemption Amount, obtain such quote or make such determination or calculation, as the case may be, and cause the Rate of Interest and the Interest Amounts for each Interest Period and the relevant Interest Payment Date or, as the case may be, the Final Redemption Amount to be notified to the Australian Agent, the Issuer and the Holders in accordance with Condition 13 as soon as possible after their determination or calculation but in no event later than the fourth Sydney Banking Day thereafter or, if earlier in the case of notification to the stock exchange or other relevant authority, the time required by the relevant stock exchange or listing authority. The Interest Amounts and the Interest Payment Date so notified may subsequently be amended (or appropriate alternative arrangements made by way of adjustment) without notice in the event of an extension or shortening of the Interest Period. If the Australian Covered Bonds become due and payable under Condition 7, the Rate of Interest and the accrued interest payable in respect of the Australian Covered Bonds shall nevertheless continue to be calculated in accordance with this Condition but no publication of the Rate of Interest or the Interest Amount so calculated need be made. The determination of each Rate of Interest, Interest Amount and Final Redemption Amount, the obtaining of each quote and the making of each determination or calculation by the Calculation Agent shall (in the absence of manifest error) be final and binding upon the Issuer and the Holders and neither the Calculation Agent nor any Reference Bank shall have any liability to the Holders in respect of any determination, calculation, quote or rate made or provided by it.

The Issuer will procure that there shall at all times be such Reference Banks as may be required for the purpose of determining the Rate of Interest applicable to the Australian Covered Bonds and a Calculation Agent, if provision is made for one in the Terms and Conditions.

If the Calculation Agent is incapable or unwilling to act as such or if the Calculation Agent fails duly to establish the Rate of Interest for any Interest Period or to calculate the Interest Amounts or any other requirements, the Bond Trustee shall determine the Rate of Interest at such rate as, in its absolute discretion (having regard as it shall think fit to the foregoing provision of this Condition, but subject always to any Minimum Rate of Interest or Maximum Rate of Interest specified in the applicable Final Terms), it shall deem fair and reasonable in all circumstances or, as the case may be, the Bond Trustee shall calculate (or appoint an agent to calculate) the Interest Amount(s) in such manner as it shall deem fair and reasonable in all the circumstances and each such determination or calculation shall be deemed to have been made by the Calculation Agent. The Calculation Agent may not resign its duties without a successor having been appointed as described above.

### ***Calculations and Adjustments***

**5.08** The amount of interest payable in respect of any Australian Covered Bond for any period shall be calculated by applying the Rate of Interest to the Calculation Amount, and, in each case, multiplying such sum by the Day Count Fraction, save that if the Final Terms specifies a specific amount in respect of such period, the amount of interest payable in respect of such Australian Covered Bond for such Interest Period will be equal to such specified amount.

For the purposes of any calculations referred to in these Terms and Conditions (unless otherwise specified in these Terms and Conditions or in the Final Terms), (a) all percentages resulting from such calculations will be rounded, if necessary, to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point (with 0.000005 per cent. being rounded up to 0.00001 per cent.) and (b) all amounts denominated in any other currency used in or resulting from such calculations will be rounded to the nearest two decimal places in such currency, with 0.005 being rounded upwards.

Where the Specified Denomination of an Australian Covered Bond is a multiple of the Calculation Amount, the amount of interest payable in respect of such Australian Covered Bond shall be the aggregate of the amounts

(determined in the manner provided above) for each Calculation Amount comprising the Outstanding Principal Amount of the Specified Denomination of the Australian Covered Bond without any further rounding.

### *Definitions*

**5.09 “Austraclear Regulations”** means the rules and regulations established by Austraclear (as amended or replaced from time to time) to govern the use of the Austraclear System.

**“Austraclear System”** means the system operated by Austraclear Limited (**“Austraclear”**) for holding securities and the electronic recording and settling of transactions in those securities between members of that system.

**“Banking Day”** means, in respect of any city, a day on which commercial banks are open for general business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in that city.

**“BBSW Rate”** if specified in the Final Terms, shall mean the rate for prime bank eligible securities having a tenor closest to the Interest Period which is designated as the “AVG MID” on the Refinitiv Screen BBSW Page (or any designation which replaces that designation on that page, or any page that replaces that page) at approximately 10.30am (Sydney time) (or such other time at which such rate customarily appears on that page) on the first day of that Interest Period (being the “Publication Time”). However, if such rate does not appear on the Refinitiv Screen BBSW Page (or any page that replaces that page) by 11.00am (Sydney time) on that day (or such other time that is 15 minutes after the then prevailing Publication Time), or if it does appear but the Calculation Agent determines that there is an obvious error in that rate, “BBSW Rate” means the rate determined by the Calculation Agent in good faith at approximately 11.00am (Sydney time) on that day, having regard, to the extent possible, to comparable indices then available. The rate calculated or determined by the Calculation Agent will be expressed as a percentage rate per annum and will be rounded up, if necessary, to the next higher one ten-thousandth of a percentage point (0.0001 per cent).

**“Business Day”** means (i) in relation to Australian Covered Bonds payable in other than Australian dollars or euro, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for general business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) and settle payments in the relevant currency in the Financial Centre(s) specified in the Final Terms or (ii) in relation to Australian Covered Bonds payable in euro, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) which is a TARGET2 Business Day (as defined below) and on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for general business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the Financial Centre(s) specified in the Final Terms or (iii) in relation to Australian Covered Bonds payable in Australian dollars, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) which is a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for general business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in Sydney, Australia.

**“Business Day Convention”** means a convention for adjusting any date if it would otherwise fall on a day that is not a Business Day and the following Business Day Conventions, where specified in the Final Terms in relation to any date applicable to any Australian Covered Bonds, shall have the following meanings:

- (a) **“Following Business Day Convention”** means that such date shall be postponed to the first following day that is a Business Day;
- (b) **“Modified Following Business Day Convention”** or **“Modified Business Day Convention”** means that such date shall be postponed to the first following day that is a Business Day unless that day falls in the next calendar month in which case that date will be the first preceding day that is a Business Day;
- (c) **“Preceding Business Day Convention”** means that such date shall be brought forward to the first preceding day that is a Business Day; and
- (d) **“FRN Convention”** or **“Eurodollar Convention”** means that each such date shall be the date which numerically corresponds to the preceding such date in the calendar month which is the number of

months specified in the Final Terms after the calendar month in which the preceding such date occurred, provided that:

- (i) if there is no such numerically corresponding day in the calendar month in which any such date should occur, then such date will be the last day which is a Business Day in that calendar month;
- (ii) if any such date would otherwise fall on a day which is not a Business Day, then such date will be the first following day which is a Business Day unless that day falls in the next calendar month, in which case it will be the first preceding day which is a Business Day; and
- (iii) if the preceding such date occurred on the last day in a calendar month which was a Business Day, then all subsequent such dates will be the last day which is a Business Day in the calendar month which is the specified number of months after the calendar month in which the preceding such date occurred.

**“Calculation Agent”** means the Australian Agent or such other agent as may be specified in the Final Terms as the Calculation Agent.

**“Day Count Fraction”** means, in respect of the calculation of an amount for any period of time (each such period an **“Accrual Period”**), such day count fraction as may be specified in the Final Terms and:

- (a) if **“Actual/Actual”** or **“Actual/Actual (ISDA)”** is so specified, means the actual number of days in the Accrual Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of the Accrual Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (A) the actual number of days in that portion of the Accrual Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (B) the actual number of days in that portion of the Accrual Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365);
- (b) if **“Actual/365”** is so specified, means the actual number of days in the Accrual Period divided by 365 or, in the case where the last day of the Accrual Period falls in a leap year, 366;
- (c) if **“Actual/365 (Fixed)”** is so specified, means the actual number of days in the Accrual Period divided by 365;
- (d) if **“Actual/360”** is so specified, means the actual number of days in the Accrual Period divided by 360;
- (e) if **“30E/360”** or **“Eurobond Basis”** is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Accrual Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

“Y<sub>1</sub>” is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of such period falls;

“Y<sub>2</sub>” is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in such period falls;

“M<sub>1</sub>” is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of such period falls;



“M<sub>2</sub>” is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in such period falls;

“D<sub>1</sub>” is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>1</sub> will be 30; and

“D<sub>2</sub>” is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>2</sub>, will be 30.

- (f) if “**30/360**”, “**360/360**” or “**Bond Basis**” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Accrual Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

“Y<sub>1</sub>” is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of such period falls;

“Y<sub>2</sub>” is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in such period falls;

“M<sub>1</sub>” is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of such period falls;

“M<sub>2</sub>” is the calendar month, expressed as number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in such period falls;

“D<sub>1</sub>” is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of such period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>1</sub> will be 30; and

“D<sub>2</sub>” is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in such period, unless such number would be 31 and D<sub>1</sub> is greater than 29, in which case D<sub>2</sub> will be 30; and

- (g) if “**30E/360 (ISDA)**” is so specified, means the number of days in the Accrual Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

“Y<sub>1</sub>” is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Accrual Period falls;

“Y<sub>2</sub>” is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included the Accrual Period falls;

“M<sub>1</sub>” is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Accrual Period falls;

“M<sub>2</sub>” is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Accrual Period falls;

“D<sub>1</sub>” is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Accrual Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>1</sub> will be 30; and

“D<sub>2</sub>” is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Accrual Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February but not the Final Maturity Date or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>2</sub> will be 30;

- (h) if “**Actual/Actual (ICMA)**” or “**Act/Act (ICMA)**” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, then:
- a. in the case of Covered Bonds where the number of days in the relevant period from (and including) the most recent Interest Payment Date (or, if none, the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the relevant payment date (the “**Relevant Accrual Period**”) is equal to or shorter than the Determination Period during which the Relevant Accrual Period ends, it means the number of days in such Relevant Accrual Period divided by the product of: (1) the number of days in such Determination Period and (2) the number of Determination Dates (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) that would occur in one calendar year; or
  - b. in the case of Covered Bonds where the Relevant Accrual Period is longer than the Determination Period during which the Relevant Accrual Period ends, it means the sum of:
    - i. the number of days in such Relevant Accrual Period falling in the Determination Period in which the Relevant Accrual Period begins divided by the product of: (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Dates that would occur in one calendar year; and
    - ii. the number of days in such Relevant Accrual Period falling in the next Determination Period divided by the product of: (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Dates that would occur in one calendar year.
- (i) if “**RBA Bond Basis**” is so specified, means one divided by the number of Interest Payment Dates in a year (or where the Accrual Period does not constitute an Interest Period, the actual number of days in the Accrual Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of the Accrual Period falls in a leap year, the sum of:
- (i) the actual number of days in that portion of the Accrual Period falling in a leap year divided by 366; and
  - (ii) the actual number of days in that portion of the Accrual Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365)).

“**Designated Maturity**” means, in relation to Screen Rate Determination, the period of time designated in the Reference Rate.

“**Determination Date**” means such date as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

“**Determination Period**” means the period from and including a Determination Date to but excluding the next Determination Date (including, where either the Interest Commencement Date or the final Interest Payment Date is not a Determination Date, the period commencing on the first Determination Date prior to, and ending on, the first Determination Date falling after such date).

“**Euro-zone**” means the region comprised of those member states of the EU participating in the European Monetary Union from time to time.

“**Financial Centre**” means such financial centre or centres as may be specified in relation to the relevant currency for the purposes of the definition of “Business Day” in the ISDA Definitions or indicated in the Final Terms or, in the case of Australian Covered Bonds, such financial centre or centres as the Australian Agent may select.

“**Interest Accrual Period**” means (a) any given Interest Period or (b) in the event the Australian Covered Bonds become due and payable on a date other than an Interest Payment Date, the period beginning on and including the last Interest Payment Date and ending on but excluding the date on which the interest and principal on the Australian Covered Bonds are due to be paid.

“**Interest Commencement Date**” means the date of issue (the “**Issue Date**”) of the Australian Covered Bonds (as specified in the Final Terms) or such other date as may be specified as such in the Final Terms.

“**Interest Determination Date**” means, in respect of any Interest Period or, as the case may be, Interest Accrual Period, the date specified in the applicable Final Terms or if none is so specified the date falling two London Banking Days prior to the first day of such Interest Period.

“**Interest Payment Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the Final Terms and, as the same may be adjusted in accordance with the Business Day Convention, if any, specified in the Final Terms or if the Business Day Convention is the FRN Convention and an interval of a number of calendar months is specified in the Final Terms as being the Interest Period, each of such dates as may occur in accordance with the FRN Convention at such specified period of calendar months following the Issue Date of the Australian Covered Bonds (in the case of the first Interest Payment Date) or the previous Interest Payment Date (in any other case).

“**Interest Period**” means each successive period beginning on and including an Interest Payment Date and ending on but excluding the next succeeding Interest Payment Date, provided always that the first Interest Period shall commence on and include the Interest Commencement Date and the final Interest Period shall end on but exclude the Final Maturity Date (or the Extended Due for Payment Date, if applicable).

“**ISDA Definitions**” means, in relation to any Series of the Australian Covered Bonds:

- (a) unless “2021 ISDA Definitions” are specified as being applicable in the relevant Final Terms, the 2006 ISDA Definitions (as amended and supplemented as at the date of issue of the first Tranche of the Australian Covered Bonds of such Series (as specified in the relevant Final Terms) as published by ISDA (or any successor thereto); or
- (b) if “2021 ISDA Definitions” are specified as being applicable in the relevant Final Terms, the latest version of the ISDA 2021 Interest Rate Derivatives Definitions, including each Matrix (as defined therein) (and any successor thereto), each as published by ISDA (or any successor thereto) at the date of issue of the first Tranche of the Australian Covered Bonds of such Series.

“**Outstanding Principal Amount**” means, in respect of an Australian Covered Bond, its principal.

“**Rate of Interest**” means the rate or rates (expressed as a percentage per annum) or amount or amounts (expressed as a price per unit of relevant currency) of interest payable in respect of the Australian Covered Bonds specified in, or calculated or determined in accordance with the provisions of, the Final Terms.

“**Reference Banks**” means such banks as may be specified in the Final Terms as the Reference Banks, or, if none are specified or if “Not Applicable” is specified in the Final Terms, “Reference Banks” has the meaning given in the ISDA Definitions, *mutatis mutandis*.

“**Reference Rate**” means the relevant EURIBOR, the BBSW Rate or such other benchmark rate specified in the applicable Final Terms.

“**Relevant Screen Page**” means the page, section or other part of a particular information service (including, without limitation, Reuters) specified as the “Relevant Screen Page” in the applicable Final Terms, or such other page, section or other part as may replace it in that information service (or any successor page thereto or any page of any successor information service, as applicable), in each case, as may be nominated by the person providing or sponsoring the information appearing there for the purpose of displaying rates or prices comparable to the Reference Rate.

“**Relevant Time**” means the time as of which any rate is to be determined as specified in the Final Terms (which in the case of EURIBOR means Central European Time or in the case of the BBSW Rate means Sydney Time) or, if none is specified, at which it is customary to determine such rate.

“**Reuters Screen Page**” means, when used in connection with a designated page and any designated information, the display page so designated on the Reuters Market 3000 (or such other page as may replace that page on that service for the purpose of displaying such information).

“**TARGET2 Business Day**” means, a day in which the Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer (TARGET2) System or any successor is open.

“**Toronto Business Day**” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks are open for general business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in Toronto.

### *Linear Interpolation*

**5.10** Where “**Linear Interpolation**” is specified as applicable in respect of an Interest Period in the applicable Final Terms, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be calculated by the Calculation Agent, by straight line linear interpolation by reference to two rates based on the relevant Reference Rate (where Screen Rate Determination is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms) or the relevant Floating Rate Option (where ISDA determination is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms), one of which shall be determined as if the Designated Maturity were the period of time for which rates are available next shorter than the length of the relevant Interest Period and the other of which shall be determined as if the Designated Maturity were the period of time for which rates are available next longer than the length of the relevant Interest Period provided however that if there is no rate available for a period of time next shorter or, as the case may be, next longer, then the Calculation Agent shall determine such rate at such time and by reference to such sources as it determines appropriate.

## **6. Redemption and Purchase**

**6.01** Unless previously redeemed, or purchased and cancelled or unless such Australian Covered Bond is stated in the Final Terms as having no fixed maturity date, each Australian Covered Bond shall be redeemed at its Final Redemption Amount (which shall be at least equal to the stated nominal amount of the Australian Covered Bond) specified in the applicable Final Terms in the Specified Currency on the Final Maturity Date.

*The Guarantor’s obligations to make payment of the Final Redemption Amount in the event of a failure of the Issuer to pay the same on the Final Maturity Date may in certain circumstances be deferred until the Extended Due for Payment Date as described in Programme Term 2.1. See Programme Term 2.1 on pages 8 – 9 of the Australian Information Memorandum.*

### *Early Redemption for Taxation Reasons*

**6.02** If, in relation to any Series of Australian Covered Bonds (i) as a result of any amendment to, clarification of, or change including any announced proposed change in the laws or regulations, or the application or interpretation thereof of Canada, the UK or any political subdivision thereof or any authority or agency therein or thereof having power to tax or, in the case of Australian Covered Bonds issued by a branch of the Issuer outside Canada, of the country in which such branch is located or of any political subdivision thereof or any authority or agency therein or thereof having power to tax or in the interpretation or administration of any such laws or regulations which becomes effective on or after the Issue Date of such Australian Covered Bonds or any other date specified in the Final Terms, (ii) any judicial decision, administrative pronouncement, published or private ruling, regulatory procedure, rule,

notice, announcement, assessment or reassessment (including any notice or announcement of intent to adopt or issue such decision, pronouncement, ruling, procedure, rule, notice, announcement, assessment or reassessment) (collectively, an “administrative action”); or (iii) any amendment to, clarification of, or change in, the official position with respect to or the interpretation of any administrative action or any interpretation or pronouncement that provides for a position with respect to such administrative action that differs from the theretofore generally accepted position, in each of case (i), (ii) or (iii), by any legislative body, court, governmental authority or agency, regulatory body or taxing authority, irrespective of the manner in which such amendment, clarification, change, administrative action, interpretation or pronouncement is made known, which amendment, clarification, change or administrative action is effective or which interpretation, pronouncement or administrative action is announced on or after the date of issue of the Australian Covered Bonds, there is more than an insubstantial risk (assuming any proposed or announced amendment, clarification, change, interpretation, pronouncement or administrative action is effective and applicable), the Issuer would be required to pay additional amounts as provided in Condition 8, and such circumstances are evidenced by the delivery by the Issuer to the Australian Agent and Bond Trustee of (x) a certificate signed by two senior officers of the Issuer stating that the said circumstances prevail and describing the facts leading thereto, and (y) an opinion of independent legal advisers of recognised standing to the effect that the circumstances set forth in (i), (ii) or (iii) above prevail, the Issuer may, at its option and having given no less than 30 nor more than 60 days’ notice (ending, in the case of Floating Rate Australian Covered Bonds, on an Interest Payment Date) to the Holders of the Australian Covered Bonds in accordance with Condition 13 (which notice shall be irrevocable), redeem all (but not some only) of the outstanding Australian Covered Bonds at their Outstanding Principal Amount or such Early Redemption Amount as may be specified in, or determined in accordance with the provisions of, the Final Terms, together with accrued interest (if any) thereon, provided, however, that no such notice of redemption may be given earlier than 90 days (or, in the case of Floating Rate Australian Covered Bonds a number of days which is equal to the aggregate of the number of days falling within the then current Interest Period plus 60 days) prior to the earliest date on which the Issuer would be obliged to pay such additional amounts were a payment in respect of the Australian Covered Bonds then due.

The Issuer may not exercise such option in respect of any Australian Covered Bond which is the subject of the prior exercise by the Holder thereof of its option to require the redemption of such Australian Covered Bond under Condition 6.06.

### ***Call Option***

**6.03** If a Call Option is specified in the Final Terms as being applicable, then the Issuer may, having given the appropriate notice to the Holders in accordance with Condition 13, which Notice shall be irrevocable, and shall specify the date fixed for redemption, redeem all, or if so specified in the applicable Final Terms, some only of the Australian Covered Bonds of this Series outstanding on any Optional Redemption Date at the Optional Redemption Amount(s) specified in, or determined in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms together with accrued interest (if any) thereon on the date specified in such notice.

The Issuer may not exercise such option in respect of any Australian Covered Bond which is the subject of the prior exercise by the Holder thereof of its option to require the redemption of such Australian Covered Bond under Condition 6.06.

**6.04** The appropriate notice referred to in Condition 6.03 is a notice given by the Issuer to the Holders of the Australian Covered Bonds of the relevant Series in accordance with Condition 13, which notice shall be irrevocable and shall specify:

- the Series of Australian Covered Bonds subject to redemption;
- whether such Series is to be redeemed in whole or in part only and, if in part only, the aggregate principal amount of the Australian Covered Bonds of the relevant Series which are to be redeemed;
- the due date for such redemption, which shall be not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days after the date on which such notice is given and which shall be such date or the next of such dates (“**Call Option Date(s)**”) or a day falling within such period (“**Call Option Period**”), as may be specified in the Final Terms and which

is, in the case of Australian Covered Bonds which bear interest at a floating rate, a date upon which interest is payable; and

- the Optional Redemption Amount at which such Australian Covered Bonds are to be redeemed.

#### ***Partial Redemption***

**6.05** If the Australian Covered Bonds are to be redeemed in part only on any date in accordance with Condition 6.03:

- such redemption must be for an amount not less than the Minimum Redemption Amount or not more than the Maximum Redemption Amount, in each case as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
- in the case of a partial redemption of Australian Covered Bonds, the Australian Covered Bonds to be redeemed shall be drawn by lot in such Australian city as the Australian Agent may specify, or identified in such other manner or in such other place as the Australian Agent may approve and deem appropriate and fair,

subject always to compliance with all applicable laws and the requirements of any stock exchange on which the relevant Australian Covered Bonds may be listed.

#### ***Put Option***

**6.06** If a Put Option is specified in the Final Terms as being applicable, upon the Holder of any Australian Covered Bond of this Series giving the required notice to the Issuer specified in the applicable Final Terms (which notice shall be irrevocable), the Issuer will, upon expiry of such notice, redeem such Australian Covered Bond subject to and in accordance with the terms specified in the applicable Final Terms in whole (but not in part only) on the Optional Redemption Date and at the Optional Redemption Amount specified in, or determined in accordance with the provisions of, the applicable Final Terms, together with accrued interest (if any) thereon. In order to exercise such option, the Holder must, not less than 45 days before the Optional Redemption Date deposit during normal business hours at the specified office of the Australian Agent a duly completed early redemption notice (“**Put Notice**”) in the form which is available from the specified office of the Australian Agent. No option exercised may be withdrawn (except as provided in the Agency Agreement).

The Holder of an Australian Covered Bond may not exercise such Put Option (i) in respect of any Australian Covered Bond which is the subject of an exercise by the Issuer of its option to redeem such Covered Bond under either Condition 6.02 or 6.03, or (ii) following an Issuer Event of Default.

#### ***Purchase of Australian Covered Bonds***

**6.07** The Issuer or any of its subsidiaries may at any time, but will at no time be obligated to, purchase Covered Bonds in the open market or otherwise and at any price. If purchases are made by tender, tenders must be available to all Holders of the relevant Covered Bonds alike.

#### ***Further Provisions applicable to Redemption Amount***

**6.08** The provisions of Condition 5.07 and the last paragraph of Condition 5.08 shall apply to any determination or calculation of the Redemption Amount required by the Final Terms to be made by the Calculation Agent (as defined in Condition 5.09).

References herein to “**Redemption Amount**” shall mean, as appropriate, the Final Redemption Amount, the Optional Redemption Amount, the Early Redemption Amount or such other amount in the nature of a redemption amount as may be specified in, or determined in accordance with, the provisions of the applicable Final Terms.

### ***Redemption due to Illegality***

**6.09** Pursuant to the Trust Deed, the Australian Covered Bonds are also redeemable at the option of the Issuer in certain circumstances where the Transaction Documents may not be lawfully performed. The Issuer is entitled to effect such redemption under these Conditions.

*For a description of these circumstances see Programme Term 2.2 on page 9 of the Australian Information Memorandum.*

## **7. Events of Default**

Pursuant to the Trust Deed, the Holders may take, or require the Bond Trustee to take, certain actions provided for in the Trust Deed upon the occurrence of certain Events of Default specified in the Trust Deed.

*For a description of the Events of Default of the Australian Covered Bonds and the action that may be taken under the Trust Deed or other Transaction Documents see Programme Term 3 on pages 9 – 12 of the Australian Information Memorandum.*

## **8. Taxation**

**8.01** All payments (whether in respect of principal, interest or otherwise) in respect of the Australian Covered Bonds by or on behalf of the Issuer will be paid free and clear of and without withholding or deduction for or on account of any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed or levied by or on behalf of (i) Canada, any province or territory or political subdivision thereof or any authority or agency therein or thereof having power to tax, (ii) in the case of Australian Covered Bonds issued by a branch of the Issuer located outside Canada, the country in which such branch is located or any political subdivision thereof or any authority or agency therein or thereof having power to tax or (iii) Australia, unless the withholding or deduction of such taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges is required by law or the interpretation or administration thereof. In that event, the Issuer will pay such additional amounts as may be necessary in order that the net amounts received by the Holder after such withholding or deduction shall equal the respective amounts of principal and interest which would have been received in respect of the Australian Covered Bonds (as the case may be), in the absence of such withholding or deduction; except that no additional amounts shall be payable with respect to any payment in respect of any Australian Covered Bond:

- (a) to, or to a third party on behalf of, a Holder who is liable for such taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges in respect of such Australian Covered Bond by reason of his having some connection with Canada or the country in which such branch is located (for these purposes “connection” includes but is not limited to any present or former connection between such holder (or between a fiduciary, seller, beneficiary, member or shareholder of, or possessor of power over such holder if such holder is an estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company or corporation) and such jurisdiction) otherwise than the mere holding of (but not the enforcement of) such Australian Covered Bond; or
- (b) to, or to a third party on behalf of, a Holder in respect of whom such tax, duty, assessment or governmental charge is required to be withheld or deducted by reason of the Holder or any other person entitled to payments under the Australian Covered Bonds being a person with whom the Issuer is not dealing at arm’s length (within the meaning of the Income Tax Act (Canada)), or being a person who is, or does not deal at arm’s length with any person who is a “specified shareholder” of the Issuer for the purposes of the thin capitalization rules in the *Income Tax Act* (Canada); or
- (c) to, or to a third party on behalf of, a Holder who is liable or subject to such taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges in respect of such Australian Covered Bond by reason of the Holder being connected with Australia other than by reason only of the holding of the Australian Covered Bond or the receipt of payment thereon, provided that a Holder is not regarded as being connected with

Australia for the reason that the Holder is a resident of Australia where, and to the extent that, such tax is payable by reason of section 128B(2A) of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* (Cth);

- (d) to, or to a third party on behalf of, an Australian resident Holder or a non-resident Holder carrying on business in Australia at or through a permanent establishment of the non-resident in Australia, if that Holder has not supplied an appropriate tax file number, an Australian business number or other exemption details;
- (e) issued by the Sydney Branch of the Issuer to, or to a third party on behalf of, a Holder who is an associate (as that term is defined in section 128F of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* (Australia)) of the Sydney Branch of the Issuer and the payment being sought is not, or will not be, exempt from interest withholding tax because of section 128F(6) of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* (Australia);
- (f) for which payment is made (otherwise than by reason of default by the Issuer) more than 30 days after the Relevant Date except to the extent that the Holder thereof would have been entitled to an additional amount on a claim for payment being made on the thirtieth such day;
- (g) to, or to a third party on behalf of, a Holder who is liable for such taxes, duties, assessments or other governmental charges by reason of such Holder's failure to comply with any certification, identification, documentation or other reporting requirement concerning the nationality, residence, identity or connection with Canada or the country in which such branch is located of such Holder, if (i) compliance is required by law as a precondition to, exemption from, or reduction in the rate of, the tax, assessment or other governmental charge and (ii) the Issuer has given Holders at least 30 days' notice that Holders will be required to provide such certification, identification, documentation or other requirement;
- (h) in respect of any estate, inheritance, gift, sales, transfer, personal property or any similar tax, duty, assessment or governmental charge;
- (i) where such withholding or deduction is imposed under Sections 1471 through 1474 of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "**Code**"), any current or future regulations or official interpretations thereunder or official interpretations thereof, any agreements entered into pursuant to Section 1471(b)(1) of the Code, any applicable intergovernmental agreement entered into in connection with the implementation of the foregoing and any fiscal or regulatory legislation, rules or official practices adopted pursuant to any such intergovernmental agreement (collectively, "**FATCA**"); or
- (j) where any combination of items (a) - (i) applies;

nor will such additional amounts be payable with respect to any payment in respect of the Australian Covered Bonds to a holder that is a fiduciary or partnership or to any person other than the sole beneficial owner of such Australian Covered Bond to the extent that the beneficiary or seller with respect to such fiduciary, or member of such partnership or beneficial owner thereof would not have been entitled to receive a payment of such additional amounts had such beneficiary, seller, member or beneficial owner received directly its beneficial or distributive share of such payment.

For the purposes of this Condition 8, the term "Holder" shall be deemed to refer to the beneficial holder for the time being of the Australian Covered Bond.

**8.02** For the purposes of these Terms and Conditions, the "**Relevant Date**" means, in respect of any Australian Covered Bond the date on which payment thereof first become due and payable, or, if the full amount of the moneys payable has not been received by the Australian Agent on or prior to such due date, the date on which, the full amount of such moneys shall have been so received and notice to that effect shall have been duly given to the Holders in accordance with Condition 13.



**8.03** If the Issuer becomes subject generally at any time to any taxing jurisdiction other than or in addition to Canada or the country in which the relevant branch of the Issuer is located, references in Condition 6.02 and Condition 8.01 to Canada or the country in which the relevant branch is located shall be read and construed as references to Canada or the country in which such branch is located and/or to such other jurisdiction(s), provided, for the avoidance of doubt, that the Issuer shall not be considered to be subject generally to the taxing jurisdiction of the United States for purposes of this Condition 8.03 solely because payments in respect of the Covered Bonds, Receipts and Coupons are subject to a U.S. federal withholding Tax imposed under FATCA.

**8.04** Any reference in these Terms and Conditions to any payment due in respect of the Australian Covered Bonds shall be deemed to include any additional amounts which may be payable under this Condition 8. Unless the context otherwise requires, any reference in these Terms and Conditions to “**principal**” shall include any premium payable in respect of an Australian Covered Bond or Final Redemption Amount, any Excess Proceeds which may be payable by the Bond Trustee under or in respect of the Australian Covered Bonds and any other amounts in the nature of principal payable pursuant to these Terms and Conditions and “**interest**” shall include all amounts payable pursuant to Condition 5 and any other amounts in the nature of interest payable pursuant to these Terms and Conditions.

**8.05** Should any payments made by the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee be made subject to any withholding or deduction for or on account of taxes or duties of whatever nature imposed or levied by or on account of Canada, any province or territory, political sub-division thereof or by any authority or agency therein or thereof having power to tax, or, in the case of payments made by the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee in respect of Australian Covered Bonds issued by a branch of the Issuer located outside of Canada, the country in which such branch is located or any political subdivision thereof or by any authority or agency therein or thereof having the power to tax, the Guarantor will not be obliged to pay any additional amounts as a consequence.

## **9. Payments**

**9.01** Payments of principal and interest in respect of Australian Covered Bonds will be made in Sydney in Australian dollars to, or to the order of, the persons who, on the relevant Record Date (as defined below), are registered as the Holders of such Australian Covered Bonds or (if so required by the Bond Trustee by notice in writing following the occurrence of an Event of Default or Potential Event of Default or following receipt by the Bond Trustee of any money which it proposes to pay under clause 11 of the Trust Deed) to the Bond Trustee, subject in all cases to all applicable laws and regulations (without prejudice to Condition 8). Payments to Holders in respect of the Australian Covered Bonds will be made: (i) if the Australian Covered Bond is held by Austraclear and entered in the Austraclear System, by crediting on the relevant Interest Payment Date, the Maturity Date or other date on which payment is due the amount then due to the account or accounts (which must be in Australia unless otherwise agreed by the Issuer) to which payments should be made in accordance with the Austraclear Regulations or as otherwise agreed with Austraclear; and (ii) if the Australian Covered Bond is not held by Austraclear and entered in the Austraclear System, by crediting on the Interest Payment Date, the Maturity Date or other date on which payment is due, the amount then due to an account (which must be in Australia) previously notified by the Holders of the Australian Covered Bond to the Issuer and the Australian Agent.

The Issuer is regarded as having made payment on an Australian Covered Bond to an account upon the giving of all necessary instructions for the transfer of the relevant funds to the account so long as: (a) the payment is actually made in accordance with such instructions; or (b) if instructions for the transfer are not given effect to in accordance with normal banking procedures because the account does not exist or is not an account to which the relevant payment may be made or because the details of the account do not match the details recorded in the Register, the Issuer cancels the transfer instruction and pays the relevant amount to an account in Australia specified by the relevant Holder (net of any applicable deduction or withholding) upon being furnished by the Holder with appropriate account details and evidence of entitlement satisfactory to the Issuer and the Australian Agent.

If (after the application of any applicable business day convention) any day for payment in respect of any Australian Covered Bond is not a Business Day in the city in which the account is located, such payment shall not be made until the next following day which is a Business Day, and no further interest shall be paid in respect of the delay in such payment. No commissions or expenses shall be charged to the Holders of Australian Covered Bonds in respect of such delay.

Payments will be subject in all cases to (i) any fiscal or other laws and regulations applicable thereto, and (ii) any withholding or deduction required pursuant to an agreement described in section 1471(b) of the Code or otherwise imposed pursuant to sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, any regulations or agreements thereunder, any official interpretations thereof or (without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 8 (Taxation)), any law implementing an intergovernmental approach thereto. If at any time payment in Australia is prohibited by law, the Issuer will nominate another place outside Australia where payment is to be made.

In this Condition, “Business Day” means any day (other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday) on which banks are open for general banking business in Sydney; and “Record Date” means, in the case of payments of principal or interest, close of business in Sydney on the date which is the eighth calendar day before the due date of the relevant payment of principal or interest.

Payment of any amount to the Bond Trustee shall discharge the obligation of the Issuer to pay the corresponding amount to the Holder. The Issuer’s obligation may also be discharged as provided in the Trust Deed.

**9.02** No commissions or expenses shall be charged to the Holders of Australian Covered Bonds in respect of such payments.

## **10. Prescription**

**10.01** Subject to applicable law, the Issuer’s obligation to pay an amount of principal and interest in respect of Australian Covered Bonds will cease unless a claim for payment in respect of the Australian Covered Bonds is made within two years after the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 8.02).

## **11. The Australian Agent and the Calculation Agent**

**11.01** The Australian Agent and the Calculation Agent and their respective specified office are specified in the Final Terms. Each of the Issuer (in respect of itself only) and the Guarantor (in respect of itself only) reserves the right, without approval of the Bond Trustee, at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of the Australian Agent or the Calculation Agent and to appoint another Australian Agent or Calculation Agent provided that it will at all times maintain an Australian Agent to carry on the functions of registrar, and paying agent and a Calculation Agent where required by the Terms and Conditions applicable to any Australian Covered Bonds. The Australian Agent and the Calculation Agent reserve the right at any time to change its respective specified offices to some other specified office in the same metropolitan area. Notice of all changes in the identities or specified offices of the Australian Agent or the Calculation Agent will be given promptly by the Issuer to the Holders in accordance with Condition 13.

**11.02** The Australian Agent and the Calculation Agent act solely as agents of the Issuer and the Guarantor and, in certain circumstances of the Bond Trustee, and save as provided in the Agency Agreement or any other agreement entered into with respect to its appointment, do not assume any obligations towards or relationship of agency or trust for any Holder of any Australian Covered Bond and each of them shall only be responsible for the performance of the duties and obligations expressly imposed upon it in the Agency Agreement or other agreement entered into with respect to its appointment or incidental thereto.

**11.03** Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Australian Agent shall have the right to decline to act as the Australian Agent with respect of any Australian Covered Bonds issued pursuant to the Programme that are payable and/or dischargeable by the Issuer by the payment or delivery of securities and/or other property or any combination of cash, securities and/or property whereupon the Issuer or an affiliate thereof shall either (i) act as paying agent or (ii) engage another financial institution to act as paying agent in respect of such Australian Covered Bonds. The Final Terms relating to such Australian Covered Bonds shall include the relevant details regarding the applicable paying agent.

## **12. Meetings of Holders of the Australian Covered Bonds, Modification and Waiver**

The Trust Deed contains provisions for convening meetings of the Holders of the Australian Covered Bonds and other covered bonds issued under the Programme to consider any matter affecting their interests, including the modification

by Extraordinary Resolution of these Terms and Conditions or the provisions of the Trust Deed. The rights of Holders under these Terms and Conditions are subject to modification, waiver or other action pursuant to these provisions.

*For a description of the further relevant provisions relating to Meetings of Holders of the Australian Covered Bonds, Modification or Waiver see Programme Term 4 on pages 12 – 17 of the Australian Information Memorandum.*

### **13. Notices**

Notices to Holders shall be published in a leading daily newspaper of general circulation in Australia. It is expected that such notices will normally be published in The Australian Financial Review. Any such notice will be deemed to have been validly given to the Holders on the date of such publication.

Notices to Holders will also be deemed to be validly given if sent by first class mail (or equivalent) or, if posted to an overseas address, by air mail to them (or, in the case of joint Holders, to the first named in the Australian Register) at their respective addresses as recorded in the Australian Register, and will be deemed to have been validly given on the fourth weekday after the date of such mailing or, if posted from another country, on the fifth such day.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Condition 13, if the Australian Covered Bond is held by Austraclear and entered in the Austraclear System, notices to Holders may, or a copy of any notice published or given in accordance with foregoing provisions of this Condition 13 must, be physically delivered to Austraclear for communication by Austraclear to the persons shown in their records as having interests in the Australian Covered Bond.

Notices to be given by any holder of Australian Covered Bonds to the Issuer shall be in writing and given by lodging the same with the Australian Agent.

### **14. Further Issues**

The Issuer may from time to time, without the consent of the Holders of any Australian Covered Bonds, create and issue further Australian Covered Bonds having the same terms and conditions as such Australian Covered Bonds in all respects (or in all respects except for the first payment of interest, if any, on them and/or the Specified Denomination thereof) so as to form a single series with the Australian Covered Bonds of any particular Series.

### **15. Currency Indemnity**

The currency in which the Australian Covered Bonds are denominated or, if different, payable, as specified in the Final Terms (the “**Contractual Currency**”), is the sole currency of account and payment for all sums payable by the Issuer in respect of the Australian Covered Bonds, including damages. Any amount received or recovered in a currency other than the Contractual Currency (whether as a result of, or of the enforcement of, a judgement or order of a court of any jurisdiction or otherwise) by any Holder of an Australian Covered Bond in respect of any sum expressed to be due to it from the Issuer shall only constitute a discharge (the “**Discharge Amount**”) to the Issuer to the extent of the amount in the Contractual Currency which such Holder is able to purchase with the amount so received or recovered in that other currency on the date of that receipt or recovery (or, if it is not practicable to make that purchase on that date, on the first day on which it is practicable to do so).

*For a description of the further relevant provisions relating to Currency Indemnity see Programme Term 5 on page 17 of the Australian Information Memorandum.*

### **16. Waiver and Remedies**

No failure to exercise, and no delay in exercising, on the part of the Holder of any Australian Covered Bond, any right hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof nor shall any single or partial exercise thereof preclude any other or future exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right. Rights hereunder shall be in addition to all other rights provided by

law. No notice or demand given in any case shall constitute a waiver of rights to take other action in the same, similar or other instances without such notice or demand.

#### **17. Branch of Account**

The Issuer may change the Branch of Account that applies for the purpose of the *Bank Act* (Canada) in accordance with and subject to the Trust Deed.

*For a description of the circumstances in which the Issuer may do so see Programme Term 6 on pages 17 – 18 of the Australian Information Memorandum.*

#### **18. Substitution**

Pursuant to the Trust Deed, another person may be substituted for the Issuer as the issuer of the Australian Covered Bonds, and the Issuer may be released from liability in respect of the Australian Covered Bonds and any such substitution shall take effect for the purpose of the Australian Deed Poll and these Conditions.

*For a description of the circumstances in which the Issuer may do so see Programme Term 7 on page 18 of the Australian Information Memorandum.*

#### **19. Rating Agency Confirmation**

**19.01** By subscribing for or purchasing Australian Covered Bond(s), each Holder of Australian Covered Bonds shall be deemed to have acknowledged and agreed that a credit rating of a Series of Australian Covered Bonds by the Rating Agencies is an assessment of credit risk and does not address other matters that may be of relevance to Holders of Australian Covered Bonds, including, without limitation, in the case of a confirmation by each Rating Agency that any action proposed to be taken by the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Seller, the Servicer, the Cash Manager, the Bond Trustee or any other party to a Transaction Document will not result in a reduction or withdrawal of the rating of the Australian Covered Bonds in effect immediately before the taking of such action (a “**Rating Agency Confirmation**”), whether such action is either (i) permitted by the terms of the relevant Transaction Document or (ii) in the best interests of, or not prejudicial to, some or all of the Holders of Australian Covered Bonds.

**19.02** In being entitled to have regard to the fact that a Rating Agency has confirmed that the then current rating of the relevant Series of Australian Covered Bonds would not be reduced or withdrawn, each of the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Bond Trustee, and the Secured Creditors (including the Holders of Australian Covered Bonds) is deemed to have acknowledged and agreed that a Rating Agency Confirmation does not impose or extend any actual or contingent liability on the Rating Agencies to the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Bond Trustee, the Secured Creditors (including the Holders of Australian Covered Bonds) or any other person or create any legal relations between the Rating Agencies and the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Bond Trustee, the Secured Creditors (including the Holders of Australian Covered Bonds) or any other person whether by way of contract or otherwise.

**19.03** By subscribing for or purchasing Australian Covered Bond(s), each Holder of Australian Covered Bonds shall be deemed to have acknowledged and agreed that:

- (a) a Rating Agency Confirmation may or may not be given at the sole discretion of each Rating Agency;
- (b) depending on the timing of delivery of the request and any information needed to be provided as part of any such request, it may be the case that a Rating Agency cannot provide a Rating Agency Confirmation in the time available, or at all, and the Rating Agency shall not be responsible for the consequences thereof;
- (c) a Rating Agency Confirmation, if given, will be given on the basis of the facts and circumstances prevailing at the relevant time, and in the context of cumulative changes to the transaction of which the Australian Covered Bonds forms a part; and

- (d) a Rating Agency Confirmation represents only a restatement of the opinions given, and shall not be construed as advice for the benefit of any Holder of Australian Covered Bonds or any other party.

*For a description of the further relevant provisions relating to Rating Agency Confirmation see Programme Term 8 on pages 18 – 19 of the Australian Information Memorandum.*

**20. Indemnification of Bond Trustee and Bond Trustee contracting with the Issuer and/or the Guarantor**

The Trust Deed and the Security Agreement contain provisions for the indemnification of the Bond Trustee and for relief from responsibility and certain other matters pertaining to the Bond Trustee, including provisions relieving the Bond Trustee from taking any action unless indemnified and/or secured to the satisfaction of the Bond Trustee.

*For a description of such provisions see Programme Term 9 on page 19 of the Australian Information Memorandum.*

**21. Law and Jurisdiction**

The Trust Deed (which includes for greater certainty, the Supplemental Trust Deed), the Agency Agreement (which includes for greater certainty, the Supplemental Agency Agreement) and the other Transaction Documents (except for the Australian Deed Poll) are governed by and shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

The Australian Covered Bonds, the Australian Deed Poll and these Terms and Conditions are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, the law in force in New South Wales, Australia.

In the case of Australian Covered Bonds, the Issuer has irrevocably agreed for the benefit of Holders that the courts of New South Wales, Australia and courts of appeal from them are to have non-exclusive jurisdiction to settle any disputes which may arise out of or in connection with the Australian Covered Bonds, the Australian Deed Poll and these Terms and Conditions and that accordingly any suit, action or proceedings arising out of or in connection with the Australian Covered Bonds, the Australian Deed Poll and these Terms and Conditions (together referred to as “**Australian Proceedings**”) may be brought in such courts.

For so long as any Australian Covered Bonds are outstanding, the Issuer will maintain an agent (originally as specified in the relevant Final Terms) to accept service of process on its behalf in New South Wales in respect of any legal action or proceedings as may be brought in the courts of New South Wales, Australia or the federal courts of Australia. If such agent ceases to act the Issuer will appoint another agent.

## SUBSCRIPTION AND SALE AND TRANSFER AND SELLING RESTRICTIONS

In addition to the selling restrictions set forth in the Programme Prospectus, the Managers will be required to represent and agree to the following in relation to the Australian Covered Bonds.

No prospectus or other disclosure document (as defined in the Corporations Act) in relation to the Programme or the Covered Bonds has been, or will be, lodged with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC). Each Dealer (other than Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, London Branch) has represented and agreed that it:

- (a) has not (directly or indirectly) made or invited, and will not make or invite, an offer of the Covered Bonds for issue, purchase or sale in Australia (including an offer or invitation which is received by a person in Australia); and
- (b) has not distributed or published, and will not distribute or publish, any prospectus, offering circular or any other offering material or advertisement relating to the Covered Bonds in Australia,

unless (a) the aggregate consideration payable by each offeree or invitee in Australia (including any person who receives an offer or invitation or offering materials in Australia) is at least A\$500,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies, in either case, disregarding moneys lent by the offeror or its associates), (b) such action complies with all applicable laws, regulations and directives in Australia (including without limitation, the licensing requirements set out in Chapter 7 of the Corporations Act), (c) such action does not require any document to be lodged with ASIC, and (d) the offer or invitation is not made to a person who is a “retail client” within the meaning of section 761G of the Corporations Act.

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, London Branch has represented and agreed that it:

- (a) has not (directly or indirectly) made or invited, and will not make or invite, an offer of Covered Bonds for issue, purchase or sale in Australia (including an offer or invitation which is received by a person in Australia); and
- (b) has not or will not distribute or publish any prospectus, offering circular or any other offering material or advertisement relating to the Covered Bonds in Australia.

For the purposes of this selling restriction, the Covered Bonds include interests or rights in the Covered Bonds held in the Austraclear System or any other clearing system.

Transfers of Australian Covered Bonds are subject to the further limitations and restrictions specified in the Terms and Conditions (see Condition 2.07).

The Australian Covered Bonds may also be offered in jurisdictions outside Australia. Any such offers shall be subject to the restrictions on offer or sales of Covered Bonds, or on the distribution of any offering materials in relation to the Covered Bonds, described in the Programme Prospectus, the Final Terms and the applicable laws and directives of such jurisdiction.

## TAXATION

### Australia

The following taxation summary is of a general nature only and addresses only some of the key Australian tax implications that may arise for a prospective holder of an Australian Covered Bond or an interest in an Australian Covered Bond (in the following taxation summary, an “Investor”) as a result of acquiring, holding or transferring the Australian Covered Bond. The following is not intended to be, and should not be taken as, a comprehensive taxation summary for an Investor. Each reference in the following taxation summary to an “Australian Covered Bond” includes a reference to an “interest in an Australian Covered Bond” as the context requires.

The taxation summary is based on the Australian taxation laws in force and the administrative practices of the Australian Taxation Office (the “ATO”) generally accepted as of the date of this Information Memorandum. Any of these may change in the future without notice and legislation introduced to give effect to announcements may contain provisions that are currently not contemplated and may have retroactive effect.

Investors should consult their professional advisers in relation to their tax position. Investors who may be liable to taxation in jurisdictions other than Australia in respect of their acquisition, holding or disposal of Australian Covered Bonds are particularly advised to consult their professional advisers as to whether they are so liable (and, if so, under the laws of which jurisdictions), since the following comments relate only to certain Australian taxation aspects of the Australian Covered Bonds. In particular, Investors should be aware that they may be liable to taxation under the laws of other jurisdictions in relation to payments in respect of the Australian Covered Bonds even if such payments may be made without withholding or deduction for or on account of taxation under the laws of Australia.

### *Taxation of interest on Australian Covered Bonds*

#### *Australian Investors*

Investors who are Australian tax residents, or who are non-residents that hold the Australian Covered Bonds in carrying on business at or through a permanent establishment in Australia, will be taxable by assessment in respect of any interest income derived in respect of the Australian Covered Bonds. Such Investors will generally be required to lodge an Australian tax return. The timing of assessment of the interest (e.g. a cash receipts or accruals basis) will depend upon the tax status of the particular Investors, the Australian Terms and Conditions and the potential application of the “Taxation of Financial Arrangements” provisions of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* (Australia).

If an Investor is an Australian resident (other than one that holds the Australian Covered Bonds in carrying on business at or through a permanent establishment outside Australia) or a non-resident that holds the Australian Covered Bonds in carrying on business at or through a permanent establishment in Australia, no Australian interest withholding tax will be payable.

Tax at the highest marginal income tax rate plus the Medicare levy (in aggregate, currently 47%) may be deducted from payments to an Investor if the Investor does not provide an Australian tax file number (the “TFN”) or an Australian Business Number (the “ABN”) (where applicable), or proof of a relevant exemption from quoting such numbers.

#### *Offshore Investors*

So long as the Issuer continues to be a non-resident of Australia, where the Australian Covered Bonds issued by it are not attributable to an Australian permanent establishment of the Issuer, payments of principal and interest made in

respect of the Australian Covered Bonds should not be subject to Australian interest withholding tax. However, interest (which for the purposes of withholding tax is defined in section 128A(1AB) of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* (Australia) to include amounts in the nature of, or in substitution for, interest and certain other amounts, including premiums on redemption or, for an Australian Covered Bond issued at a discount, the difference between the amount repaid and the issue price) on Australian Covered Bonds issued by the Issuer out of its Sydney branch will be subject to Australian interest withholding tax, at a current rate of 10%, where the interest is paid to a non-resident Investor and not derived in carrying on business at or through an Australian permanent establishment, or to an Australian resident Investor who derived the interest in carrying on business at or through a permanent establishment outside Australia (subject to certain exemptions– see below).

Various exemptions are available from Australian interest withholding tax, including the “public offer” exemption, the tax treaty exemption and the superannuation fund exemption (each discussed below).

Payments by the Guarantor should not be subject to Australian interest withholding tax.

### ***Public Offer Exemption***

Pursuant to section 128F of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* (Australia), an exemption from Australian interest withholding tax relevantly applies to interest paid where:

- at the time the relevant Australian Covered Bonds are issued and the interest is paid, the issuer is a company that is a non-resident carrying on business at or through an Australian permanent establishment; and
- the relevant Australian Covered Bonds were issued in a manner which satisfies the “public offer test”.

There are five principal methods of satisfying the public offer test, the purpose of which is to ensure that lenders in capital markets are aware that the Issuer is offering those Australian Covered Bonds for issue. In summary, the five methods are:

- offers to 10 or more unrelated financiers or securities dealers;
- offers to 100 or more investors;
- offers of listed Australian Covered Bonds;
- offers via publicly available information sources; and
- offers to a dealer, manager or underwriter who offers to sell those Australian Covered Bonds within 30 days by one of the preceding methods.

Unless otherwise specified in any applicable Final Terms (or another relevant supplement to this Information Memorandum), the Issuer intends to issue Australian Covered Bonds out of its Sydney branch in a manner which will satisfy the requirements of section 128F of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* (Australia). Where this is not the case, Investors will be notified in the relevant Final Terms.

Importantly, the public offer test will not be satisfied if, at the time of issue, the Issuer knew or had reasonable grounds to suspect that an Australian Covered Bond, or an interest in an Australian Covered Bond, was being or would later be acquired directly or indirectly by an Offshore Associate of the Issuer, other than in the capacity of a dealer, manager or underwriter in relation to the placement of the relevant Australian Covered Bonds, or a clearing house, custodian, funds manager or responsible entity of a registered scheme.



The exemption from Australian interest withholding tax will also not apply to interest paid by the Issuer to an Offshore Associate of the Issuer if, at the time of the payment, the Issuer knows, or has reasonable grounds to suspect, that such person is an Offshore Associate and the Offshore Associate does not receive the payment in the capacity of a clearing house, paying agent, custodian, funds manager or responsible entity of a registered scheme.

An Offshore Associate (“**Offshore Associate**”) means an “associate” (as defined in section 128F(9) of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* (Australia), and which includes, amongst other things, persons under common control or influence) of the Issuer that is either:

- a non-resident of Australia that does not acquire the Australian Covered Bonds or an interest in the Australian Covered Bonds in carrying on a business in Australia at or through a permanent establishment of the associate in Australia; or
- a resident of Australia that acquires the Australian Covered Bonds or an interest in the Australian Covered Bonds in carrying on a business in a country outside Australia at or through a permanent establishment of the associate in that country.

Accordingly, **the Australian Covered Bonds should not be acquired by any Offshore Associate of the Issuer except in the circumstances listed above.**

#### *Double Tax Treaties*

The Australian government has signed a number of double tax treaties (“**Specified Treaties**”) with certain countries including the United States of America, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Norway, Finland, the Republic of France, Japan, the Republic of South Africa, New Zealand, and Germany (each a “**Specified Country**”). The Specified Treaties may apply to interest derived by a resident of a Specified Country in relation to an Australian Covered Bond.

The Specified Treaties effectively prevent withholding tax applying to interest derived by:

- (a) the government of the relevant Specified Country and certain governmental authorities and agencies in the Specified Country; and
- (b) certain unrelated banks, and financial institutions which substantially derive their profits by carrying on a business of raising and providing finance, which are resident in the Specified Country and dealing wholly independently with the Issuer (however, back-to-back loans and economically equivalent arrangements will not obtain the benefit of the reduction in interest withholding tax and the anti-avoidance provisions in the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* (Australia) can apply),

by reducing the interest withholding tax rate to zero. Particular tax treaties may have additional requirements. Investors should obtain their own independent tax advice as to whether any of the exemptions under the relevant Specified Treaties apply to their particular circumstances. In particular, the availability of relief under Australia’s tax treaties may be limited by Australia’s adoption of the Multilateral Convention to Implement Tax Treaty Related Measures to Prevent Base Erosion and Profit Shifting in circumstances where the Investor has insufficient connection with the relevant jurisdiction.

All Specified Treaties listed above are currently in effect.

#### *Exemption for superannuation funds*

An exemption from interest withholding tax is also available in respect of interest paid to a non-resident superannuation fund where that fund is a superannuation fund maintained solely for foreign residents and the interest

arising from the Australian Covered Bonds is exempt from income tax in the country in which such superannuation fund is resident. However, this exemption may not apply if the fund has either (i) an ownership interest (direct and indirect) of 10% or more in the Issuer, or (ii) influence over the Issuer's key decision-making.

### ***Taxation of gains on disposal or redemption***

#### ***Australian Investors***

Investors who are Australian tax residents, or who are non-residents that hold the Australian Covered Bonds in carrying on business at or through a permanent establishment in Australia, will be required to include any gain or loss on disposal of the Australian Covered Bonds in their assessable income.

The determination of the amount and timing of any gain or loss on disposition or redemption of the Australian Covered Bonds may be affected by the "Taxation of Financial Arrangements" provisions, which provide for a specialised regime for the taxation of financial instruments, and, where the Australian Covered Bonds are denominated in a currency other than Australian Dollars, the foreign currency rules. Prospective Investors should obtain their own independent tax advice in relation to the determination of any gain or loss on disposal or redemption of the Australian Covered Bonds.

#### ***Offshore Investors***

An Investor who is a non-resident of Australia and who has never held the Australian Covered Bonds in carrying on a business at or through a permanent establishment within Australia will not be subject to Australian income tax or capital gains tax on gains realised on the sale or redemption of such Australian Covered Bonds provided such gains do not have an Australian source. A gain arising on the sale of an Australian Covered Bond by a non-Australian resident holder to another non-Australian resident where the Australian Covered Bond is sold outside Australia and all negotiations are conducted and all documentation is executed outside Australia should generally not be regarded as having an Australian source.

Special rules can apply to treat a portion of the purchase price of Australian Covered Bonds as interest for withholding tax purposes where deferred-return Australian Covered Bonds (for example, Australian Covered Bonds which pay a return that is deferred by more than 12 months) are sold to an Australian Investor.

#### ***Collection powers***

The ATO and other revenue authorities in Australia have wide powers for the collection of unpaid tax debts. This can include issuing a notice to an Australian resident requiring a deduction from any payment to an Investor in respect of any unpaid tax liabilities of that Investor.

#### ***Stamp duty***

No ad valorem stamp, issue, registration or similar taxes are payable in Australia on the issue, transfer or redemption of the Australian Covered Bonds.

#### ***Death duties***

The Australian Covered Bonds will not be subject to death, estate or succession duties imposed by Australia or by any political subdivision or authority therein having power to tax if held at the time of death.

### ***Goods and Services Tax***

Neither the issue nor receipt of the Australian Covered Bonds will give rise to a liability for GST in Australia on the basis that the supply of Australian Covered Bonds will comprise either an input taxed financial supply or (in the case of an offshore non-resident subscriber) a GST-free supply. Furthermore, neither the payment of principal or interest on the Australian Covered Bonds would give rise to a GST liability.