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PREPARED REMARKS

AMY CAIRNCROSS – VICE-PRESIDENT & HEAD, INVESTOR RELATIONS

Good morning everyone and thank you for joining us.

Presenting this morning will be Dave McKay, President and Chief Executive Officer and Janice Fukakusa, Chief Administrative Officer and CFO.

Following their comments we will open the call for questions from analysts. The call is 30 minutes long and will end at 9:00 am.

To give everyone a chance to participate, please keep it to one question and then re-queue. We will be posting managements' remarks on our website shortly after the call.

As noted on slide 2, our comments may contain forward-looking statements, which involve applying assumptions, and have inherent risks and uncertainties. Actual results could differ materially from these statements.

Also, please note that all financial information in the prepared remarks is in U.S. dollars.

I will now turn the call over to Dave McKay.

DAVE MCKAY, PRESIDENT & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Thank you Amy and good morning everyone.

Today I'm very excited to announce that RBC has entered into an agreement to acquire City National Corporation, a premier U.S. private and commercial bank with a growing wealth and asset management business.

You've heard me mention for some time that we want to enhance our U.S. franchise by adding product capabilities to better serve our clients. City National is the perfect fit.

It is uniquely focused on serving high net worth and commercial clients in high growth markets;

It is a high-quality franchise with a long track record of profitable growth; and

It is a great cultural fit with RBC as both companies share a strong commitment to client service and doing what's right.

By combining RBC's scale and strength with City National's capabilities and position in attractive markets, we will create a powerful platform for long-term growth in the U.S.

Please see slide 3 as it provides a brief summary of the transaction.

The total purchase price is approximately US\$5.4 billion dollars, which will be paid with approximately 2.7 billion dollars in cash and approximately 44 million RBC shares.

This deal offers long-term earnings growth and, given the strength of our capital position, it will not impact our ongoing capital management program. In a few minutes, Janice will walk through the transaction in more detail.

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Like me, Russell Goldsmith, the current CEO of City National, is enormously excited about this opportunity. As a sign of Russell's commitment, the Goldsmith family will receive RBC shares for their entire City National holdings, a large portion of which they have committed to hold for the medium term.

City National's headquarters will remain in Los Angeles and Russell will continue in his role as CEO of City National and will report directly to me.

Once the transaction closes, we will combine our U.S. Wealth Management operations with City National into one line of business to be reported as part of our Global Wealth Management segment.

John Taft, RBC's U.S. Wealth Management CEO, will report to Russell and will be responsible for leveraging City National's private and commercial banking expertise to expand the financial solutions provided by our investment advisors.

So now let me tell you more about the strengths of City National's franchise, starting on slide 4.

City National is a specialist private and commercial bank that delivers customized banking, credit and wealth solutions. It has an award-winning commercial banking platform with expertise in entertainment, real estate, technology and healthcare.

City National's clients are largely high net worth individuals and commercial enterprises, two of the fastest growing client segments in the U.S. as you can see on slide 5.

Turning to slide 6, one of the greatest strengths of City National's franchise is that it's strategically positioned in the largest and most attractive U.S. markets such as New York, Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay Area. In fact, the combined high net worth population of these three markets is over four and a half times the entire high net worth population of Canada.

Like RBC, City National has a great reputation as a client-focused company, and has received many awards for its excellent customer service. A considerable amount of City National's growth has come from referrals, demonstrating the great reputation it has among its clients.

With its high touch approach and a broad suite of products and services, City National has developed deep relationships with its clients. For example, nearly half of City National's clients have 5 or more products, and over half use City National for both their personal and business banking needs.

City National's client and market strategy has produced a strong track record of both loan and deposit growth, handily outpacing the industry average, as you can see on slide 7.

Like RBC, City National has a conservative and disciplined risk profile. Its loan portfolio is well diversified and its credit performance has outperformed the industry through the cycle, due mainly to the quality of its clients.

Turning to slide 9, City National has a market leading deposit franchise across a branch light footprint. In fact, its average deposits per branch are over four times the median of mid-sized U.S. banks.

Additionally, City National is highly asset sensitive and is well positioned for rising rates as over 60 percent of deposits are non-interest bearing and nearly 80 percent of its loans are at either floating or adjustable rates.

Turning to City National's wealth management franchise on slide 10.

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City National provides investment management and advisory services that complement RBC's current product offerings. Its wealth and asset business is a high-quality franchise, and has been ranked by Barron's as one of the top 40 U.S. wealth managers for the past 14 years. It is also growing fast, and since 2011 has seen double digit growth in client assets, now over 61 billion dollars, and double digit growth in fee income.

As you can see on slide 11, City National is exceptionally strong on a standalone basis, and, when combined with RBC, creates a powerful and scalable engine for growth.

First, it allows RBC to expand into U.S. private and commercial banking, creating one of North America's leading full-service private and commercial banks.

RBC's U.S. Wealth Management business has been recognized by J.D. Power as a top U.S. service and advisory franchise, and for some time we have been focused on adding product capabilities to better serve our U.S. clients.

We'll now be able to offer City National's full suite of banking products – including commercial lending, private banking, cash management and other services – to the 340,000 U.S. Wealth Management households, 204,000 cross border clients and 88,000 Canadian commercial clients we serve.

Second, this deal enhances our overall U.S. wealth and asset management businesses, creating a combined platform with approximately 320 billion dollars in client assets.

It also expands the distribution channels for both City National and RBC asset management products as we will have around 2,100 advisors distributing products on both banks' platforms.

In addition, City National clients will have access to RBC Capital Markets' advisory, capital raising and risk management capabilities.

Third, this transaction allows us to extend RBC's commercial and corporate capabilities to City National's key industry specializations. For example, being a top 10 investment bank we can leverage RBC Capital Markets' large technology practice to broaden and deepen City National's middle-market and new venture platform. In addition, we can expand City National's commercial platform by adding verticals that RBC has sector expertise in, such as energy.

If you turn to slide 12, you'll note that we expect to achieve a number of synergies.

First, on the expense side, while we will preserve City National's high-touch client strategy which has been key to its success, we see opportunity to consolidate infrastructure across businesses and achieve benefits of scale across functional areas like procurement and technology. We will also improve productivity by cross-selling City National products to RBC clients and vice versa.

Second, we'll be able to build our deposit base from our Wealth Management and Capital Markets clients, and deploy low cost sweep balances from our U.S. Wealth Management as an attractive source to fund City National's future loan growth.

Lastly, we see many long-term growth opportunities, including increasing City National's market penetration in its existing footprint, and accelerating expansion into new high growth U.S. markets.

In conclusion, this deal aligns with RBC's strategic goals, gives us best-in-class capabilities that enhance and complement our existing U.S. businesses, and creates a powerful platform for long-term growth that I'm confident will deliver significant value to our shareholders.

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It is a great transaction for both RBC and City Nati