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Dear Colleague

Many of you will have seen or heard of this morning's announcement by the Royal Bank of Scotland ( RBOS ) relating to ABN AMRO.

So I wanted to send you this short letter to tell you what's in my mind. In a phrase, I'm not surprised by this development and nothing changes for us as a result of it. The situation remains that the Board of ABN AMRO and the Board of Barclays have both recommended the merger of the two companies. I said to you in my previous letters on the subject that the merger represents a great opportunity for us to accelerate. That hasn't changed either!

What Barclays offers, and what RBOS offers, stand in stark contrast: on the one hand a decision by the Boards of both banks to build, through merger, one of the great banking power-houses in the world with all the benefits for customers and clients, for shareholders and for colleagues that goes with that; and on the other, the deconstruction into heaven knows how many parts of one of the biggest banks in Europe. It's very clear what ABN AMRO want. And I want ABN, alongside Barclays, to be a founding partner of what will be one of the great banking enterprises, and great banking stories, of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

So I'm feeling entirely calm about this, and I want you to feel calm as well! And meanwhile, keep focusing on our customers: that's what they expect and that's what they deserve.

John

### **Future SEC Filings and this Filing: Important Information**

In connection with the proposed business combination transaction between Barclays PLC ( Barclays ) and ABN AMRO Holding N.V. ( ABN AMRO ), Barclays expects it will file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC ) a Registration Statement on Form F-4, which will constitute a prospectus, as well as a Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO and other relevant materials. In addition, ABN AMRO expects that it will file with the SEC a Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 and other relevant materials. Such documents, however, are not currently available. **YOU ARE URGED TO READ ANY DOCUMENTS REGARDING THE POTENTIAL TRANSACTION IF AND WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION.** You will be able to obtain a free copy of such filings without charge, at the SEC 's website (<http://www.sec.gov>) once such documents are filed with the SEC. Copies of such documents may also be obtained from Barclays and ABN AMRO, without charge, once they are filed with the SEC.

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### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This document contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the US Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and Section 27A of the US Securities Act of 1933, as amended, with respect to certain of ABN AMRO 's and Barclays plans and their current goals and expectations relating to their future financial condition and performance and which involve a number of risks and uncertainties. ABN AMRO and Barclays caution readers that no forward-looking statement is a guarantee of future performance and that actual results could differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate only to historical or current facts. Forward-looking statements sometimes use words such as aim , anticipate , target , expect , estimate , intend , plan , goal , believe , or other words of similar meaning. Examples of forward-looking statements include, others, statements regarding the consummation of the business combination between ABN AMRO and Barclays within the expected timeframe and on the expected terms (if at all), the benefits of the business combination transaction involving ABN AMRO and Barclays, including the achievement of synergy targets, ABN AMRO 's and Barclays future financial position, income growth, impairment charges, business strategy, projected costs and estimates of capital expenditure and revenue benefits, projected levels of growth in the banking and financial markets, the combined group 's future financial and operating results, future financial position, projected costs and estimates of capital expenditures, and plans and objectives for future operations of ABN AMRO, Barclays and the combined group and other statements that are not historical fact. Additional risks and factors are identified in ABN AMRO and Barclays filings with the SEC including ABN AMRO and Barclays Annual Reports on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2006, which are available on ABN AMRO 's website at [www.abnamro.com](http://www.abnamro.com) and Barclays website at [www.barclays.com](http://www.barclays.com) respectively, and on the SEC 's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

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