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**THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA**

(a Canadian chartered Bank)

**U.S.\$15,000,000,000**

**Global Registered Covered Bond Program**

**unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed as to payments of interest and principal by**

**SCOTIABANK COVERED BOND GUARANTOR LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**

(a limited partnership established under the laws of the Province of Ontario)

Under this U.S.\$15 billion covered bond program, The Bank of Nova Scotia (the **Bank**), as issuer subject to compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and directives, may from time to time issue Covered Bonds denominated in any currency agreed between the Bank and the relevant Dealers. This prospectus replaces and supersedes any prospectus or supplement with an earlier date.

The payments of all amounts due in respect of the Covered Bonds have been (save as set out herein) unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by Scotiabank Covered Bond Guarantor Limited Partnership (the **Guarantor**) pursuant to the Covered Bond Guarantee which is secured over the Portfolio and the Guarantor's other assets. Recourse against the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee is limited to the Portfolio and such assets and is subject to the applicable Priority of Payments.

The Covered Bonds may be issued on a continuing basis to one or more of the Dealers as specified under *Selling Restrictions* herein and any additional Dealers appointed under the Program from time to time by the Bank, which appointment may be for a specific issue or on an ongoing basis. References in this prospectus (the **Prospectus**) to the "relevant Dealers" will, in the case of an issue of Covered Bonds which are to be subscribed for or purchased by one or more Dealers, be to all Dealers agreeing to subscribe for or purchase such Covered Bonds.

The aggregate principal amount of Covered Bonds outstanding will not exceed U.S.\$15 billion or the equivalent in other currencies. The Bank and the Guarantor may increase the Program Size in accordance with the terms of the Dealership Agreement and applicable regulatory requirements.

Application has been made to the Financial Conduct Authority (the **FCA** or the **UK Listing Authority**, as applicable) in its capacity as competent authority under the Directive 2003/71/EC and Part VI of the *Financial Services and Markets Act 2000*, as amended (the **FSMA**) for Covered Bonds issued under the Program during the period of 12 months from the date of this Prospectus to be admitted to the official list of the UK Listing Authority (the **Official List**) and to London Stock Exchange plc (the **London Stock Exchange**) for such Covered Bonds to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's Regulated Market (the **Market**). The Market is a regulated market for the purposes of Directive 2004/39/EC (the **Markets in Financial Instruments Directive**). References in this Prospectus to Covered Bonds being listed (and all related references) will mean that such Covered Bonds have been admitted to trading on the Market and have been admitted to the Official List.

The price and amount of each Tranche of Covered Bonds to be issued under the Program will be determined by the Bank and each relevant Dealer at the time of issue in accordance with prevailing market conditions. Notice of the aggregate nominal amount of interest (if any) payable in respect of, the issue price of, and any other terms and conditions not contained herein which are applicable to each Tranche of Covered Bonds will be set out in a Final Terms Document for that Tranche, or the Pricing Supplement with respect to Covered Bonds to be listed on the London Stock Exchange, which will be delivered to the FCA and the London Stock Exchange on or before the date of issue of such Tranche of Covered Bonds.

The Bank and the Guarantor may agree with any Dealer and the Bond Trustee that Covered Bonds may be issued in a form not contemplated by the Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds described herein, in which event a supplementary prospectus or stand-alone Prospectus, if appropriate, will be made available which will describe the effect of the agreement reached in relation to such Covered Bonds.

The Bank may also issue unlisted Covered Bonds and/or Covered Bonds not admitted to trading on any regulated or unregulated market (**Exempt Covered Bonds**). Exempt Covered Bonds do not form part of this Prospectus and will not be issued pursuant to this Prospectus and the UK Listing Authority has neither approved nor reviewed information contained in this Prospectus in connection with the Exempt Covered Bonds. All Covered Bonds will have the benefit of the Covered Bond Guarantee and share equally in the Security granted by the Guarantor in respect of the Charged Property.

See **Risk Factors** on page 17 for a discussion of certain factors to be considered in connection with an investment in the Covered Bonds.

**The Covered Bonds will constitute deposit liabilities of the Bank for purposes of the Bank Act (Canada): see Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds—Events of Default, Acceleration and Enforcement—Bank Event of Default and —Meetings of Covered Bondholders, Modifications, Waiver and Substitution. The Covered Bonds will rank pari passu with all deposit liabilities of the Bank without any preference among themselves and (save for any obligations required to be preferred by law) at least pari passu with all other present and future unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the Bank from time to time outstanding. The Covered Bonds will not be deposits insured under the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation Act or under any other governmental insurance scheme of any country. The Covered Bonds will constitute direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the Bank: see Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds—Events of Default, Acceleration and Enforcement—Issuer Event of Default and —Meetings of Covered Bondholders, Modifications, Waiver and Substitution.**

The Covered Bonds and the Covered Bond Guarantee have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. *Securities Act of 1933*, as amended (the **Securities Act**), and may not be offered or sold in the United States or to, or for the benefit of, U.S. persons unless (a) such securities are registered under the Securities Act or (b) such offer or sale is made pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Accordingly, the Covered Bonds are being offered only (i) in offshore transactions to non-U.S. persons in reliance upon Regulation S under the Securities Act (**Regulation S**) and (ii) to qualified institutional buyers in reliance upon Rule 144A under the Securities Act. See *Form of the Covered Bonds* for a description of the manner in which Covered Bonds will be issued. Registered Covered Bonds (as defined below) are subject to certain restrictions on transfer. See *Selling Restrictions*. Covered Bonds in bearer form may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or its possessions or to, or for the account or benefit of U.S. person, except in certain transactions permitted by U.S. tax regulations.

The Covered Bonds issued under the Program are expected on issue to be assigned a "AAA" rating by Fitch Inc., a "Aaa" rating by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and a "AAA" rating by DBRS Limited. A credit rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision, suspension or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating organization. Whether or not each credit rating applied for in relation to relevant Series of Covered Bonds will be issued by a credit rating agency established in the European Union and registered under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 (as amended) (the **CRA Regulation**) will be disclosed in the Final Terms Document or the Pricing Supplement. In general, European regulated investors are restricted from using a rating for regulatory purposes, unless such ratings are issued by a credit rating agency established in the European Union and registered under the CRA Regulation (and such registration has not been withdrawn or suspended). Each of Fitch Ratings, Inc., Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and DBRS Limited is not established in the European Union and has not applied for registration under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 (as amended) (the **CRA Regulation**). The ratings have been endorsed by Fitch Ratings Ltd., Moody's Investors Service Ltd. and DBRS Ratings Limited, respectively, in accordance with the CRA Regulation. Each of Fitch Ratings Ltd., Moody's Investors Service Ltd. and DBRS Ratings Limited is established in the European Union and registered under the CRA Regulation. As such each of Fitch Ratings Ltd., Moody's Investors Service Ltd. and DBRS Ratings Limited is included in the list of credit rating agencies published by the European Securities and Markets Authority on its website in accordance with the CRA Regulation. The European Securities Markets Authority has indicated that ratings issued in Canada which have been endorsed by Fitch Ratings Ltd., Moody's Investors Service Ltd. and DBRS Ratings Limited, respectively, may be used in the EU by the relevant market participants.

**NEITHER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION NOR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION HAS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED OF THESE SECURITIES OR DETERMINED THAT THIS PROSPECTUS IS TRUTHFUL OR COMPLETE. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.**

**THE COVERED BONDS HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION (CMHC) NOR HAS CMHC PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. THE COVERED BONDS ARE NEITHER INSURED NOR GUARANTEED BY CMHC OR THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA OR ANY OTHER AGENCY THEREOF.**

Arrangers for the Program

BARCLAYS

SCOTIABANK

**BARCLAYS**  
**CITIGROUP**  
**GOLDMAN SACHS INTERNATIONAL**  
**MORGAN STANLEY**

*Dealers*  
**BNP PARIBAS**  
**CREDIT SUISSE**  
**HSBC**  
**THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND**

**BofA MERRILL LYNCH**  
**DEUTSCHE BANK**  
**J.P. MORGAN**  
**UBS INVESTMENT BANK**

**WELLS FARGO SECURITIES**

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The date of this Prospectus is 22 January 2014.

## NOTICE TO NEW HAMPSHIRE RESIDENTS

**NEITHER THE FACT THAT A REGISTRATION STATEMENT OR AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE HAS BEEN FILED UNDER CHAPTER 421-B OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE REVISED STATUTES WITH THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE NOR THE FACT THAT A SECURITY IS EFFECTIVELY REGISTERED OR A PERSON IS LICENSED IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE CONSTITUTES A FINDING BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE THAT ANY DOCUMENT FILED UNDER CHAPTER 421-B IS TRUE, COMPLETE AND NOT MISLEADING. NEITHER ANY SUCH FACT NOR THE FACT THAT AN EXEMPTION OR EXCEPTION IS AVAILABLE FOR A SECURITY OR A TRANSACTION MEANS THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAS PASSED IN ANY WAY UPON THE MERITS OR QUALIFICATIONS OF, OR RECOMMENDED OR GIVEN APPROVAL TO, ANY PERSON, SECURITY OR TRANSACTION. IT IS UNLAWFUL TO MAKE, OR CAUSE TO BE MADE, TO ANY PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER, CUSTOMER OR CLIENT ANY REPRESENTATION INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PARAGRAPH.**

### GENERAL

This Prospectus (excluding the document incorporated by reference at paragraphs 6 and 7 under the heading *Documents Incorporated By Reference*) has been approved by the FCA as a base prospectus for the purposes of Article 5.4 of Directive 2003/71/EC (as amended) (the **Prospectus Directive**) and constitutes listing particulars for the purposes of L.R 2.2.11 of the listing rules and has been published in accordance with the prospectus rules made under the FSMA. This Prospectus is not a prospectus for the purposes of Section 12(a)(2) or any other provision or order under the Securities Act.

The Bank and the Guarantor (the **Responsible Persons**) each accept responsibility for the information contained in this Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of each of the Responsible Persons (each having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. Any information sourced from third parties contained in this Prospectus has been accurately reproduced (and is clearly sourced where it appears in the document) and, as far as each of the Bank and the Guarantor are aware and are able to ascertain from information published by that third party, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.

Copies of each Final Terms Document (in the case of Covered Bonds to be admitted to the Official List) or, the pricing supplement (in the case of Exempt Covered Bonds) (the **Pricing Supplement**) will be available from the registered office of the Bank and from the specified office of each of the Paying Agents. Final Terms Documents relating to the Covered Bonds which are admitted to trading on the Market will also be available for inspection on the website of the Regulatory News Service operated by the London Stock Exchange at [www.londonstockexchange.com/exchange/news/market-news/market-news-home.html](http://www.londonstockexchange.com/exchange/news/market-news/market-news-home.html).

This Prospectus is to be read in conjunction with any supplementary prospectus hereto and all documents which are deemed to be incorporated herein by reference: see *Documents Incorporated by Reference*. This Prospectus will be read and construed on the basis that such documents are so incorporated and form part of this Prospectus.

The information contained in this Prospectus was obtained from the Bank, the Guarantor and other sources, but no assurance can be given by the Dealers or the Bond Trustee as to the accuracy or completeness of this information. Accordingly, no representation, warranty or undertaking, express or implied, is made and no responsibility or liability is accepted by the Dealers or the Bond Trustee as to the accuracy or completeness

of the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus or any other information provided by the Bank or the Guarantor in connection with the Program or any Covered Bonds. None of the Dealers or the Bond Trustee accepts any liability in relation to the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus or any other information provided by the Bank or the Guarantor in connection with the Program or any Covered Bonds.

The only Persons authorized to use this Prospectus in connection with an offer of Covered Bonds are the relevant Dealer(s) named in the applicable Final Terms Document or the applicable Pricing Supplement.

No Person is or has been authorized by the Bank, the Guarantor, any of the Dealers or the Bond Trustee to give any information or to make any representation not contained in or not consistent with this Prospectus or any other information supplied in connection with the Program or any Covered Bonds and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the Bank, the Guarantor, any of the Dealers or the Bond Trustee.

Notwithstanding anything in this document to the contrary, except as reasonably necessary to comply with applicable securities laws, any Person may disclose to any and all Persons, without limitation of any kind, the U.S. federal income tax treatment and tax structure of the offering and all materials of any kind (including opinions or other tax analyzes) that are provided to such Person relating to such tax treatment and tax structure. For this purpose, "tax structure" is limited to facts relevant to the U.S. federal income tax treatment of the offering.

Neither this Prospectus, including the documents which are deemed to be incorporated herein by reference, nor any other information supplied in connection with the Program or any Covered Bonds (a) is intended to provide the basis of any credit or other evaluation, or (b) should be considered as a recommendation by the Bank, the Guarantor, any of the Dealers or the Bond Trustee that any recipient of this Prospectus or any other information supplied in connection with the Program or any Covered Bonds should purchase any Covered Bonds. Each investor contemplating purchasing any Covered Bonds should make its own independent investigation of the financial condition and affairs, and its own appraisal of the creditworthiness, of the Bank and the Guarantor. Neither this Prospectus nor any other information supplied in connection with the Program or the issue of any Covered Bonds constitutes an offer or invitation by or on behalf of the Bank, the Guarantor, any of the Dealers or the Bond Trustee to any Person to subscribe for or to purchase any Covered Bonds.

Neither the delivery of this Prospectus nor the offering, sale or delivery of any Covered Bonds will in any circumstances imply that the information contained herein concerning the Bank and the Guarantor is correct at any time subsequent to the date hereof, or with respect to documents which are deemed to be incorporated herein by reference, the date indicated on such documents, or that any other information supplied in connection with the Program is correct as of any time subsequent to the date indicated in the document containing the same. The Dealers and the Bond Trustee expressly do not undertake to review the financial condition or affairs of the Bank or the Guarantor during the life of the Program or to advise any investor in any Covered Bonds of any information coming to their attention.

As set forth in the applicable Final Terms Document or the applicable Pricing Supplement, the Covered Bonds are being offered and sold (a) in reliance on Rule 144A under the Securities Act (**Rule 144A**) to "qualified institutional buyers" (as defined in Rule 144A) (**QIBs**) and/or (b) in accordance with Regulation S to non-U.S. persons in offshore transactions. Prospective purchasers are hereby notified that the sellers of the Covered Bonds may be relying on the exemption from the provisions of Section 5 of the Securities Act provided by Rule 144A.

This Prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any Covered Bonds in any jurisdiction to any Person to whom it is unlawful to make such an offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. The distribution of this Prospectus and the offer or sale of any Covered Bonds may be restricted by law in certain jurisdictions. The Bank, the Guarantor, the Dealers and the Bond Trustee do not represent

that this Prospectus may be lawfully distributed, or that any Covered Bonds may be lawfully offered, in compliance with any applicable registration or other requirements in any such jurisdiction, or pursuant to an exemption available thereunder, or assume any responsibility for facilitating any such distribution or offering. In particular, no action has been taken by the Bank, the Guarantor, the Dealers or the Bond Trustee which would permit a public offering of any Covered Bonds outside the European Economic Area or distribution of this Prospectus in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. Accordingly, no Covered Bonds may be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, and neither this Prospectus nor any advertisement or other offering material may be distributed or published in any jurisdiction, except under circumstances that will result in compliance with any applicable laws, rules and/or regulations. Persons into whose possession this Prospectus or any Covered Bonds may come must inform themselves about, and observe, any such restrictions on the distribution of this Prospectus and the offering and sale of any Covered Bonds. In particular, there are restrictions on the distribution of this Prospectus and the offer or sale of any Covered Bonds in Canada, the United States, the European Economic Area (including the United Kingdom, The Netherlands, the Republic of Italy, Germany, the Republic of France, Australia and Spain) and Japan: see *Selling Restrictions*.

This base prospectus has been prepared on the basis that any offer of Covered Bonds in any member state of the European Economic Area (each, a **Member State**) which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a **Relevant Member State**) will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive, as implemented in that Relevant Member State, from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of any Covered Bonds. Accordingly, any Person making or intending to make an offer in that Relevant Member State of any Covered Bonds which are the subject of an offering contemplated in this Prospectus as completed by a Final Terms Document or a Pricing Supplement in relation to the offer of those Covered Bonds may only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Bank or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive, in each case, in relation to such offer. Neither the Bank nor any Dealer have authorized, nor do they authorize, the making of any offer of any Covered Bonds in circumstances in which an obligation arises for the Bank or any Dealer to publish or supplement a prospectus for such offer.

In connection with the issue of any Tranche of Covered Bonds, the Dealer or Dealers (if any) named as the Stabilizing Manager(s) (or any Persons acting on behalf of any Stabilizing Manager) in the applicable Final Terms Document or the applicable Pricing Supplement may over-allot Covered Bonds or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the Covered Bonds of the Series (as defined below) of which such Tranche forms part at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail. However, there is no assurance that the Stabilizing Manager(s) (or Persons acting on behalf of a Stabilizing Manager) will undertake stabilization action. Any stabilization action may begin on or after the date on which adequate public disclosure of the terms of the offer of the relevant Tranche of Covered Bonds is made and, if begun, may be ended at any time, but it must end no later than the earlier of 30 days after the Issue Date of the relevant Tranche of Covered Bonds and 60 days after the date of the allotment of the relevant Tranche of Covered Bonds. Any stabilization action or over-allotment must be conducted by the relevant Stabilizing Manager(s) (or Person(s) acting on behalf of any Stabilizing Manager(s)) in accordance with all applicable laws and rules.

In making an investment decision, investors must rely on their own examination of the Bank and the Guarantor and the terms of the Covered Bonds being offered, including the merits and risks involved.

None of the Dealers, the Bank, the Guarantor or the Bond Trustee makes any representation to any investor in the Covered Bonds regarding the legality of its investment under any applicable laws, rules and regulations. Any investor in any Covered Bonds should be able to bear the economic risk of an investment in the Covered Bonds for an indefinite period of time.

Scotia Capital is the division of the Bank which conducts its wholesale banking activities, including through various subsidiaries.

## U.S. INFORMATION

The Covered Bonds have not been approved or disapproved by the SEC or any other state securities commission or other regulatory authority in the United States, nor have the foregoing authorities approved or disapproved this Prospectus or confirmed the accuracy or adequacy of this Prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The Covered Bonds in bearer form are subject to U.S. tax law requirements and may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or its possessions or to, or for the account or benefit of, United States persons, except in certain transactions permitted by U.S. tax regulations. Terms used in this section have the meanings given to them by the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

To ensure compliance with Treasury Department Circular 230, Covered Bondholders are hereby notified that:

- (a) any discussion of U.S. federal tax issues in this document is not intended or written to be relied upon, and cannot be relied upon, by Covered Bondholders for the purpose of avoiding penalties that may be imposed on Covered Bondholders under the Internal Revenue Code;
- (b) such discussion is included herein by the Bank in connection with the promotion or marketing (within the meaning of Circular 230) by the Bank of the transactions addressed herein; and
- (c) Covered Bondholders should seek advice based on their particular circumstances from an independent tax adviser.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, from the commencement of discussions with respect to any transaction contemplated by this Prospectus, all persons may disclose to any and all persons, without limitation of any kind, the tax treatment and tax structure of any transaction contemplated by this Prospectus and all materials of any kind (including opinions and other tax analysis) that are provided to such persons relating to such tax treatment and tax structure, except to the extent that any such disclosure could reasonably be expected to cause any offering pursuant to the Program not to be in compliance with securities laws.

For purposes of this paragraph, the tax treatment of a transaction is the purported or claimed U.S. federal income tax treatment of that transaction and the tax structure of a transaction is any fact that may be relevant to understanding the purported or claimed U.S. federal income tax treatment of that transaction.

In making an investment decision, investors must rely on their own examination of the Bank and the Guarantor and the terms of the Covered Bonds being offered, including the merits and risks involved.

The Prospectus may be distributed on a confidential basis in the United States to a limited number of QIBs for informational use solely in connection with the consideration of the purchase of the Covered Bonds being offered hereby. Its use for any other purpose in the United States is not authorized. It may not be copied or reproduced in whole or in part nor may it be distributed or any of its contents disclosed to anyone other than the prospective investors to whom it is originally distributed.

Registered Covered Bonds may be offered or sold within the United States or to U.S. persons only to QIBs in transactions exempt from registration under the Securities Act.

Each purchaser or holder of Covered Bonds represented by a Rule 144A Global Covered Bond (as defined herein), or any Covered Bond issued in registered form in exchange or substitution therefor, will be deemed by its acceptance or purchase of any such Covered Bond to have made certain representations and agreements intended to restrict the resale or other transfer of such Covered Bonds as set out in Selling

Restrictions. Unless otherwise stated, terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them in Form of the Covered Bonds.

### AVAILABLE INFORMATION

In addition to the continuous disclosure obligations under the securities laws of the provinces and territories of Canada, the Bank and the Guarantor are subject to the informational reporting requirements of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the **Exchange Act**), and in accordance therewith file reports and other information with the SEC. Under a multijurisdictional disclosure system adopted by the United States and Canada, such reports and other information may be prepared in accordance with the disclosure requirements of the provincial and territorial securities regulatory authorities of Canada, which requirements are different from those of the United States. These reports and other information, when filed or furnished by us in accordance with such requirements, can be inspected and copied by the investors at the SEC's Public Reference Room located at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. The investors can get further information about the SEC's Public Reference Room by calling 1-800-SEC-0330. The Bank's and the Guarantor's filings with the SEC are also available to the public through the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. The Bank's common shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, and reports and other information concerning the Bank can be inspected at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

Additional information with respect to the Bank, the Guarantor, the Portfolio and certain other matters, together with copies of each of the Transaction Documents and the Investor Reports filed by the Bank from time to time, is also available on the Bank's website specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement and through the CMHC's covered bond registry at <http://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/coveredbonds>. Information on or accessible through the Bank's website or the CMHC website do not form part of this Prospectus and should not be relied upon.

To permit compliance with Rule 144A in connection with any resales or other transfers of Covered Bonds, the Bank and Guarantor have undertaken in the Trust Deed to furnish, upon the request of a holder of such Covered Bonds or any beneficial interest therein, to such holder or to a prospective purchaser designated by him, the information required to be delivered under Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act if, at the time of the request, the Bank and Guarantor are neither subject to reporting under Section 13 or 15(d) of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), nor exempt from reporting pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) thereunder. The Bank and Guarantor are Foreign Private Banks under the Exchange Act.

### SERVICE OF PROCESS AND ENFORCEMENT OF CIVIL LIABILITIES

The Bank is a chartered bank under the *Bank Act* (Canada) (the **Bank Act**) and the Guarantor is a limited partnership established under the laws of the Province of Ontario. The majority of the directors of each of the Bank and the Guarantor reside outside the United States and a substantial portion of the assets of each of the Bank and the Guarantor are located outside the United States. As a result, it may not be possible for investors to effect service of process within the United States upon the Bank or the Guarantor, as applicable, or such directors, or to enforce judgments against them obtained in the United States predicated upon civil liabilities of the Bank or the Guarantor, as applicable, or such directors under laws other than those of Canada and England and Wales, including any judgment predicated upon United States federal securities laws.

### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

From time to time, the Bank or the Guarantor may make written or oral forward-looking statements. Statements of this type are included in this Prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in this Prospectus, and may be included in other filings with Canadian securities regulators or the U.S. Securities



and Exchange Commission, or in other communications. All such statements are made pursuant to the "safe harbor" provisions of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and any applicable Canadian securities legislation. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements made in this document, the Management's Discussion and Analysis in the Bank's 2013 Annual Report under the headings "Overview – Outlook", for Group Financial Performance "Outlook", for each business segment "Outlook" and in other statements regarding the Bank's objectives, strategies to achieve those objectives, expected financial results (including those in the area of risk management), and the outlook for the Bank's businesses and for the Canadian, United States and global economies. Such statements are typically identified by words or phrases such as "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "intent," "estimate," "plan," "may increase," "may fluctuate," and similar expressions of future or conditional verbs, such as "will," "should," "would" and "could."

By their very nature, forward-looking statements involve numerous assumptions, inherent risks and uncertainties, both general and specific, and the risk that predictions and other forward-looking statements will not prove to be accurate. Do not unduly rely on forward-looking statements, as a number of important factors, many of which are beyond the control of the Bank and the Guarantor, could cause actual results to differ materially from the estimates and intentions expressed in such forward-looking statements. These factors include, but are not limited to: the economic and financial conditions in Canada and globally; fluctuations in interest rates and currency values; liquidity; significant market volatility and interruptions; the failure of third parties to comply with their obligations to the Bank and its affiliates; the effect of changes in monetary policy; legislative and regulatory developments in Canada and elsewhere, including changes in tax laws; the effect of changes to the Bank's credit ratings; amendments to, and interpretations of, risk-based capital guidelines and reporting instructions and liquidity regulatory guidance; operational and reputational risks; the risk that the Bank's risk management models may not take into account all relevant factors; the accuracy and completeness of information the Bank receives on customers and counterparties; the timely development and introduction of new products and services in receptive markets; the Bank's ability to expand existing distribution channels and to develop and realize revenues from new distribution channels; the Bank's ability to complete and integrate acquisitions and its other growth strategies; changes in accounting policies and methods the Bank uses to report its financial condition and financial performance, including uncertainties associated with critical accounting assumptions and estimates (see "Controls and Accounting Policies – Critical accounting estimates" in the Bank's 2013 Annual Report); the effect of applying future accounting changes (see "Controls and Accounting Policies – Future accounting developments" in the Bank's 2013 Annual Report); global capital markets activity; the Bank's ability to attract and retain key executives; reliance on third parties to provide components of the Bank's business infrastructure; unexpected changes in consumer spending and saving habits; technological developments; fraud by internal or external parties, including the use of new technologies in unprecedented ways to defraud the Bank or its customers; consolidation in the Canadian financial services sector; competition, both from new entrants and established competitors; judicial and regulatory proceedings; acts of God, such as earthquakes and hurricanes; the possible impact of international conflicts and other developments, including terrorist acts and war on terrorism; the effects of disease or illness on local, national or international economies; disruptions to public infrastructure, including transportation, communication, power and water; and the Bank's anticipation of and success in managing the risks implied by the foregoing. A substantial amount of the Bank's business involves making loans or otherwise committing resources to specific companies, industries or countries. Unforeseen events affecting such borrowers, industries or countries could have a material adverse effect on the Bank's financial results, businesses, financial condition or liquidity. These and other factors may cause the Bank's actual performance to differ materially from that contemplated by forward-looking statements. For more information see the "Risk Management" starting on page 60 of the Bank's 2013 Annual Report incorporated herein by reference.

Material economic assumptions underlying the forward-looking statements are contained in the 2013 Annual Report under the headings "Overview – Outlook", as updated in subsequently filed quarterly reports to shareholders; and for each business segment "Outlook". These "Outlook" sections are based on the Bank's views and the actual outcome is uncertain. Readers should consider the above-noted factors when reviewing

these sections. The preceding list of important factors is not exhaustive. When relying on forward-looking statements to make decisions with respect to the Bank and its securities or the Guarantor, investors and others should carefully consider the preceding factors, other uncertainties and potential events. The Bank and the Guarantor do not undertake to update any forward-looking statements, whether written or oral, that may be made from time to time by or on their behalf.

**Please consider carefully the risk factors set out in the sections herein entitled Risk Factors.**

In this Prospectus, all references to "billions" are references to one thousand millions. Due to rounding, the numbers presented throughout this Prospectus may not add up precisely, and percentages may not precisely reflect absolute figures.

All references in this document to **U.S. dollars** and **U.S.\$** are to the currency of the United States of America, to **Sterling** and **£** are to the currency of the United Kingdom, to **euro** and **€** are to the currency introduced at the start of the third stage of European economic and monetary union pursuant to the Treaty establishing the European Community, as amended, and to **\$, Canadian Dollars, Canadian \$, CAD** and **Cdn\$** are to the currency of Canada.

**The Covered Bonds may not be a suitable investment for all investors**

Each of the risks highlighted herein could adversely affect the trading price of any Covered Bonds or the rights of investors under any Covered Bonds and, as a result, investors could lose some or all of their investment. The Bank believes that the factors described herein represent the main risks inherent in investing in Covered Bonds issued under the Program, but the Bank and/or the Guarantor may be unable to pay or deliver the amounts in connection with any Covered Bonds for other reasons and the Bank does not represent that the statements herein regarding the risks of holding any Covered Bonds are exhaustive.

Each potential investor in the Covered Bonds must determine the suitability of that investment in light of its own circumstances. In particular, each potential investor should:

- have sufficient knowledge and experience to make a meaningful evaluation of the Covered Bonds, the merits and risks of investing in the Covered Bonds and the information contained in this Prospectus or incorporated herein by reference or any applicable supplement;
- have access to, and knowledge of, appropriate analytical tools to evaluate, in the context of its particular financial situation, an investment in the Covered Bonds and to assess the impact the Covered Bonds will have on its overall investment portfolio;
- have sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear all of the risks of an investment in the Covered Bonds, including Covered Bonds with principal or interest payable in one or more currencies, or where the currency for principal or interest payments is different from the currency in which the potential investor's financial activities are principally denominated;
- understand thoroughly the terms of the Covered Bonds and be familiar with the behavior of any relevant indices and financial markets; and
- be able to evaluate (either alone or with the help of a financial adviser) possible scenarios for economic, interest rate and other factors that may affect its investment and its ability to bear the applicable risks.

Covered Bonds are complex financial instruments. Sophisticated institutional investors generally do not purchase complex financial instruments as stand-alone investments. They purchase complex financial instruments as a way to reduce risk or enhance yield with an understood, measured, appropriate addition of risk to their overall portfolios. A potential investor should not invest in Covered Bonds which are complex

financial instruments unless it has the expertise (either alone or with a financial adviser) to evaluate how the Covered Bonds will perform under changing conditions, the resulting effect on the value of the Covered Bonds and the impact this investment will have on the potential investor's overall investment portfolio.

In this Prospectus, currency amounts are stated in Canadian Dollars (\$), unless specified otherwise.

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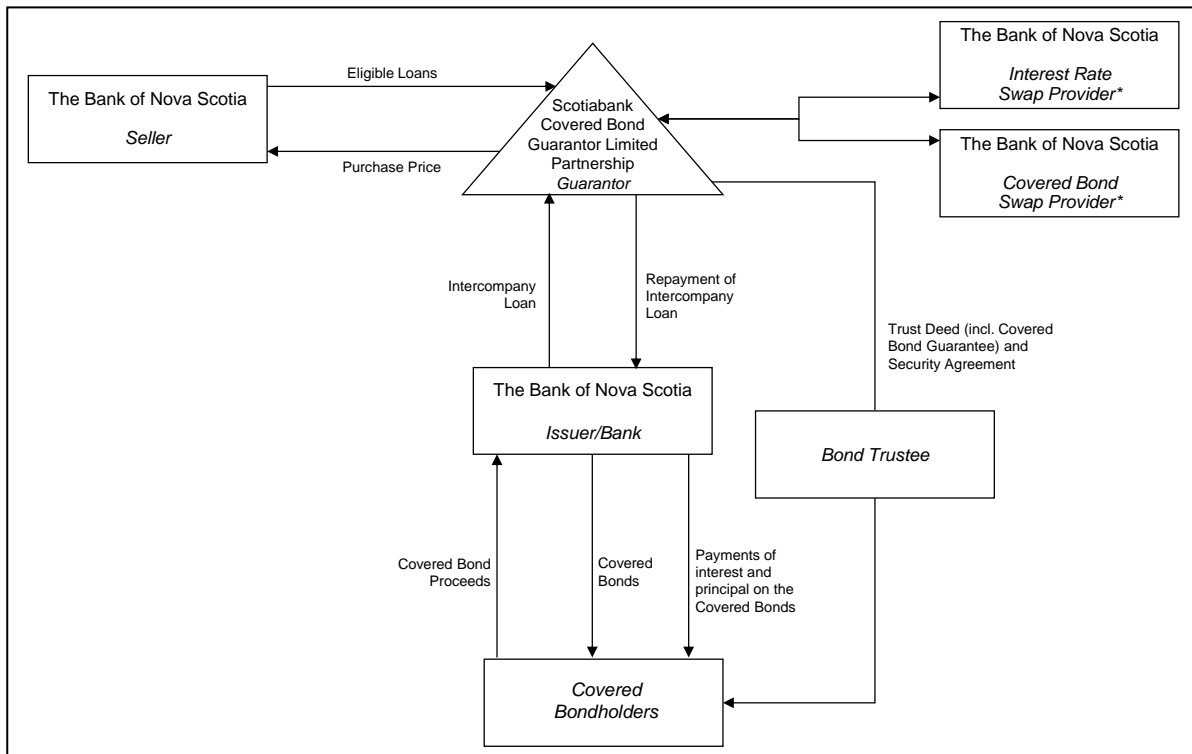
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## STRUCTURE OVERVIEW

*This overview must be read as an introduction to this Prospectus and any decision to invest in any Covered Bonds should be based on a consideration of this Prospectus as a whole, including the documents incorporated herein by reference.*

*The following overview is taken from, and is qualified in its entirety by, the remainder of this Prospectus and, in relation to the terms and conditions of any particular Tranche of Covered Bonds, the Final Terms Document or the Pricing Supplement relevant thereto. Covered Bonds may also be issued in such other form and on such other terms as the Bank may from time to time agree with the relevant Dealers, in which case a supplemental prospectus or stand-alone Prospectus will be made available which will describe the effect of the agreement reached in relation to such Covered Bonds. Words and expressions defined elsewhere in this Prospectus will have the same meanings in this overview. A glossary of certain defined terms is contained at the end of this Prospectus.*

### Structure Diagram



*\*Cashflows under the Interest Rate Swap Agreement and the Covered Bond Swap Agreement will be exchanged only after the Interest Rate Swap Effective Date or the Covered Bond Swap Effective Date, respectively.*

### Structure Overview

- **The Bank of Nova Scotia**

The Bank is a leading multinational financial services provider and Canada's most international bank. With more than 83,000 employees, the Bank and its affiliates serve some 21 million customers in more than 55 countries around the world. The Bank offers a broad range of products and services including personal, commercial, corporate and investment banking.

- **Scotiabank Covered Bond Guarantor Limited Partnership**

The Guarantor is a limited partnership established under the laws of the Province of Ontario whose principal business is to provide a guarantee of the obligations of the Bank pursuant to covered bonds issued by it, from time to time, pursuant to the Bank's Global Registered Covered Bond Program (the **Program**) and certain ancillary activities with respect thereto.

- **The Global Registered Covered Bond Program**

The Bank intends to issue, offer and sell Covered Bonds under the Program outside of the United States or in accordance with Rule 144A pursuant to this Prospectus. These Covered Bonds will be issued under a trust deed governed by Ontario law (the **Trust Deed**). The Bond Trustee acts as the trustee under the Trust Deed. All Series of the Covered Bonds under the Program will have the benefit of the covered bond guarantee (the **Covered Bond Guarantee**) issued by the Guarantor and be secured by a pledge of the Portfolio to the Bond Trustee. The Bank anticipates that it will also issue Covered Bonds by means other than this Prospectus under the Trust Deed from time to time.

On 25 March 2013, the Bank was accepted as a registered issuer under Part I.1 of the National Housing Act (Canada) (the **NHA**) and the CMHC Guide in accordance with their terms and on 22 July 2013, the Program was registered as a registered program under Part I.1 of the NHA and the CMHC Guide. All future Covered Bonds issued by the Bank under the Program will be covered bonds issued under its registered covered bond program pursuant to Part I.1 of the NHA and the CMHC Guide.

The Legislative Framework sets out certain statutory protections for holders of covered bonds under Canadian federal and provincial bankruptcy, insolvency and fraudulent conveyance laws. The CMHC Guide elaborates on the role and powers of CMHC as administrator of the Legislative Framework and sets out the conditions and restrictions applicable to registered covered bond issuers and registered covered bond programs.

- **Portfolio**

The assets in the **Portfolio** consist primarily of first lien Canadian residential mortgage loans and their related security interest in residential property, cash and in some cases certain Substitute Assets up to a certain threshold amount. As required by the CMHC Guide, the Portfolio does not include any residential mortgages that are insured by a Prohibited Insurer such as CMHC.

- **Asset Coverage Test**

An Asset Coverage Test is conducted on the Portfolio on the last day of each calendar month (the **Calculation Date**). The Asset Coverage Test determines whether the assets and cashflows of the Guarantor satisfy the required overcollateralization which is intended to ensure that the Guarantor meets its obligations under the Covered Bond Guarantee following the occurrence of the Covered Bond Guarantee Activation Event. If the Asset Coverage Test is not met on two consecutive Calculation Dates, an Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice will be served to the Guarantor and if 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, will constitute an Issuer Event of Default and entitle the Bond Trustee to serve a Notice to Pay on the Guarantor.

The Bank will use all reasonable efforts to ensure that the Guarantor is in compliance with the Asset Coverage Test which should reduce the risk of there ever being a breach of the Asset Coverage Test although there is no assurance of this result and the sale of Loans and their Related Security by the Seller to the Guarantor, advances under the Intercompany Loan or additional Capital Contributions

by the Limited Partner may be required to avoid or, before or after delivery of an Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice, remedy a breach of the Asset Coverage Test. There is no specific recourse available to the Guarantor in respect of any failure by the Bank to make a Capital Contribution in any circumstances, including following receipt of an Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice. See *Overview of the Principal Documents—Guarantor Agreement—Asset Coverage Test*.

- **Amortization Test**

The Amortization Test is conducted on the Portfolio on each Calculation Date following an Issuer Event of Default that is continuing. The Amortization Test has been structured to determine whether the assets of the Guarantor, including the Loans and their Related Security in the Portfolio, have fallen below the threshold required to ensure that the assets of the Guarantor are sufficient to meet its obligations under the Covered Bond Guarantee following service of a Notice to Pay. A breach of the Amortization Test will constitute a Guarantor Event of Default and will entitle the Bond Trustee to serve a Guarantor Acceleration Notice on the Guarantor. See *Overview of the Principal Documents—Guarantor Agreement—Amortization Test*.

- **Valuation Calculation**

The Guarantor is required to perform the Valuation Calculation to monitor exposure to the volatility to interest rate and currency exchange rates by measuring the present value of the Portfolio relative to the market value of the obligations guaranteed under the Covered Bond Guarantee. However, there is no obligation on the part of the Bank or the Guarantor to take any action in respect of the Valuation Calculation to the extent it shows the market value of the Portfolio is less than the market value of the obligations guaranteed under the Covered Bond Guarantee. See *Overview of the Principal Documents—Guarantor Agreement—Valuation Calculation*.

- **Global Public Sector Covered Bond Program**

The Bank has previously issued the equivalent of approximately \$15.79 billion of covered bonds in multiple currencies both outside and in the United States utilizing Regulation S and Rule 144A under the Bank's Global Public Sector Covered Bond Program backed by mortgage loans insured by CMHC. \$13.19 billion of these covered bonds remain outstanding as of the date of this Prospectus, and such covered bonds are guaranteed by a different guarantor entity and are secured by a different cover pool. The covered bonds outstanding under the Bank's Global Public Sector Covered Bond Program do not benefit from the statutory protections afforded by the Legislative Framework, and such program is not subject to CMHC administration.

- **The Covered Bond Guarantee**

Pursuant to the Covered Bond Guarantee, the Guarantor has irrevocably and unconditionally guaranteed the due and punctual payment of the Guaranteed Amounts on the Covered Bonds of each Series issued by the Bank in accordance with the Trust Deed.

- **Program Structure Overview**

The Covered Bond Guarantee is secured by a pledge of certain assets of the Guarantor, which includes the Portfolio, to the Bond Trustee pursuant to the terms of the Security Agreement. The Guarantor purchased the initial Loans and their Related Security included in the Portfolio from the Bank using amounts borrowed from the Bank under the Intercompany Loan. Proceeds from the Intercompany Loan may also be used to purchase additional Loans and their Related Security for the Portfolio and for other purposes as described in *Overview of the Principal Documents—Mortgage Sale Agreement*. The Guarantor and the Bank will enter a Covered Bond Swap Agreement in respect of which the Guarantor and the Bank will enter into a new confirmation for each Series of Covered

Bonds that are issued by the Bank, and an Interest Rate Swap Agreement. Following the Interest Rate Swap Effective Date, the Interest Rate Swap Agreement converts interest received on the Portfolio to an amount in excess of the interest rate payable on the Intercompany Loan and, for each Series, the Covered Bond Swap Agreement converts a certain portion of the Canadian Dollar payments from the Interest Rate Swap Agreement (or if not then in place for any reason, the Portfolio) to the currency and interest amounts payable on the related Covered Bonds. No cash flows will be exchanged under either of the Swap Agreements until after the occurrence of certain specified events.

- **Risk Factors**

An investment in the Covered Bonds involves risks. Investors should carefully consider all of the information set forth in this Prospectus and any applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement and, in particular, should evaluate the specific factors set forth below under *Risk Factors* in deciding whether to invest in the Covered Bonds. For a discussion of important business and financial risks relating to the Bank, please see the Bank's 2012 Annual Report, which is incorporated in this Prospectus by reference (and in any of the Bank's annual or quarterly reports for a subsequent financial period that are so incorporated).

- **Corporate Offices**

The Bank's executive offices are located at Scotia Plaza, 44 King Street West, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5H 1H1 and the head office is located at 1709 Hollis Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada B3J 3B7. The telephone number is (416) 866-3672.

The Guarantor's address is 100 King Street West, Suite 6600, 1 First Canadian Place, Toronto, Ontario, M5X 1B8. The telephone number is (416) 866-3672.



## **RISK FACTORS**

The Bank and the Guarantor believe that the following factors may affect their ability to fulfill their respective obligations under the Covered Bonds. All of these factors are contingencies which may or may not occur and neither the Bank nor the Guarantor is in a position to express a view on the likelihood of any such contingency occurring.

This section of the Prospectus is divided into the following main sections: Risks relating to the Covered Bonds Generally; Reliance on certain transaction parties; Risks relating to the Portfolio; Risks relating to the Guarantor; Currency risks and risks related to Swap Agreements; Industry Factors; Risks related to the structure of a particular issue of Covered Bonds; Program related legal and regulatory risks.

Any investment in the Covered Bonds issued under the Program will involve risks including those described in this section. All principal and material risks in relation to the Bank, the Guarantor and any investment in the Covered Bonds are included in this section. The risks and uncertainties described below are not the only risks and uncertainties that the Bank and the Guarantor may face. Additional risks and uncertainties that the Bank and Guarantor are unaware of, or that they currently deem to be immaterial, may also become important risk factors that affect them. Prospective investors should carefully consider the following discussion of the risk factors and other information in this Prospectus before deciding whether an investment in the Covered Bonds is suitable for them.

### **Risks Relating to the Covered Bonds Generally**

#### ***The Covered Bonds will constitute unsecured and uninsured deposit obligations of the Bank***

The Covered Bonds will constitute deposit liabilities of the Bank for purposes of the Bank Act, however the 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 Bank and rank *pari passu* with all deposit liabilities of the Bank without any preference among themselves and at least *pari passu* with all other unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the Bank, present and future, except as prescribed by law and in certain limited circumstances described in Conditions 9.1 (Issuer Events of Default) and 14 (Meetings of Covered Bondholders, Modification, Waiver and Substitution). If the Bank enters into any bankruptcy, liquidation, rehabilitation or other winding-up proceedings and there is a default in payment under any of the Bank's secured or unsecured indebtedness or if there is an acceleration of any of the Bank's indebtedness, the value of the Covered Bonds may decline. Further, the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default alone does not constitute a Guarantor Event of Default and does not entitle the Bond Trustee to accelerate payment of the Guaranteed Amounts. The Guarantor has no obligation to pay the Guaranteed Amounts payable under the Covered Bond Guarantee until service on the Guarantor of (i) a Notice to Pay following service of an Issuer Acceleration Notice on the Bank following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, or (ii) a Guarantor Acceleration Notice following the occurrence of a Guarantor Event of Default. However, failure by the Guarantor to pay amounts when Due for Payment under the Covered Bond Guarantee constitutes a Guarantor Event of Default (subject to any applicable grace periods) and following service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice, the Covered Bonds will become immediately due and payable against the Bank and the obligations of the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee will be accelerated.

#### ***The Covered Bonds are obligations of the Bank and the Guarantor only and do not extend to any of their affiliates or the parties to the Program, including the Bond Trustee***

The payment obligations in relation to the Covered Bonds will be solely obligations of the Bank and, subject to the terms of the Covered Bond Guarantee, obligations of the Guarantor. Accordingly, the payment obligations under the Covered Bonds will not be obligations of, or guaranteed by, any other affiliate of the Bank. In particular, the Covered Bonds will not be obligations of, and will not be guaranteed by, any of the

Arrangers, the Dealers, the Bond Trustee, the Cash Manager, the Custodian, any Swap Provider, any of their agents, any company in the same group of companies as such entities or any other party to the Transaction Documents relating to the Program. Any failure by the Bank or the Guarantor to pay any amount due under the Covered Bonds will not result in any liability whatsoever in respect of such failure being accepted by any of the Arrangers, any of the Dealers, the Bond Trustee, the Custodian, any Swap Provider, any of their agents, the Partners, any company in the same group of companies as such entities or any other party to the Transaction Documents relating to the Program.

***The obligations under the Covered Bond Guarantee may be subject to an Extended Due for Payment Date and payment on the Final Redemption Amount may be deferred beyond the Final Maturity Date***

The Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement for a Series of Covered Bonds may specify that they are subject to an Extended Due for Payment Date. If specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement, in circumstances where neither the Bank nor the Guarantor has sufficient funds available to pay in full the Final Redemption Amount due on a Series of Covered Bonds on the relevant Final Maturity Date or within the relevant grace period, then the Final Maturity Date of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds may be deferred to an Extended Due for Payment Date. If payment has been deferred as discussed below, failure by the Guarantor to make payment in respect of all or any portion of the Final Redemption Amount on the Final Maturity Date (or such later date within any applicable grace period) will not constitute a Guarantor Event of Default.

If and to the extent that the Guarantor has sufficient funds available to partially redeem the relevant Series of Covered Bonds, either on the Final Maturity Date or on the applicable Original Due for Payment Dates for that Series of Covered Bonds up to and including the Extended Due for Payment Date, then (assuming that the Guarantor Acceleration Notice and Notice to Pay for the relevant amount have been served to the Guarantor within the relevant timeframes) the Guarantor will make such partial redemption in accordance with the Guarantee Priority of Payments and as described in Condition 6.1 (Final redemption).

Interest will continue to accrue and be payable on the unpaid amount of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds in accordance with Condition 4 (Interest) and at the rate of interest specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement and the Guarantor will pay Guaranteed Amounts constituting Scheduled Interest on each Original Due for Payment Date and the Extended Due for Payment Date.

Failure by the Guarantor to pay Guaranteed Amounts corresponding to the unpaid portion of the Final Redemption Amount or the balance thereof, as the case may be, on the Extended Due for Payment Date and/or pay Guaranteed Amounts constituting Scheduled Interest on any Original Due for Payment Date or the Extended Due for Payment Date will in each case (subject to any applicable grace period) constitute a Guarantor Event of Default.

***Covered Bonds issued under the Program will rank pari passu with each other and will accelerate at the same time***

Covered Bonds issued under the Program (except for the first issue of the Covered Bonds) will either be fungible with an existing Series of Covered Bonds or have different terms from an existing Series of Covered Bonds (in which case they will constitute a new Series). The Bank may also issue Covered Bonds which are not admitted to trading on the regulated market of the London Stock Exchange (which Covered Bonds, for the avoidance of doubt, do not form part of this Prospectus and will not be issued pursuant to this Prospectus) (**Exempt Covered Bonds**). All Covered Bonds issued under the Program from time to time will rank *pari passu* with each other in all respects and, as obligations of the Bank, *pari passu* with Covered Bonds issued previously under the Bank's Global Public Sector Covered Bond Program. Following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default and service by the Bond Trustee of an Issuer Acceleration Notice, all outstanding Covered Bonds issued under the Program will accelerate against the Bank but will be subject to, and have the benefit of, the Guaranteed Amounts under the Covered Bond Guarantee (following a Notice to Pay having been served by the Bond Trustee on the Guarantor).

Following the occurrence of a Guarantor Event of Default and service by the Bond Trustee of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice, all outstanding Covered Bonds will accelerate against the Bank (if not already accelerated following service of an Issuer Acceleration Notice) and the obligations of the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee will accelerate.

All Covered Bonds issued under the Program will share *pari passu* in the Security granted by the Guarantor under the Security Agreement on a *pro rata* basis. Accordingly, the holders of each Series of Covered Bonds issued under the Program will be required to share recovery proceeds from the Security with all other holders of each other Series of the Covered Bonds issued under the Program on a *pro rata* and *pari passu* basis. However, holders of Covered Bonds issued under the Program will not share in the security granted under the Bank's Global Public Sector Covered Bond Program, which is guaranteed by a different guarantor entity and secured by a different pool. The covered bonds outstanding under the Bank's Global Public Sector Covered Bond Program do not benefit from the statutory protections afforded by the Legislative Framework, and such program is not subject to CMHC administration.

***Credit ratings assigned to the Covered Bonds may not reflect all risks***

The credit ratings assigned to the Covered Bonds may not reflect the potential impact of all risks related to structure, market, and other factors that may affect the value of the Covered Bonds. The ratings assigned to the Covered Bonds with respect to Fitch address the following: the likelihood of full and timely payment to Covered Bondholders of all payments of interest on each Interest Payment Date; and the likelihood of ultimate payment of principal in relation to Covered Bonds on (a) their applicable Final Maturity Date, or (b) if the Covered Bonds are subject to an Extended Due for Payment Date in respect of the Covered Bond Guarantee in accordance with the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement, the applicable Extended Due for Payment Date. With respect to DBRS Limited and its successors (**DBRS**), the ratings assigned to the Covered Bonds address the risk that the Bank will fail to satisfy its financial obligations in accordance with the terms under which the Covered Bonds have been issued and are based on quantitative and qualitative considerations relating to the Bank and the relevant ranking of claims. With respect to Moody's, the ratings assigned to the Covered Bonds address the expected loss posed to investors.

Any Rating Agency may lower or withdraw its credit rating if, in the sole judgment of the Rating Agency, the credit quality of the Covered Bonds has declined or is in question. If any rating assigned to the Covered Bonds is lowered or withdrawn, the market value of the Covered Bonds may be reduced. A downgrade or potential downgrade of these ratings, the assignment of new ratings that are lower than existing ratings, or a downgrade or potential downgrade of the ratings assigned to the Bank or any other securities of the Bank could reduce the number of potential investors in the Covered Bonds and adversely affect the price and liquidity of the Covered Bonds. A rating is based upon information furnished by the Bank or obtained by the rating agency from its own sources and is subject to revision, suspension or withdrawal by the rating agency at any time. A credit rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision, suspension or withdrawal at any time.

***Modifications, waivers and substitution under the Covered Bonds may, in certain circumstances, be made without consent of the Covered Bondholders***

The Terms and Conditions contain provisions for calling meetings of Covered Bondholders to consider matters affecting their interests generally. These provisions permit defined majorities to bind all Covered Bondholders including Covered Bondholders who did not attend and vote at the relevant meeting and Covered Bondholders who voted in a manner contrary to the majority. Except to the extent the Trust Indenture Act applies, an individual Covered Bondholder may not be in a position to affect the outcome of the resolutions adopted by the meetings of Covered Bondholders.

The Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds also provide that the Bond Trustee may, without the consent of Covered Bondholders, (a) agree to any modification, waiver or authorization, of any breach, or proposed breach, of any of the provisions of the Covered Bonds, (b) determine that any Issuer Event of

Default or Guarantor Event of Default will not be treated as such, (c) agree to the substitution of another company as principal debtor under any Covered Bonds in place of the Bank or the Guarantor or (d) agree to any modification which is of a formal, minor or technical nature or to correct a manifest error or an error which, in the opinion of the Bond Trustee, is proven, in the circumstances described in Condition 14 (Meetings of Covered Bondholders, Modification, Waiver and Substitution). The Covered Bondholders will not be in a position to give instructions to the Bond Trustee in relation to the matters set out above.

***The Guarantor's ability to make payments under the Covered Bond Guarantee will depend primarily on the Portfolio***

The Guarantor's ability to meet its obligations under the Covered Bond Guarantee will depend primarily on the realizable value of Loans and Substitute Assets in the Portfolio, the amount of Revenue Receipts and Principal Receipts generated by the Portfolio and the timing thereof, amounts received from, and payable to, the Swap Providers and the receipt by it of credit balances and interest on credit balances in the GDA Account and the other Guarantor Accounts. The Guarantor will not have any other sources of funds available to meet its obligations under the Covered Bond Guarantee. In addition, the Security granted pursuant to the Security Agreement may not be sufficient to meet the claims of all the Secured Creditors, including the Covered Bondholders. Following enforcement of the Security, Secured Creditors may still have an unsecured claim against the Bank for the deficiency, which will rank *pari passu* with the other deposit obligations of the Bank. However, there can be no assurance that the Bank will have sufficient funds to pay that shortfall.

***If there is a call on the Covered Bond Guarantee, the claims of Covered Bondholders will be limited to the Guarantor's available funds from time to time, which may be limited due to a lack of liquidity in respect of the Portfolio***

If there is a call on the Covered Bond Guarantee and sale of the Portfolio, the proceeds from the sale of the Portfolio will depend on market conditions at the time of sale. If market conditions are unfavorable, the sale of the Portfolio may result in proceeds that are less than the amount due on the Covered Bonds. Furthermore, the maturities of the Loans in the Portfolio may not match those of the Covered Bonds which may require the Guarantor to sell Loans in order to pay principal on those Covered Bonds. Any such sale of Loans exposes investors to market risk, as the then current market value of the Loans may be less than the principal amount on the Covered Bonds. In addition, should an Issuer Event of Default or other Registered Title Event occur, there may be a delay in any and all borrowers switching payments to the new Servicer or the Guarantor.

***There is no tax gross-up under the Covered Bond Guarantee***

All payments of principal and interest in respect of the Covered Bonds will be made by the Bank without withholding or deduction for, or on account of, taxes imposed by any governmental or other taxing authority (subject to customary exceptions), unless such withholding or deduction is required by law. In the event that any such withholding or deduction is imposed by a tax jurisdiction specified under the Terms and Conditions, the Bank will, save in certain limited circumstances provided in the Terms and Conditions, be required to pay additional amounts to cover the amounts so deducted. By contrast, under the terms of the Covered Bond Guarantee, the Guarantor will not be liable to pay any such additional amounts payable by the Bank under the Terms and Conditions, or to pay any additional amounts in respect of any amount withheld or deducted for, or on account of, taxes from a payment by the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee.

***The Guarantor may not be able to sell Loans prior to maturity of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds upon a breach of the Pre-Maturity Test or upon an Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice or Notice to Pay***

Upon the breach of the Pre-Maturity Test and unless the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Required Amount is otherwise fully funded from Capital Contributions, the Guarantor is obligated to sell Selected Loans (selected on a random basis) to a purchaser in order to generate sufficient cash to enable the Guarantor to pay

the Final Redemption Amount on any Hard Bullet Covered Bond in the event that the Bank fails to pay that amount on the relevant Final Maturity Date. If an Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice or a Notice to Pay is served to the Guarantor, the Guarantor may be obliged to sell Selected Loans (selected on a random basis) in order to remedy a breach of the Asset Coverage Test or to make payments to the Guarantor's creditors, including payments under the Covered Bond Guarantee, as appropriate. There is no guarantee that a purchaser will be found to acquire Selected Loans at the times required and there can be no guarantee or assurance as to the price which may be obtained, which may affect the ability of the Guarantor to make payments under the Covered Bond Guarantee.

In addition, the Guarantor will not be permitted to give representations and warranties or indemnities for those Selected Loans. There is no obligation for the Seller to give, and no assurance that the Seller would give, any representations and warranties or indemnities in respect of the Selected Loans. Any representations or warranties or indemnities previously given by the Seller in respect of Loans in the Portfolio may not have value for a purchaser if the Seller is then insolvent. Accordingly, there is a risk that the realizable value of the Selected Loans could be adversely affected by the lack of representations, warranties or indemnities which in turn could adversely affect the ability of the Guarantor to meet its obligations under the Covered Bond Guarantee.

The Bond Trustee will not be required to release the Loans and their Related Security from the Security pursuant to any sale and purchase agreement with respect to the sale of Selected Loans unless (i) the Bond Trustee has provided its prior written consent to the terms of such sale in accordance with the Guarantor Agreement, and (ii) the Guarantor has provided a certificate to the Bond Trustee that such sale of Loans and their Related Security has been made in accordance with the terms of the Transaction Documents. See *Overview of the Principal Documents—Security Agreement—Release of Security* below.

***Later maturing Covered Bonds may not be paid in full or at all under the Covered Bond Guarantee as Portfolio assets are not segregated by different Series of Covered Bonds and will be used to repay earlier maturing Covered Bonds first***

Although each Series of Covered Bonds will rank *pari passu* with all other Series of Covered Bonds issued under the Program, each Series of Covered Bonds may not necessarily have the same Final Maturity Date. As Portfolio assets are not segregated in relation to each Series of Covered Bonds and will be used to repay earlier maturing Covered Bonds first, there is a risk that later maturing Covered Bonds will not be paid in full (or at all) under the Covered Bond Guarantee. The Amortization Test may not mitigate this risk. A breach of the Amortization Test will occur if the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of all Covered Bonds issued under the Program is greater than the aggregate value of the Portfolio's assets. Upon the occurrence of a breach of the Amortization Test, a Guarantor Event of Default will also occur which will (subject to the Terms and Conditions) lead to the service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice on the Guarantor and the acceleration of the obligations under the Covered Bond Guarantee in relation to all Covered Bonds then outstanding (hence any further timing subordination will cease to exist). There is however no guarantee that the remaining Portfolio assets will be sufficient to meet the claims of the remaining Covered Bondholders under the Covered Bond Guarantee in full.

**Reliance on certain transaction parties**

***The Guarantor and the Covered Bondholders place significant reliance on the Bank in connection with the multiple roles of the Bank under the Transaction Documents and such reliance may give rise to conflicts of interest***

The Guarantor and the Covered Bondholders place significant reliance on the Bank in connection with the servicing of the Loans in the Portfolio, as well as for the Guarantor's administration and funding. In particular, the Bank performs the initial roles of (a) Cash Manager, (b) Servicer, (c) GDA Provider, (d) Swap Provider, (e) Intercompany Loan Provider, and (f) Calculation Agent. The Bank holds substantially all of the interests in the Guarantor and is the sole shareholder of the initial Managing GP. Prior to the occurrence of a

Managing GP Default Event, subject to the occurrence of certain events, the Bank has the ability to control the Guarantor through its control of the initial Managing GP. The Bank, under the Servicing Agreement, will be responsible for servicing and administering the Loans and their Related Security. Furthermore, the Bank, as the Seller of assets to the Portfolio, (a) has considerable discretion to substitute Portfolio assets during the course of the Program and can generate and store the data and documentation relating to the Portfolio assets underlying the transfer, retransfer and servicing of the Loans and the Related Security, which data is also provided to third parties in their respective functions under the Program, and (b) is obligated in certain circumstances to repurchase Loans and their Related Security from the Guarantor. See *Overview of the Principal Documents—Mortgage Sale Agreement—Repurchase of Loans*.

The Bank, as Cash Manager, has, (a) prior to the earlier of (i) its credit rating falling below any of the threshold ratings of (x) P-1 (in respect of Moody's), (y) BBB+ and F2 (in respect of Fitch), and (z) BBB (low) (in respect of DBRS), as applicable, of the unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations (or in the case of Fitch, the issuer default rating) of the Cash Manager by the Rating Agencies (the **Cash Manager Required Ratings**) or (ii) the occurrence of a Cash Manager Termination Event, unrestricted access to the funds standing to the credit accounts of the Guarantor, and (b) the obligation to identify Non-Performing Eligible Loans for purposes of performing the Asset Coverage Test, the Amortization Test and the Valuation Calculation from time to time. The Guarantor is also reliant on the Swap Providers to provide it with the funds matching its obligations under advances and the Covered Bond Guarantee. In view of these multiple roles of the Bank, such reliance may give rise to a wide variety of substantial conflicts of interests. The Bank will have significant influence over important services required to maintain the Program and provided to the Guarantor, which may conflict with the interests of the Guarantor and holders of the Covered Bonds. This influence could adversely affect the Program and value of the Covered Bonds. If the Bank does not adequately perform or withdraws from performing such services for the Guarantor or if there are disputes between the Bank and the Guarantor, the Guarantor's performance of its obligations could be affected. There can be no assurance that the conflicts of interest described above will not have a material adverse effect on the Guarantor's performance of its payment and other obligations and/or on the Covered Bondholders.

Further, the Bond Trustee is not obliged under any circumstances to act as a Servicer, as Cash Manager or as any other third party on which the Guarantor relies, or to monitor the performance of any obligations of any third parties under any relevant agreement.

### ***Reliance on Swap Providers***

The Guarantor will enter into the Interest Rate Swap Agreement with the Interest Rate Swap Provider to provide a hedge, following the Interest Rate Swap Effective Date, against possible variances in the rates of interest payable on the Loans in the Portfolio (which may, for instance, include variable rates of interest or fixed rates of interest), the amounts payable on the Intercompany Loan and (following the Covered Bond Swap Effective Date) the Covered Bond Swap Agreement. To provide a hedge against currency risks arising, following the Covered Bond Swap Effective Date, in respect of amounts received by the Guarantor under the Interest Rate Swap Agreement and amounts payable in respect of its obligations under the Covered Bond Guarantee, the Guarantor will enter into the Covered Bond Swap Agreement with the Covered Bond Swap Provider.

If the Guarantor fails to make timely payments of amounts due under any Swap Agreement (except where such failure is caused by the funds available to the Guarantor being insufficient to make the required payment in full), then it will have defaulted under that Swap Agreement and such Swap Agreement may be terminated. Further, a Swap Provider is only obliged to make payments to the Guarantor as long as and to the extent that the Guarantor complies with its payment obligations. The Guarantor will not be in breach of its payment obligations where the Guarantor fails to pay a required payment in full, provided such non-payment is caused by the funds of the Guarantor being insufficient to make such payment in full under the relevant Swap Agreement. If a Swap Agreement terminates or the Swap Provider is not obliged to make payments or if it defaults in its obligations to make payments of amounts (including in the relevant currency, if

applicable) to the Guarantor on the payment date under the relevant Swap Agreement, the Guarantor will be exposed to changes in the relevant currency exchange rates to Canadian dollars and to any changes in the relevant rates of interest. Unless a replacement Swap Agreement is entered into, the Guarantor may have insufficient funds to meet its obligations under the Covered Bond Guarantee.

If a Swap Agreement terminates, the Guarantor may be obliged to make a termination payment in an amount related to the mark to market value of such Swap Agreement to the relevant Swap Provider. There can be no assurance that the Guarantor will have sufficient funds available to make such termination payment under the relevant Swap Agreement, nor can there be any assurance that the Guarantor will be able to find a replacement swap counterparty which (i) agrees to enter into a replacement swap agreement on substantially the same terms as the terminated swap agreement, and (ii) has sufficiently high ratings to prevent a downgrade of the then current ratings of the Covered Bonds by any one of the Rating Agencies.

The obligation to pay a termination payment may reduce the funds available to the Guarantor, which may adversely affect the ability of the Guarantor to meet its obligations under the Covered Bond Guarantee. Additionally, the failure of the Guarantor to receive a termination payment from the relevant Swap Provider may reduce the funds available to the Guarantor, which may adversely affect the ability of the Guarantor to meet its obligations under the Covered Bond Guarantee.

***Replacement of the Bank as services provider may not be found on acceptable terms or within an acceptable time period and the ability of the Guarantor to perform its obligations may be impaired***

As noted above, the Bank performs a number of initial roles. In addition, the Bank will, as Servicer of the Loans and Related Security, continue to service and administer the Loans and Related Security until revocation of the relevant authority by the Guarantor.

In certain circumstances, the Bank is required to be replaced as provider of these services, for instance if it ceases to have the requisite minimum rating (and it is unable to take other mitigating steps), or if an Issuer Event of Default occurs in relation to the Bank. If the Bank is replaced as Cash Manager, then the Guarantor will be obliged to procure that the funds in the Guarantor's accounts deposited with the Bank are transferred to a newly opened account with a replacement Cash Manager that meets the Cash Manager Required Ratings. See *Overview of the Principal Documents—Cash Management Agreement*.

There is no certainty that a relevant replacement third party services provider/counterparty could be found who would be willing to enter into the relevant agreement with the Guarantor. The ability of that servicer/counterparty to perform fully its services would depend in part on the information, software and records which are then available to it. In addition, the replacement servicer may be required to acquire or develop new servicing systems or platforms, which may require substantial time and expense to implement. There can be no assurance that the Guarantor will be able to enter into such replacement agreements and transactions on acceptable terms and within a time period which will ensure uninterrupted payments of amounts due by the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee (if called). Moreover, any entity appointed as Servicer would not become bound by the Bank's obligations under the Mortgage Sale Agreement.

In the event that any of the Cash Manager, the Account Bank, the Servicer, a Swap Provider, the Custodian or other relevant party providing services to the Guarantor under the Transaction Documents fails to perform its obligations or the Guarantor is unable to replace such service providers, in a timely manner, the Guarantor's ability to perform its payment and other obligations may be compromised. Furthermore, any delay or inability to appoint a suitable replacement Servicer may have an impact on the realizable value of the Portfolio's assets.

Depending on market conditions and the existence of a potential replacement Swap Provider with the required ratings and other applicable characteristics, the Guarantor may not be able to enter into replacement swaps if the Bank is required to be replaced as Swap Provider. If no such replacement swaps are executed, an investor in the relevant Covered Bonds will be exposed to the interest rate and currency risks that were

otherwise hedged by the relevant swaps prior to their termination. Such exposure may result in a reduction of the amounts available to be paid on the Covered Bonds.

In addition, should the applicable criteria (other than ratings requirements which, if not satisfied, will require the replacement of the Bank unless the Guarantor is Independently Controlled and Governed) cease to be satisfied, the parties to the relevant Transaction Document may agree to amend or waive certain of the terms of such document, including the applicable criteria, in order to avoid the need for a replacement entity to be appointed. Although in certain circumstances the consent of the Bond Trustee and satisfaction of the Rating Agency Condition may be required, the consent of Covered Bondholders may not be required in relation to such amendments and/or waivers.

Further, the Bank will act in its own interests under the Program which may be adverse to the investors' interests as a holder of the Covered Bonds. See—*Program related legal and regulatory risks—The Bank will act in its own interest in connection with the Program, and such actions may not be in the best interests of, and may be detrimental to, the holders of Covered Bonds.*

### ***Bankruptcy or Insolvency Risk***

The assignments of the Portfolio assets from the Seller to the Guarantor pursuant to the terms of the Mortgage Sale Agreement are intended by the Seller and the Guarantor to be and have been documented as sales for legal purposes. As the subject of a legal sale, the Portfolio assets would not form part of the assets of the Bank available for distribution to the creditors of the Bank. However, if the Seller or the Guarantor were to become bankrupt or otherwise subject to insolvency, winding-up, receivership and/or restructuring proceedings, the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (the **Superintendent**), appointed pursuant to the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Act (Canada), Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation, appointed as receiver pursuant to the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation Act (Canada), or any liquidator or other stakeholder of the Seller, could attempt to re-characterize the sale of the Portfolio assets as a loan from the Guarantor to the Seller secured by the Portfolio assets, to challenge the sale under the fraudulent transfer or similar provisions of the Winding-up and Restructuring Act (Canada) (**WURA**) or other applicable laws or to consolidate the assets of the Seller with the assets of the Guarantor. In this regard, the Transaction Documents contain restrictions on the Seller and the Guarantor intended to reduce the possibility that a Canadian court would order consolidation of the assets and liabilities of the Seller and the Guarantor given, among other things, current jurisprudence on the matter. Further, the Legislative Framework contains provisions that will limit the application of the laws of Canada and the provinces and territories relating to bankruptcy, insolvency and fraudulent conveyance to the assignments of the Portfolio assets from the Seller to the Guarantor. Nonetheless, any attempt to challenge the transaction or to consolidate the assets of the Seller with the assets of the Guarantor, even if unsuccessful, could result in a delay or reduction of collections on the Portfolio assets available to the Guarantor to meet its obligations under the Covered Bond Guarantee, which could prevent timely or ultimate payment of amounts due to the Guarantor, and consequently, the holders of the Covered Bonds.

The interests of the Guarantor may be subordinate to statutory deemed trusts and other non-consensual liens, trusts and claims created or imposed by statute or rule of law on the property of the Seller arising prior to the time that the Portfolio assets are transferred to the Guarantor, which may reduce the amounts that may be available to the Guarantor and, consequently, the holders of the Covered Bonds. The Guarantor will not, at the time of sale, give notice to borrowers of the transfer to the Guarantor of the Portfolio assets or the grant of a security interest therein to the Bond Trustee. However, under the Mortgage Sale Agreement, the Seller will warrant that the Portfolio assets have been or will be transferred to the Guarantor free and clear of the security interest or lien of any third party claiming an interest therein, through or under the Seller, other than certain permitted security interests. The Guarantor will warrant and covenant that it has not taken and will not take any action to encumber or create any security interests or other liens in any of the property of the Guarantor, except for the security interest granted to the Bond Trustee and except as permitted under the Transaction Documents.



Amounts that are on deposit from time to time in the Guarantor Accounts may be invested in certain permitted investments pursuant to the Transaction Documents. In the event of the liquidation, insolvency, receivership or administration of any entity with which an investment of the Guarantor is made (such as pursuant to the Guaranteed Deposit Account Contract or the Standby Guaranteed Deposit Account Contract) or which is an issuer, obligor or guarantor of any investment, the ability of the Guarantor to enforce its rights to any such investments and the ability of the Guarantor to make payments to holders of the Covered Bonds in a timely manner may be adversely affected and may result in a loss on the Covered Bonds. In order to reduce this risk, these investments must satisfy certain criteria.

Payments of interest and principal on the Covered Bonds are subordinate to certain payments (including payments for certain services provided to the Guarantor), taxes and the reimbursement of all costs, charges and expenses of and incidental to the enforcement of the Trust Deed and the other Transaction Documents to which the Bond Trustee is a party, including the appointment of a receiver in respect of the Portfolio assets (including legal fees and disbursements) and the exercise by the receiver or the Bond Trustee of all or any of the powers granted to them under the Trust Deed and the other Transaction Documents to which the Bond Trustee is a party, and the reasonable remuneration of such receiver or any agent or employee of such receiver or any agent of the Bond Trustee and all reasonable costs, charges and expenses properly incurred by such receiver or the Bond Trustee in exercising their power. These amounts could increase, especially in adverse circumstances such as the occurrence of a Guarantor Event of Default, the insolvency of the Bank or the Guarantor or a Servicer Termination Event. If after the insolvency of the Bank such expenses or the costs of a receiver or the Bond Trustee become too great, payments of interest on and principal of the Covered Bonds may be reduced or delayed.

The ability of the Bond Trustee (for itself and on behalf of the other Secured Creditors) to exercise remedies in respect of the Covered Bonds and the Covered Bond Guarantee and to enforce the security granted to it pursuant to the terms of the Security Agreement is subject to the bankruptcy and insolvency laws of Canada. The Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act (Canada) (**BIA**) and the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (Canada) (**CCAA**) both provide regimes pursuant to which debtor companies are entitled to seek temporary relief from their creditors. The BIA applies to limited partnerships. In addition, Canadian jurisprudence makes it clear that both the BIA and the CCAA can apply to limited partnerships. Further, it is a possibility that a liquidator or receiver of the Seller, another creditor of the Guarantor or the Superintendent could seek the court appointment of a receiver of the Guarantor or a winding-up of the Guarantor, or might commence involuntary bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings against the Guarantor under the BIA or the CCAA.

If the Guarantor or Bank, including as Seller and initial Servicer, voluntarily or involuntarily becomes subject to bankruptcy, insolvency or winding-up proceedings including pursuant to the BIA, the CCAA or the WURA or if a receiver is appointed over the Bank or the Guarantor, notwithstanding the protective provisions of the Legislative Framework, this may delay or otherwise impair the exercise of rights or any realization by the Bond Trustee (for itself and on behalf of the other Secured Creditors) under the Covered Bonds, the Covered Bond Guarantee and/or the Security Agreement and/or impair the ability of the Guarantor or Bond Trustee to trace and recover any funds which the Servicer has commingled with any other funds held by it prior to such funds being paid into the GDA Account. In the event of a Servicer Termination Event as a result of the insolvency of the Bank, the right of the Guarantor to appoint a successor Servicer may be stayed or prevented.

### **Risks relating to the Portfolio**

***When realizing assets of the Portfolio following the occurrence of a Guarantor Event of Default, the proceeds may be insufficient to repay all amounts due to Covered Bondholders***

All Guaranteed Amounts will immediately become due and payable following the occurrence of a Guarantor Event of Default and the service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice on the Guarantor. At such time, the Bond Trustee will then be entitled to liquidate the Portfolio and otherwise enforce assets under the Portfolio in accordance with, and subject to, the provisions of the Security Agreement. The enforcement proceeds

thereof may be used to make payments to the Guarantor's creditors, including payments under the Covered Bond Guarantee in accordance with the Post-Enforcement Priority of Payments, described below in *Cashflows*. However, there is no guarantee that the proceeds of enforcement of the Portfolio will be in an amount sufficient to repay all amounts due to the Covered Bondholders and any relevant creditors.

***In the case of insolvency of the Account Bank, the Guarantor will only have an unsecured claim against the estate for funds deposited***

While the Guarantor has undertaken to transfer the funds standing to the credit of the Account Bank to another bank if the credit rating of the Account Bank falls below the Account Bank Required Ratings, there can be no assurance that such transfer would be completed before the Account Bank becomes insolvent. If such an event occurs, the Guarantor would have a claim as an unsecured creditor of the Account Bank. Accordingly, there is a potential risk of a loss of the Guarantor's funds held with the Account Bank in the event that the Account Bank has insufficient funds to meet all the claims of its unsecured creditors.

***The Asset Coverage Test, Amortization Test, Valuation Calculation and Pre-Maturity Test may not ensure that adequate funds will be available to satisfy the Guarantor's obligations in full***

While the Asset Coverage Test, the Amortization Test and the Pre-Maturity Test have been designed to mitigate certain economic and legal stresses in connection with the performance and valuation of the Portfolio in order to ensure that the Guarantor is able to meet its ongoing requirements at all relevant times, in setting the values and criteria for such tests, modeling has been undertaken on the basis of certain assumptions in certain stress scenarios. No assurance can be given that the assumptions utilized in such modeling have been able to incorporate or examine all possible scenarios that may occur in respect of the Guarantor and the Portfolio. As such, no assurance can be given that the methodology and modeling utilized to set the relevant values and criteria within such tests will be sufficient in all scenarios to ensure that the Guarantor will be able to meet its obligations in full.

The Bond Trustee will not be responsible for monitoring compliance with, or the monitoring of, the Asset Coverage Test, the Amortization Test, the Valuation Calculation or the Pre-Maturity Test or any other test, or supervising the performance by any other party of its obligations under any Transaction Document. See *Overview of the Principal Documents—Guarantor Agreement*.

While the Guarantor is required to perform the Valuation Calculation to monitor exposure to volatility of interest rate and currency market risk by measuring the present value of the Portfolio relative to the market value of the obligations guaranteed under the Covered Bond Guarantee, there is no obligation on the part of the Bank or the Guarantor to take any action in respect of the Valuation Calculation to the extent it shows the market value of the Portfolio is less than the market value of the obligations guaranteed under the Covered Bond Guarantee.

***Borrowers may default in paying amounts due under the Loans. The inability of borrowers to pay amounts due under the Loans may reduce the amount of the Guarantor's available funds***

Borrowers may for a variety of reasons default on their obligations due under the Loans. Various factors influence mortgage delinquency rates and the ultimate payment of interest and principal. Examples of such factors include changes in the national or international economic climate, regional economic or housing conditions, changes in tax laws, interest rates, inflation, the availability of financing, yields on alternative investments, political developments and government policies. Other factors in a borrower's individual, personal or financial circumstances may affect the ability of the borrower to repay its Loan. Loss of earnings, illness, divorce and other similar factors may also lead to an increase in delinquencies by and bankruptcies of borrowers, and could ultimately have an adverse impact on the ability of borrowers to repay the Loans. In addition to the above, the ability of a borrower to sell a property at a price sufficient to repay the amounts outstanding under that Loan will depend upon a number of factors, including the availability of purchasers for that property, the value of that property and property values in general at the time. See also—*Risks*

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A severe correction in the housing market could create strains in the residential mortgage market by causing an economic recession (and associated loss of income) and a reduction in homeowner equity, leading to rising delinquencies. The risk of a severe correction is considered low in most regions of the country, as valuations are moderate, affordability is reasonable and interest rates are likely to remain low for some time. The risk of a correction is somewhat larger in the Greater Vancouver and Toronto areas, which account for about one-quarter of the population, as valuations are high and affordability of detached properties is strained. The risk of a severe correction would increase if interest rates rose sharply or an external shock caused the economy to contract. In this case, the subsequent housing downturn would impair economic circumstances and create greater stress in the mortgage market.

***Prior to the completion of a transfer of payments collected from the Loans and their Related Security to the Guarantor, funds collected by the Servicer on behalf of the Guarantor are commingled with the funds of the Servicer, and there can be no assurance as to the ability of the Guarantor to obtain effective direct payments from borrowers***

Notice is usually given to borrowers of the transfer of the Loan and Related Security to the Guarantor only after the occurrence of a Registered Title Event. Such notice will instruct the relevant borrower to pay all further amounts due under the relevant Loan to an account in the name of the Guarantor (as specified in such notice). As a matter of Canadian law, until such notice is received by the borrower, the borrower may continue to pay all amounts due under the relevant Loan to the Seller and receive good discharge for such payments.

There can be no assurance that upon the occurrence of a Registered Title Event, (a) notification to the borrower will be made duly and timely or (b) the Guarantor will have the ability to obtain effective direct payments from the borrower under the Loan and the Related Security.

Under the Servicing Agreement, the Servicer may receive funds belonging to the Guarantor that arise from the Loans and their Related Security comprised in the Portfolio and are to be paid into the GDA Account. Prior to a downgrade of the ratings of the Servicer by one or more Rating Agencies below any of the Servicer Deposit Threshold Ratings, the Servicer will transfer such funds on or before the next Guarantor Payment Date (i) to the Cash Manager prior to a downgrade of the ratings of the Cash Manager by one or more Rating Agencies below any of the Cash Management Deposit Ratings, and (ii) following a downgrade of the ratings of the Cash Manager by one or more Rating Agencies below any of the Cash Management Deposit Ratings, directly into the GDA Account. In the event of a downgrade of the ratings of the Servicer by one or more Rating Agencies below any of the Servicer Deposit Threshold Ratings, the Servicer will transfer such funds (i) to the Cash Manager prior to a downgrade of the ratings of the Cash Manager by one or more Rating Agencies below any of the Cash Management Deposit Ratings, and (ii) following a downgrade of the ratings of the Cash Manager by one or more Rating Agencies below any of the Cash Management Deposit Ratings, directly into the GDA Account, in each case within two Toronto Business Days of the collection and/or receipt thereof.

Until completion of the transfer of such payments collected on the Loans and Related Security to the Cash Manager or the GDA Account and prior to the circumstances as set out above, funds collected by the Servicer on the account of the Guarantor are commingled with the funds of the Servicer. This may adversely affect the timing and amount of payments on the Covered Bonds. Moreover, the Bank also serves as initial Account Bank to the Guarantor. Therefore, even if the transfer of such payments to the Guarantor's account with the Bank is completed, the Covered Bondholders bear the risk of an insolvency of the Bank unless the Bank has been replaced as Account Bank and transfer of the funds has been completed prior to such event.

***The Lending Criteria applicable to any Loan at the time of its origination may not be the same as those set out in this prospectus, including lower creditworthiness***

Each of the Loans originated by the Seller will have been originated in accordance with its Lending Criteria at the time of origination. Since the Portfolio is dynamic, Loans made based on different lending criteria may be included in the Portfolio so long as the Loan Representations and Warranties are satisfied as of the applicable Transfer Date with respect to each such Loan. It is expected that the Seller's Lending Criteria will generally consider type of property, term of loan, age of applicant, the Loan-To-Value ratio, insurance policies, high loan-to-value fees, status of applicants and credit history. In connection with the sale of any Loans and Related Security to the Guarantor, the Seller will warrant only that prior to making each advance under such Loans, the Lending Criteria and all other preconditions to the making of the Loans were satisfied. The Seller retains the right to revise its Lending Criteria from time to time but would only do so to the extent that such a change would be acceptable to reasonable and prudent institutional mortgage lenders in the Seller's market. If the Lending Criteria of the Seller changes in a manner that affects the creditworthiness of the Loans, that may lead to increased defaults by borrowers and may affect the realizable value of the Portfolio, or part thereof, and the ability of the Guarantor to make payments under the Covered Bond Guarantee.

In addition, New Sellers who are affiliates of the Bank may in the future accede to the Program, become a limited partner of the Guarantor and sell Loans and their Related Security to the Guarantor. Any loans originated by a New Seller will have been originated in accordance with the lending criteria of the New Seller, which may differ from the Lending Criteria for Loans originated by the Seller. If the lending criteria differ in a way that affects the creditworthiness of the Loans in the Portfolio, that may lead to increased defaults by borrowers and may affect the realizable value of the Portfolio or any part thereof or the ability of the Guarantor to make payments under the Covered Bond Guarantee.

***Levels of arrears in the Portfolio included in the relevant Investor Report are as of the applicable cut-off dates, and may have changed at the date of the issuance of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds***

Selected information about the Loans in the Portfolio, including information in respect of arrears as of a cut-off date prior to the time of the relevant issue of such Series of Covered Bonds, will be incorporated by reference into the Prospectus from time to time. The information presented in the Investor Report will be prepared using the current balance as of the relevant cut-off date, which includes all principal and accrued interest for the Loans as of the relevant cut-off date and may not be a true reflection of the Loans as at the date of issuance of each Series of Covered Bonds. The selected information will not include any Loans assigned to the Portfolio since the relevant cut-off date.

***New Loan Types may be included in the Portfolio without the consent of Covered Bondholders***

As at the date of this prospectus, the Portfolio is comprised of Loans secured on residential property located in Canada which have been fully advanced at the date of sale to the Guarantor. In the event that New Loan Types are subsequently included, amendments will be made to the Eligibility Criteria, the Loan Representations and Warranties, and certain related provisions of the Mortgage Sale Agreement, subject to satisfaction of the Rating Agency Condition. While New Loan Types will be required to comply with the eligibility requirements under Part I.1 of the NHA and the CMHC Guide, the consent of the Covered Bondholders to these changes will not need to be obtained and as a consequence the interests of the Covered Bondholders may be adversely affected.

***The Guarantor does not have registered or recorded title to the Loans and their Related Security in the Portfolio on the relevant Transfer Date which could affect its rights against borrowers***

The Seller will transfer all of its right, title and interest in the Loans and their Related Security to the Guarantor pursuant to the Mortgage Sale Agreement on the relevant Transfer Date. However, the registered or recorded title to the transferred Loans and their Related Security will remain with the Seller until the

occurrence of a Registered Title Event. As a result (and until such time) application will not be made to the applicable land registry offices to register or record the Guarantor's ownership interest in the Loans and their Related Security and notice of the sale of the Loans and their Related Security will not be given to any borrower. Since prior to the occurrence of a Registered Title Event, the Guarantor will not have perfected its ownership interest in the Loans and their Related Security by completing the applicable registrations at the appropriate land registry or land titles office or providing notice of the sale of the Loans to the borrowers, the following risks exist:

- first, if the Seller sells a Loan and its Related Security, which has already been sold to the Guarantor, to another person and that person acted in good faith and did not have notice of the interest of the Guarantor in the Loan and its Related Security, then such person might obtain good title to the Loan and its Related Security, free from the interest of the Guarantor. If this occurs then the Guarantor may not have good title in the affected Loan and its Related Security and it may not be entitled to payments by a borrower in respect of that Loan;
- second, the rights of the Guarantor may be subject to the rights of the borrowers against the Seller, such as rights of set-off that may occur in relation to transactions or deposits made between borrowers and the Seller and the rights of borrowers to redeem their mortgages by repaying the Loans directly to the Seller; and
- third, unless the Guarantor has perfected the sale of the Loans (which it is only entitled to do in certain circumstances), the Guarantor may not be able to enforce any borrower's obligations under the relevant Loan itself but may have to join the Seller as a party to any legal proceedings.

If any of the risks described in the bullet points above were to occur, then the realizable value of the Portfolio or any part thereof and/or the ability of the Guarantor to make payments under the Covered Bond Guarantee may be adversely affected. In addition, the exercise of set-off rights by borrowers may also adversely affect the amount that the Bond Trustee (for Covered Bondholders and on behalf of the other Secured Creditors) is able to realize on the Portfolio under the Security Agreement.

#### ***Limitations on recourse to the Seller may adversely affect the Portfolio***

The Guarantor and the Bond Trustee will not undertake any investigations, searches or other actions on any Loan or its Related Security and will rely instead on the representations and warranties provided by the Seller in connection with the transfer of such Loans and their Related Security. If any of the representations and warranties prove to be untrue or there is a material breach of these representations and warranties (subject to the Seller remedying such breach within a certain period of time), the Seller will be required to repurchase the Loan and its Related Security. There can be no assurance that the Seller will have the financial resources to repurchase the Loans and their Related Security. However, if the Seller does not repurchase those Loans and their Related Security that are in breach, those Loans will be given a zero value for the purposes of any calculation of the Asset Coverage Test, the Valuation Calculation and the Amortization Test. There is no further recourse to the Seller for a breach of a Loan Representation and Warranty.

#### ***Risks particular to STEP Loans***

The Bank expects that the Portfolio will from time to time include STEP Loans. For a detailed description of the STEP Loans, see *Overview of the Principal Documents—Mortgage Sale Agreement—Scotia Total Equity Plan and STEP Loans*. STEP Loans are subject to certain additional risks which include, among others, the following risks.

- The risk that Other STEP Products that are secured by the same STEP Collateral Mortgage may be sold to third parties. While as a condition precedent to a sale of such a Other STEP Product, such third party must first enter into a Security Sharing Agreement and provide a Release of Security to

the Custodian to be held in trust, prior to such Release of Security becoming effective, the Custodian must obtain an opinion of legal counsel that the conditions precedent to the exercise of such Release of Security have occurred. There can be no assurance that such conditions precedent will be satisfied in the intended circumstance or that any delay by the Custodian in exercising such Release of Security would not have an adverse effect on the Portfolio.

- In the event of any required sale of any Selected Loans under the Transaction Documents, and if a STEP Loan is required to be sold, the risk that the terms of the STEP Plan, the related servicing and priority arrangements governing the STEP Loans and/or the continuing ownership interests of the Seller and/or Other STEP Creditors in the other related STEP Accounts and the related STEP Collateral Mortgages may make such STEP Loans more difficult to sell than other Loans that are not STEP Loans.
- The risk that the Guarantor, or the Servicer on its behalf, is or will become subject to certain fiduciary and other rights, duties and obligations under applicable law or under any applicable agreements in regard to the Seller and/or any Other STEP Creditor having an interest in the related STEP Collateral Mortgage which could delay or otherwise adversely affect its right to make certain servicing and/or enforcement decisions relating to such STEP Loans or, with respect to such agreements, which may affect the respective priorities of the related STEP Loans and Other STEP Products.

***The Portfolio consists of Loans and their Related Security which have been randomly selected by the Seller and which are represented to satisfy the Loan Representations and Warranties and the CMHC Guide***

None of the Arrangers, the Cover Pool Monitor, any Dealer, the Bond Trustee, or the Custodian has undertaken or will undertake any due diligence with respect to the wording or content of the individual agreements underlying such Portfolio assets or the facts and circumstances relating to the particular relationship between the relevant borrower or the related Mortgaged Property, respectively, and the Seller, all of which may impact the viability and interpretation of such agreements. The Guarantor will rely on the Loan Representations and Warranties given by the Seller in the Mortgage Sale Agreement. The remedies provided for in the Mortgage Sale Agreement to the Guarantor in respect of non-compliance with the Loan Representations and Warranties (other than where such breach was waived at the point of assignment to the Guarantor), will be limited to the repurchase by the Seller of the related Loan and its Related Security for an amount equal to the applicable Repurchase Amount. Such obligation is not guaranteed by nor will it be the responsibility of any person other than the Seller and neither the Guarantor nor the Bond Trustee will have recourse to any other person in the event that the Seller, for whatever reason, fails to meet such obligation.

***The sale of real property upon the enforcement of a mortgage security is subject to Canadian real property and insolvency regulations, property transfer taxes, capital gain taxes and legal liens***

*Limitations on enforceability of mortgage security.* Generally, a lender's right to realize on its mortgage security may be subject to or regulated by statutes, the existing practice and procedures of a court of competent jurisdiction and that court's equitable powers. Under certain circumstances, a court may exercise equitable powers to relieve a borrower from the effects of certain defaults or acceleration. Certain proceedings taken by a lender to realize upon its mortgage security, such as foreclosure and judicial sale, are subject to most of the delays and expenses of other lawsuits, particularly if defenses or counterclaims are asserted, sometimes requiring up to several years to complete. If a borrower makes a proposal or an assignment or initiates or becomes subject to any other proceedings under the BIA or other insolvency, arrangement or other legislation for the relief of debtors, the Seller or the Guarantor may not be permitted to accelerate the maturity of the related Loan, to foreclose on the Mortgaged Property or to exercise power of sale or other mortgage enforcement proceedings for a considerable period of time. For STEP Loans in the Province of Quebec, since the Seller and Other STEP Creditors will be entitled to an undivided interest in the STEP Collateral Mortgage to the extent of the outstanding indebtedness owing under any related STEP

Accounts, the Guarantor will have to join the Seller and such Other STEP Creditors in enforcement proceedings against the related borrower.

Where a borrower or any beneficial owner of a Mortgaged Property is or subsequently becomes a non-resident of Canada under the ITA and remains a non-resident at the time that enforcement proceedings are taken under the Loan, the specific remedies available to the lender may be practically limited by the requirement that the lender comply with section 116 of the ITA upon any sale of the Mortgaged Property under or in respect of the related Loan which may require the lender to withhold from realization proceeds an amount equal to (or, in certain cases, greater than) the tax applicable to any accrued capital gain of such non-resident person triggered by such sale. Many of the Loans contain "due-on-sale" clauses, which permit the acceleration of the maturity of the related Loan if the borrower sells the related Mortgaged Property. The Loans also generally include a debt-acceleration clause, which permits the acceleration of the Loan upon a monetary or non-monetary default by the borrower. The enforceability of such due-on-sale and debt-acceleration clauses is subject to and may be affected by (i) applicable bankruptcy, insolvency and other laws of general application limiting the enforcement of creditors' rights and remedies generally, and (ii) applicable principles of law and equity, and in some provinces, applicable statutory provisions which limit restraint on alienation of real property and provide relief to a borrower, in certain circumstances, from the effects of certain defaults or acceleration.

*Prior liens.* The priority of mortgages securing the Loans may be subject to prior liens resulting from the operation of law, such as liens in favor of governmental authorities and persons having supplied work or materials to the relevant Mortgaged Property. In each province and territory, the priority of a mortgage against real property may be subject to a prior lien for unpaid realty taxes in favor of the applicable taxing authorities. In the Province of Québec, the priority of a hypothec on rents may be subject to a prior claim in favor of the government for amounts due under fiscal laws.

*Registered title.* The Mortgages securing the Loans will be registered in the name of the Seller, as agent, bare trustee and nominee in trust for the Guarantor. Upon the occurrence of a Registered Title Event, the Guarantor will have the right to demand that the Seller provide it with registered or recorded title to the Loans and their Related Security at the expense of the Seller, and if the Seller fails to do so, the Guarantor will exercise certain powers of attorney granted to it by the Seller, and record assignments and transfers of all Loans in its name (or in any other name it may decide) or, for STEP Loans in Quebec, to record an assignment of the STEP Collateral Mortgages to the extent of the Guarantor's interest therein. If such registration becomes necessary, there may be costs and delays associated with effecting such registrations (potentially resulting in delays in commencing, prosecuting and completing enforcement proceedings). The Seller will be responsible for meeting all costs associated with such registrations. However, if the Seller does not have the funds to pay such costs, any related expenses the Guarantor is required to pay may reduce the amounts available to pay the Covered Bondholders.

#### ***Adverse environmental conditions on a Mortgaged Property may affect the value of a Loan***

If an adverse environmental condition exists with respect to a Mortgaged Property, the related Loan may be subject to the following risks: (i) a diminution in the value of such Mortgaged Property or the practical ability to foreclose or take other enforcement proceedings against such Mortgaged Property; (ii) the potential that the related borrower may default on the related Loan due to such borrower's inability to pay high remediation costs or difficulty in bringing the Mortgaged Property into compliance with environmental laws; (iii) in certain circumstances as more fully described below, the liability for clean-up costs or other remedial actions could exceed the value of the Mortgaged Property; or (iv) the practical inability to sell the Mortgaged Property or the related Loan in the secondary market. Under certain provincial laws, the reimbursement of remedial costs incurred by regulatory agencies to correct environmental conditions may be secured by a statutory lien over the subject property, which lien, in some instances, may be prior to the lien of an existing mortgage. Any such lien arising in respect of a Loan could adversely affect the value of such Loan and could make any foreclosure or other enforcement proceedings impracticable. Under various federal and provincial laws and regulations, a current or previous owner or operator of real property, as well as certain

other categories of parties, may be liable for the costs of removal or remediation of hazardous or toxic substances on, under, adjacent to or in such property. The cost of any required remediation and the owner's liability therefor is generally not limited under applicable laws, and could exceed the value of the property and/or the assets of the owner. Under some environmental laws, a secured lender may be found to be an "owner" or "operator" or person in charge, management or control of, or otherwise responsible for, the Portfolio. In such cases, a secured lender may be liable for the costs of any required removal or remediation of adverse environmental conditions. The Guarantor and/or the Bond Trustee's exposure to liability for clean up costs will increase if it or its agent actually takes possession of the Mortgaged Property.

***All of the real property securing the Loans in the Portfolio is located in Canada and deterioration in the market for residential real estate in Canada could negatively affect the value of the Covered Bonds***

All real property securing the Loans in the Portfolio is located in Canada. The performance of the Loans will therefore be affected by general economic conditions in Canada and the condition of the residential housing market in Canada. A significant deterioration in the market for residential or other real estate could negatively affect the value of the real property in the underlying Portfolio and the Canadian residential mortgage market, which in turn could have an adverse effect on the value and marketability of the Covered Bonds and the ability of the Guarantor to make payments under the Covered Bond Guarantee.

***Interest obligations may be greater than the monthly installment payment for certain products and borrowers may refuse to pay excess amounts***

When the Bank's Prime Rate increases, the amount of interest payable by a borrower under a loan having a variable rate of interest increases. The borrower's installment payment, however, remains constant (except as discussed below) and, the portion of the borrower's monthly mortgage payment allocated towards the payment of principal is reduced. If the interest rate on a Loan reaches the level at which the borrower's mortgage payment is insufficient to cover the interest payable, the difference is capitalized and added to the principal balance of the Loan. For certain variable rate products this may result in the principal balance of the Loan being greater than the original principal amount of the Loan. If the principal balance of the Loan increases in excess of 105 percent of the original principal amount of the Loan, the Bank may require the borrower to pay the excess amount, increase the amount of the borrower's monthly installment, or (if the borrower has the right to do so under the Loan) convert the Loan to a fixed rate Loan.

Accordingly, an increase in a borrower's monthly installment or principal balance may affect the borrower's timely payment of scheduled payments of principal and interest on the related Loan and, accordingly, the actual rates of delinquencies, foreclosures and losses with respect to such Loan. Further, economic and market conditions may impair borrowers' ability to make timely payment of scheduled payments of principal and interest on the Loans or to refinance or sell their residential properties, which may contribute to higher delinquency and default rates, and may in turn adversely affect the value of the covered bonds. See "*Risks relating to the Canadian residential mortgage market such as a deterioration in the market for real estate, could negatively affect the value and marketability of the Covered Bonds*".

***The Portfolio consists of Loans with renewal risk due to short maturities***

Canadian mortgage loans generally provide for the renewal of the loans periodically (e.g., every five years), but the amortization period of the loans is generally much longer (e.g., 25 years). See *Covered Bond Portfolio—Characteristics of the Loans*. The borrower faces a change, perhaps a substantial change, in the applicable interest rate on the loan at the time of renewal and the prospect of seeking a replacement loan from another lender if the current lender does not renew the loan. In an adverse economic environment, obtaining a replacement loan may be difficult. Accordingly, if prevailing interest rates have risen significantly, an existing lender may need to renew the loan at below market rates in order to avoid a default on a loan up for renewal.



If the Bank renews Loans at below market rates, it may adversely affect the market value of such Loans in the Portfolio and in the event that the Guarantor must liquidate some Loans in order to meet its obligations under the Covered Bond Guarantee it may realize less than the principal amount of the Loans liquidated. If the Guarantor is required to liquidate a large number of Loans that have interest rates significantly below prevailing interest rates, the Guarantor may not realize sufficient proceeds to pay the Covered Bonds in full.

### **Risks relating to the Guarantor**

#### ***There are limited events of default with respect to the Guarantor***

Service of an Issuer Acceleration Notice on the Bank does not constitute an event of default with respect to the Guarantor and, therefore, does not in itself trigger an acceleration of the payment obligations of the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee. Instead, the Terms and Conditions contain limited events of default with respect to the Guarantor, the occurrence of which would entitle Covered Bondholders to accelerate payment obligations under the Covered Bond Guarantee. Acceleration of the Covered Bonds following a Guarantor Event of Default may not lead to accelerated payments to Covered Bondholders, since there can be no assurance that the Guarantor or the Bond Trustee will be able to promptly sell the Portfolio.

### **Currency risks and risks related to Swap Agreements**

#### ***Differences in timing of obligations of the Guarantor and the Covered Bond Swap Provider under the Covered Bond Swap Agreement could adversely affect the Guarantor's ability to meet its obligations***

Following the Covered Bond Swap Effective Date, the Guarantor will, on each Guarantor Payment Date, pay or provide for payment of an amount to the Covered Bond Swap Provider based on the Canadian Deposit Offering Rate for Canadian Dollar deposits (**CDOR**) having the relevant maturity for the agreed period. The Covered Bond Swap Provider may not be obliged to make corresponding swap payments to the Guarantor until amounts are due and payable by the Guarantor under the Intercompany Loan Agreement or Due for Payment under the Covered Bond Guarantee. If the Covered Bond Swap Provider does not meet its payment obligations to the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Swap Agreement or does not make a termination payment that has become due from it to the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Swap Agreement, the Guarantor may have a larger shortfall in funds with which to make payments under the Covered Bond Guarantee with respect to the Covered Bonds than if the Covered Bond Swap Provider satisfied its payment obligations on the same date as the date on which the Guarantor's payment obligations under the Covered Bond Swap were due. Hence, the difference in timing between the obligations of the Guarantor and the obligations of the Covered Bond Swap Provider under the Covered Bond Swap Agreement may affect the Guarantor's ability to make payments under the Covered Bond Guarantee with respect to the Covered Bonds. To mitigate the risk, the Covered Bond Swap Provider will be required, pursuant to the terms of the relevant Covered Bond Swap Agreement, to post collateral with the Guarantor if the Guarantor's net exposure to the Covered Bond Swap Provider under the relevant Covered Bond Swap Agreement exceeds a certain threshold level or if certain ratings requirements are not met.

#### ***Risks related to the structure of a particular issue of Covered Bonds***

##### ***Changes of law***

The structure of the issue of the Covered Bonds and the ratings which are to be assigned to them are based on the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein including banking, bankruptcy and income tax laws in effect as at the date of this prospectus, unless otherwise indicated. No assurance can be given as to the impact of any possible change to these laws, including the NHA and the regulations and policies thereunder with respect to CMHC guidelines (including the CMHC Guide), the applicable laws, regulations and policies with respect to the issuance of Covered Bonds, the Covered Bonds themselves or the bankruptcy and receivership of the Bank or the Guarantor after the date of this prospectus, nor can any assurance be given as to whether such change could adversely affect the ability of the Bank to

meet its obligations in respect of the Covered Bonds or the Guarantor to meet its obligations under the Covered Bond Guarantee.

***The Covered Bonds may be subject to optional redemption by the Bank***

An optional redemption feature of a Series of Covered Bonds is likely to limit their market value. During any period when the Bank may elect to redeem such Covered Bonds, the market value of those Covered Bonds generally will not rise substantially above the price at which they can be redeemed. This also may occur prior to any redemption period.

The Bank may be expected to redeem such Series of Covered Bonds when its cost of borrowing is lower than the interest rate on the Series of Covered Bonds. At those times, an investor generally would not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds at an effective interest rate as high as the interest rate on the Series of Covered Bonds being redeemed and may only be able to do so at a significantly lower rate. Potential investors should consider reinvestment risk in light of other investments available at that time.

***The Bank may issue Covered Bonds that bear interest at a rate that converts from a Fixed Rate to a Floating Rate, or from a Floating Rate to a Fixed Rate***

The Bank may issue a Tranche of Covered Bonds that bear interest at a rate that converts from a Fixed Rate to a Floating Rate, or from a Floating Rate to a Fixed Rate. Where the Bank has the right to affect such a conversion, this may affect the secondary market and the market value of the Covered Bonds since the Bank may be expected to convert the rate when it is likely to produce a lower overall cost of borrowing. If the Bank converts from a Fixed Rate to a Floating Rate, in such circumstances, the spread on such Covered Bonds may be less favorable than the prevailing spreads on comparable Floating Rate Covered Bonds tied to the same Reference Rate. In addition, the new Floating Rate at any time may be lower than the rates on the other Covered Bonds. If the Bank converts from a Floating Rate to a Fixed Rate, in such circumstances, the Fixed Rate may be lower than the prevailing rates on the other Covered Bonds.

***Covered bonds issued at a substantial discount or premium may experience significant price volatility***

The issue price of Covered Bonds specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement may be more than the market value of such Covered Bonds as of the issue date, and the price, if any, at which a Dealer or any other person is willing to purchase the Covered Bonds in secondary market transactions, may be lower than the issue price. Generally, the longer the remaining term of the securities, the greater the price volatility as compared to conventional interest bearing securities with comparable maturities.

***The Bond Trustee's powers may affect the interests of the holders of the Covered Bonds***

In the exercise of its powers, trusts, authorities and discretions, the Bond Trustee will only have regard to the interests of the holders of the Covered Bonds. In the exercise of its powers, trusts, authorities and discretions, the Bond Trustee may not act on behalf of the Bank. 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 will 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 representing at least 25 percent of the Principal Amount Outstanding of Covered Bonds of the relevant Series then outstanding.

The Bond Trustee is not obligated to serve Issuer Acceleration Notice on the Bank upon an Issuer Event of Default or a Notice to Pay on the Guarantor, or to seek enforcement of the provisions of the Trust Deed on the Covered Bonds, except if so directed by the holders of the Covered Bonds. Accordingly, the powers of the Bond Trustee may adversely affect the investors' interests in the Covered Bonds.

***The Covered Bonds have no established trading market when issued and there is no assurance that an active and liquid secondary market will develop for the Covered Bonds***

Covered bonds may have no established trading market when issued, and no assurance is provided that an active and liquid secondary market for the Covered Bonds will develop. To the extent a secondary market exists or develops, it may not continue for the life of the Covered Bonds or it may not provide Covered Bondholders with liquidity of investment with the result that a Covered Bondholder may not be able to find a buyer to buy its Covered Bonds readily or at prices that will enable the Covered Bondholder to realize a desired yield. This is particularly the case for Covered Bonds that are especially sensitive to interest rate, currency or market risks, are designed for specific investment objectives or strategies or have been structured to meet the investment requirements of limited categories of investors. These types of Covered Bonds generally would have a more limited secondary market and more price volatility than conventional debt securities. Illiquidity may severely and adversely affect the market value of Covered Bonds.

***The Covered Bonds will initially be held in book-entry form and therefore the investors must rely on the procedures of the relevant clearing systems to exercise any rights and remedies***

Unless and until definitive U.S. Registered Covered Bonds are issued in exchange for book-entry interests in the Covered Bonds, owners of the book-entry interests will not be considered owners or holders of the Covered Bonds. Instead, the registered holder, or their respective nominee, will be the sole holder of the Covered Bonds. Payments of principal, interest and other amounts owing on or in respect of the Covered Bonds in global form will be made to Paying Agent, which will make payments to DTC. Thereafter, payments will be made by DTC to participants in these systems and then by such participants to indirect participants. After payment to the common depository neither the Bank, the Bond Trustee, nor the Paying Agent will have any responsibility or liability of any aspect of the records related to, or payments of, interest, principal or other amounts to DTC or to owners of book-entry interests.

Since the Covered Bonds are not represented in physical form, it may make it difficult for the investors to pledge the Covered Bonds as security if Covered Bonds in physical form are required or necessary for such purposes. Unlike holders of the Covered Bonds themselves, owners of book-entry interests will not have the direct right to act upon the Bank's solicitations or consents or requests for waivers or other actions from holders of the Covered Bonds that the Bank may choose to make in the future. Rather, owners of book-entry interests will be permitted to act only to the extent that they have received appropriate proxies to do so from DTC or, if applicable, from a participant. The Bank cannot assure the investors that procedures implemented for the granting of such proxies will be sufficient to enable the investors to vote on any such solicitations or requests for actions on a timely basis.

***Issuance of Covered Bonds in book-entry form may affect liquidity and the ability to pledge the Covered Bonds***

Some investors, including some insurance companies and other institutions, are required by law or otherwise to hold physical certificates for securities they invest in and are not permitted to hold securities in book-entry form. Unless a Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement provides to the contrary, it is expected that the Covered Bonds will be issued in registered form as global Covered Bonds through DTC and, accordingly, some investors may not be permitted to own Covered Bonds. This may reduce the liquidity for the Covered Bonds by limiting the purchasers eligible to purchase the Covered Bonds in the secondary market.

***Exchange rate risks and exchange controls***

The Bank will pay principal and interest on the Covered Bonds and the Guarantor will make any payments under the Covered Bond Guarantee in U.S. Dollars. This presents certain risks relating to currency conversions if an investor's financial activities are denominated principally in a currency or currency unit (the **Investor's Currency**) other than U.S. Dollars. These include the risk that exchange rates may significantly change (including changes due to devaluation of the U.S. Dollar or revaluation of the Investor's

Currency) and the risk that authorities with jurisdiction over the Investor's Currency may impose or modify exchange controls. An appreciation in the value of the Investor's Currency relative to the U.S. Dollar would decrease (i) the Investor's Currency-equivalent yield on the Covered Bonds, (ii) the Investor's Currency-equivalent value of the principal payable on the Covered Bonds and (iii) the Investor's Currency-equivalent market value of the Covered Bonds.

Government and monetary authorities may impose (as some have done in the past) exchange controls that could adversely affect an applicable exchange rate. As a result, investors may receive less interest or principal than expected, or no interest or principal.

### ***Interest rate risks***

Investment in Fixed Rate Covered Bonds involves the risk that subsequent changes in market interest rates may adversely affect the value of the Fixed Rate Covered Bonds.

### **Program related legal and regulatory risks**

#### ***The Covered Bonds and the Bank's activities are subject to the remedial powers of the Superintendent under the Bank Act and the requirements of the Legislative Framework and the CMHC Guide***

The Superintendent, under Section 645(1) of the Bank Act, has the power, where in the opinion of the Superintendent, a bank, or a person with respect to a bank, is committing, or is about to commit, an act that is an unsafe or unsound practice in conducting the business of the bank, or is pursuing or is about to pursue any course of conduct that is an unsafe or unsound practice in conducting the business of the bank, to direct the bank or person, as the case may be, to cease or refrain from committing the act or pursuing the course of conduct and to perform such acts as in the opinion of the Superintendent are necessary to remedy the situation.

Although the above remedial power exists, following an initial review of potential regulatory and policy concerns associated with the issuance of Covered Bonds by Canadian deposit-taking institutions (during which it requested that financial institutions refrain from issuing Covered Bonds), the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (**OSFI**) confirmed by letter dated 27 June 2007 that Canadian deposit-taking institutions may issue covered bonds, provided certain conditions are met. The conditions are as follows: (i) at the time of issuance, the covered bonds must not make up more than four percent of the OSFI Total Assets of the relevant deposit-taking institution; (ii) if at any time after issuance the four percent limit is exceeded, the relevant deposit-taking institution must immediately notify OSFI; and (iii) excesses (above the four percent limit) due to factors not under the control of the issuing institution, such as foreign exchange fluctuations, will not require the relevant deposit-taking institution to take action to reduce the amount outstanding, however, for other excesses, the relevant deposit-taking institution must provide a plan showing how it proposes to eliminate the excess quickly. **OSFI Total Assets**, for the purpose of the foregoing limit, will be equal to the numerator of the asset-to-capital multiple of the relevant deposit-taking institution. In addition, relevant deposit-taking institutions are expected, prior to issuing any covered bonds, to amend the pledging policies they are required to maintain under the Bank Act to take into account the issuance of covered bonds consistent with the above limits and to obtain board and/or committee approval for such amendments prior to issuance of any covered bonds.

The full Program amount, when combined with the outstanding balance of the covered bonds issued by the Bank under its previous program, is less than four percent of the OSFI Total Assets of the Bank as of the date of this prospectus. The Bank did not issue covered bonds prior to 27 June 2007, and the Bank previously received the requisite board approval for amendments to its pledging policies which take into account the issuance of covered bonds under the Program.

In 2012, the NHA was amended to establish a legislative framework for covered bonds (the **Legislative Framework**). The amendments to the NHA have given CMHC the responsibility to administer the

Legislative Framework, with discretionary authority to establish conditions and restrictions applicable to registered issuers and registered covered bond programs and to oversee and enforce compliance with those conditions and terms. On 17 December 2012, CMHC published the Canadian Registered Covered Bond Programs Guide (as amended from time to time, the **CMHC Guide**) implementing the Legislative Framework. The CMHC Guide elaborates on the role and powers of CMHC as administrator of the Legislative Framework and sets out the conditions and restrictions applicable to registered issuers and registered covered bond programs. The Bank and the Program are required to comply with the requirements of the NHA and CMHC Guide.

No assurance can be given that additional regulations or guidance from CMHC, OSFI, the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other regulatory authority will not arise with regard to the mortgage market in Canada generally, the Seller's or the Guarantor's particular sector in that market or specifically in relation to the Seller or the Guarantor. Any such action or developments may have a material adverse effect on the Seller and/or the Guarantor and their respective businesses and operations. This may adversely affect the ability of the Guarantor to dispose of the Portfolio or any part thereof in a timely manner and/or the realizable value of the Portfolio or any part thereof, and accordingly, affect the ability of the Bank and the Guarantor, respectively, to meet their obligations under the Covered Bonds in the case of the Bank and the Covered Bond Guarantee in the case of the Guarantor.

***Suspension of the Bank's ability to issue Covered Bonds under Part I.1 of NHA and the CMHC Guide could negatively impact the Covered Bonds***

Part I.1 of the NHA and the CMHC Guide impose certain ongoing obligations on both the Bank and the Guarantor and permit CMHC to take certain actions in respect of the Bank if such obligations are not complied with from time to time. Such actions include suspending the right of the Bank to issue Covered Bonds under the Program and directing the Bank to take specified steps for the purpose of complying with the CMHC Guide. There is a risk that suspending the right of the Bank to issue Covered Bonds under the Program or any non-compliance with a request from CMHC may negatively impact the value and/or liquidity of the Covered Bonds. However, pursuant to 9.1(a) (Issuer Events of Default), non-compliance by the Bank with Part I.1 of the NHA or the CMHC Guide will not constitute an Issuer Event of Default.

***The Bank's residential mortgage underwriting practices and procedures may be affected by regulatory guidelines***

Guideline B-20 — Residential Mortgage Underwriting Practices and Procedures (**Guideline B-20**), published by OSFI in June 2012, sets out OSFI's expectations for prudent residential mortgage underwriting by federally regulated financial institutions, which includes the Seller in respect of Loans originated by it. Guideline B-20 calls for the establishment of a residential mortgage underwriting policy by the Seller and sets out expectations with respect to borrower due diligence, collateral management and appraisal processes and credit and counterparty risk management practices and procedures by the Seller. OSFI's expectation was for full compliance with Guideline B-20 by the end of the Seller's fiscal year 2012 and it had indicated that, where possible, federally regulated financial institutions should comply immediately. The Bank is currently compliant with the guideline.

Loans that may be sold to the Guarantor in the future may have characteristics differing from current Loans generated before the implementation of Guideline B-20, including in respect of loss experience, delinquencies, revenue experience and monthly payment rates. Although uncertain at this time, compliance with Guideline B-20 may impact the Seller's ability to generate Loans at the same rate as the Seller originated prior to Guideline B-20 coming into effect.

Guideline B-20 also provides that where a federally regulated financial institution acquires a residential mortgage loan, including a home equity line of credit, that has been originated by a third party, such federally regulated financial institution should ensure that the underwriting standards of that third party are consistent with those set out in the residential mortgage underwriting policy of the federally regulated

financial institution and compliant with Guideline B-20. To the extent that the Bond Trustee realizes upon the security it has on the Loans and Related Security, the Bond Trustee may be limited in its ability to sell such assets to a federally regulated financial institution if such purchaser determines that the sale would not be in compliance with Guideline B-20.

### *Canadian usury laws*

Unless otherwise indicated, all Covered Bonds issued under the Program are governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein. The Criminal Code (Canada) prohibits the receipt of "interest" at a "criminal rate" (namely, an effective annual rate of interest that exceeds 60 percent). Accordingly, the provisions for the payment of interest or a redemption amount in excess of the aggregate principal amount of the Covered Bonds may not be enforceable if the provision provides for the payment of "interest" in excess of an effective annual rate of interest of 60 percent.

### *Implementation of the Basel III risk-weighted asset framework may result in changes to the risk-weighting of the Covered Bonds*

In order to promote a more resilient banking sector and strengthen global capital standards, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision proposed significant enhancements and capital reforms to the current framework, referred to as Basel II. The revised framework, referred to as Basel III, was effective January 1, 2013 and provides lengthy periods for transitioning to numerous new requirements. The most significant aspects of the reforms are measures to improve the quality of capital and increase capital requirements for the global financial system. The Bank cannot predict the precise effects of the potential changes that might result from implementation of the Basel III framework on both its own financial performance or the impact on the pricing of the Covered Bonds.

Implementation of the Basel framework and any changes as described above may have an impact on the capital requirements in respect of ownership of the Covered Bonds and/or on incentives to hold the Covered Bonds for investors that are subject to requirements that follow the relevant framework and, as a result, may affect the liquidity and/or value of the Covered Bonds.

In general, investors should consult their own advisers as to the regulatory capital requirements in respect of the Covered Bonds and as to the consequences of and effect on them of any changes to the Basel framework (including the changes described above) and the relevant implementing measures. No predictions can be made as to the precise effects of such matters on any investor or otherwise.

### *Central Bank eligibility*

As at the date of this Prospectus, the Covered Bonds are not recognised as eligible collateral (or recognised as falling into any specific category of eligible collateral) for purposes of monetary policy and intra-day credit operations by the European Central Bank's liquidity scheme (**Eurosystem**) either upon issue or at any or all times while any Covered Bonds are outstanding, and there is no guarantee that any of the Covered Bonds will be so recognised at a future date. Similarly, the Covered Bonds are not, as at the date of this Prospectus, eligible for any similar recognition with the Bank of England or the Federal Reserve. Eurosystem eligibility and/or eligibility with the Bank of England or the Federal Reserve may affect the marketability of the Covered Bonds. Any potential investor in Covered Bonds should make its own determinations and seek its own advice with respect to whether or not the Covered Bonds constitute Eurosystem eligible collateral and/or eligible collateral in respect of the Bank of England's and the Federal Reserve's monetary and liquidity policies.

***The Bank will act in its own interest in connection with the Program, and such actions may not be in the best interests of, and may be detrimental to, the holders of Covered Bonds***

The Bank has a number of roles pursuant to the Program including, but not limited to, Seller, Servicer, Cash Manager, Swap Provider, GDA Provider, Intercompany Loan Provider, Calculation Agent, and Limited Partner. In respect of the Program, the Bank will act in its own interest subject to compliance with the Transaction Documents. Such actions by the Bank may not be in the best interests of, and may be detrimental to, the holders of the Covered Bonds. Subject to compliance with the Transaction Documents, the Bank may act in its own interest without incurring any liability to the holders of any Series or Tranche of Covered Bonds.

***Legal investment considerations may restrict certain investments***

The investment activities of certain investors are subject to legal investment laws and regulations, or review or regulation by certain authorities. Each potential investor should consult its legal advisers to determine whether and to what extent: (i) Covered Bonds are legal investments for it; (ii) Covered Bonds can be used as collateral for various types of borrowing; and (iii) other restrictions apply to its purchase or pledge of any Covered Bonds. Financial institutions should consult their legal advisers or the appropriate regulators to determine the appropriate treatment of Covered Bonds under any applicable risk-based capital or similar rules.

***Interest of Dealers***

Certain of the Dealers and their affiliates have engaged, and may in the future engage, in investment banking and/or commercial banking transactions with, and may perform services for, the Bank and its affiliates in the ordinary course of business. In addition, in the ordinary course of their various business activities, the Dealers and their affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers, and such investment and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of the Bank or its affiliates. Certain of the Dealers or their affiliates that have a lending relationship with the Bank routinely hedge their credit exposure to the Bank consistent with their customary risk management policies. Typically, such Dealers and their affiliates would hedge such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in securities, including potentially the Covered Bonds issued under the Program. Any such short positions could adversely affect future trading prices of the Covered Bonds issued under the Program. The Dealers and their affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or instruments and may at any time hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

The Bank may sell the Covered Bonds to one or more Dealers which may include Scotiabank Europe plc (for distributions in Europe) and, if added as dealers pursuant to the terms of a Program Agreement, Scotia Capital (USA) Inc. (for distributions in the U.S.) or Scotia Capital Inc. (for distributions in Canada). The terms of the Program were negotiated at arm's length with the Bank. Scotiabank Europe plc is a European investment dealer (not registered in the U.S.). Scotia Capital (USA) Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Scotia Capital Inc., is a registered broker and dealer in securities with the SEC under the Exchange Act. Scotia Capital Inc. is a Canadian investment dealer (not registered in the U.S.). In addition to the proceeds from any offering of the Covered Bonds under the Program being applied, directly or indirectly for the benefit of Scotiabank Europe plc, Scotia Capital (USA) Inc. and Scotia Capital Inc. in their capacity as wholly owned indirect subsidiaries of the Bank, they will also receive a portion of any fees and commissions payable in connection with any such offering of Covered Bonds in their capacity as Dealers if they act as such.

Each of Scotia Capital (USA) Inc. is an affiliate of the Bank and, as such, has a "conflict of interest" in this offering within the meaning of Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (FINRA) Rule 5121. In

addition, the Bank will receive the gross proceeds from any offering of the Covered Bonds, thus creating an additional conflict of interest within the meaning of Rule 5121. Consequently, any offering will be conducted in compliance with the provisions of Rule 5121. Scotia Capital (USA) Inc. is not permitted to sell the Covered Bonds in any offering to an account over which it exercises discretionary authority without the prior specific written approval of the account holder.

Scotia Capital (USA) Inc. and Scotia Capital Inc. and their affiliates are full service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include securities trading, commercial and investment banking, financial advisory, investment management, investment research, principal investment, hedging, financing and brokerage activities. Each of Scotia Capital (USA) Inc. and Scotia Capital Inc. and their affiliates have, from time to time, performed, and may in the future perform, various financial advisory and investment banking services for the Bank, for which they received or will receive customary fees and expenses.

***U.S. Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act withholding may apply to payments in respect of the Covered Bonds***

Sections 1471 through 1474 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (**FATCA**) impose a new reporting regime and, potentially, a 30 per cent withholding tax with respect to (i) certain payments from sources within the United States, (ii) "foreign passthru payments" made to certain non-U.S. financial institutions that do not comply with this new reporting regime, and (iii) payments to certain investors that do not provide identification information with respect to interests issued by a participating non-U.S. financial institution. Whilst the Covered Bonds are held within the clearing systems, in all but the most remote circumstances, it is not expected that FATCA will affect the amount of any payment received by the clearing systems in respect of such Covered Bonds. However, FATCA may affect payments made to custodians or intermediaries in the subsequent payment chain leading to the ultimate investor if any such custodian or intermediary generally is unable to receive payments free of FATCA withholding. It also may affect payment to any ultimate investor that is a financial institution that is not entitled to receive payments free of withholding under FATCA, or an ultimate investor that fails to provide its broker (or other custodian or intermediary from which it receives payment) with any information, forms, other documentation or consents that may be necessary for the payments to be made free of FATCA withholding. Investors should choose the custodians or intermediaries with care (to ensure each is compliant with FATCA or other laws or agreements related to FATCA) and provide each custodian or intermediary with any information, forms, other documentation or consents that may be necessary for such custodian or intermediary to make a payment free of FATCA withholding. The Bank's obligations under the Covered Bonds are discharged once it has paid the clearing systems) and the Bank has therefore no responsibility for any amount thereafter transmitted through the hands of the clearing systems and custodians or intermediaries. Prospective investors should refer to the section *Taxation—Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act*.

***Covered Bonds that bear interest at rates based on LIBOR and/or EURIBOR may be adversely affected by a change in the Bank's inter-bank lending rate reporting practices or the method in which LIBOR and/or EURIBOR is determined***

Regulators and law enforcement agencies from a number of governments have been conducting investigations relating to the calculation of the London inter-bank lending rate (LIBOR) across a range of maturities and currencies, and certain financial institutions that are member banks surveyed by the British Bankers' Association (the BBA) in setting daily LIBOR have entered into agreements with the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission and/or the Financial Services Authority in order to resolve the investigations. In addition, in September 2012, the U.K. government published the results of its review of LIBOR, which is referred to as the "Wheatley Review." The Wheatley Review made a number of recommendations for changes with respect to LIBOR, including the introduction of statutory regulation of LIBOR, the transfer of responsibility for LIBOR from the BBA to an independent administrator, changes to the method of compilation of lending rates, new regulatory oversight and enforcement mechanisms for rate-setting and the corroboration of LIBOR, as far as possible, by transactional data. Based on the Wheatley Review, on March 25, 2013, final rules for the regulation and supervision of



LIBOR by the Financial Conduct Authority (the FCA) were published (the FCA Rules). In particular, the FCA Rules include requirements that (1) an independent LIBOR administrator monitor and survey LIBOR submissions to identify breaches of practice standards and/or potentially manipulative behavior, and (2) firms submitting data to LIBOR establish and maintain a clear conflicts of interest policy and appropriate systems and controls. The FCA Rules took effect on April 2, 2013. It is anticipated that a reform of EURIBOR will be implemented also, which may (but will not necessarily) be in a similar fashion. Accordingly, EURIBOR calculation and publication could be altered, suspended or discontinued.

It is not possible to predict the effect of changes in the methods pursuant to which the LIBOR and/or EURIBOR rates are determined, any other reforms to LIBOR and/or EURIBOR that will be enacted in the U.K. and elsewhere, and any actions taken by any new administrator of LIBOR and/or EURIBOR that may be appointed, each of which may adversely affect the trading market for LIBOR and/or EURIBOR-based securities, including any Covered Bonds that bear interest at rates based on LIBOR and/or EURIBOR. Any such changes or reforms in the method pursuant to which the LIBOR and/or EURIBOR rates are determined or actions taken by any new administrator of LIBOR and/or EURIBOR may result in a sudden or prolonged increase or decrease in the reported LIBOR and/or EURIBOR rates. If that were to occur and to the extent that the value of any Covered Bonds that bear interest at rates based on LIBOR and/or EURIBOR is affected by reported LIBOR and/or EURIBOR rates, the amount of interest payable under and the value of such Covered Bonds may be affected.

Further, uncertainty as to the extent and manner in which the Wheatley Review recommendations with respect to LIBOR will continue to be adopted and the timing of such changes may adversely affect the current trading market for LIBOR-based securities and the value of any Covered Bonds that bear interest at rates based on LIBOR.

#### ***United States civil liabilities may not be enforceable against the Bank or the Guarantor***

The Bank is incorporated under the federal laws of Canada under the Bank Act and the Guarantor is an Ontario limited partnership. Substantially all of the Bank's directors and executive officers, and all or a substantial portion of the Bank's assets and the assets of such persons are located outside the United States. As a result, it may be difficult for the investors to effect service of process within the United States upon such persons, or to realize upon judgments rendered against us or such persons by the courts of the United States predicated upon, among other things, the civil liability provisions of the federal securities laws of the United States. In addition, it may be difficult for the investors to enforce, in original actions brought in courts in jurisdictions located outside the United States, among other things, civil liabilities predicated upon such securities laws. Based on the foregoing, it may not be possible for U.S. investors to enforce against us any judgments obtained in U.S. courts in civil and commercial matters, including judgments under the U.S. federal securities laws.

#### ***EU Savings Directive***

Under EC Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income, Member States are required to provide to the tax authorities of another Member State details of payments of interest (or similar income) paid by a person within its jurisdiction to an individual resident in that other Member State or to certain limited types of entities established in that other Member State. However, for a transitional period, Luxembourg and Austria are instead required (unless during that period they elect otherwise) to operate a withholding system in relation to such payments (the ending of such transitional period being dependent upon the conclusion of certain other agreements relating to information exchange with certain other countries). A number of non-EU countries and territories including Switzerland have adopted similar measures (a withholding system in the case of Switzerland). In April 2013, the Luxembourg Government announced its intention to abolish the withholding system with effect from 1 January 2015, in favour of automatic information exchange under the Directive.

The European Commission has proposed certain amendments to the Directive, which may, if implemented, amend or broaden the scope of the requirements described above.

If a payment were to be made or collected through a Member State which has opted for a withholding system and an amount of, or in respect of, tax were to be withheld from that payment, neither the Bank nor any Paying Agent (as defined in the Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds) nor any other person would be obliged to pay additional amounts with respect to any Covered Bond as a result of the imposition of such withholding tax. The Bank is required to maintain a Paying Agent in a Member State that is not obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to the Directive.

## DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The following documents which have previously been published or are published simultaneously with this Prospectus and as of the date of this Prospectus have been filed with the Financial Conduct Authority (the **FCA**) shall be deemed to be incorporated in, and to form part of, this Prospectus:

- (1) the Bank's Annual Information Form dated 6 December 2013 for the year ended 31 October 2013 excluding all information incorporated therein by reference;
- (2) the Bank's audited consolidated financial statements as at and for the years ended 31 October 2013 and 31 October 2012, prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (**IFRS**) as issued by the IASB together with the auditors' report thereon and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for the year ended 31 October 2013, all as set out on pages 15 to 191 of the Bank's Annual Report for the year ended 31 October 2013, and the Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on the Bank's internal control over financial reporting as of 31 October 2013;
- (3) the report on Form 40-F filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (**SEC**) pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act 1934 (the **Exchange Act**), in respect of the Bank's fiscal year ended 31 October 2013; and
- (4) the Investor Report of the Bank dated December 2013,

provided that any statement contained in a document all or the relative portion of which is incorporated by reference shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for the purpose of this Prospectus to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any supplement hereto, including any document incorporated therein by reference, modifies or supersedes such earlier statement (whether expressly, by implication or otherwise).

Information, documents or statements expressed to be incorporated by reference into or form part of the documents noted above shall not form part of the base prospectus approved by the UK Listing Authority for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive. Any non-incorporated parts of a document referred to herein are either deemed not relevant for an investor or are otherwise covered elsewhere in this Prospectus.

Copies of this Prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in this Prospectus can be obtained on written request and without charge from (i) the principal executive offices of the Bank from the Executive Vice-President, General Counsel and Secretary, The Bank of Nova Scotia, Scotia Plaza, 44 King Street West, Toronto, Ontario M5H 1H1, Canada, Telephone: +1 (416) 866-3672, and (ii) from the offices of the Principal Paying Agent, Registrar, Calculation Agent and Transfer Agent, The Bank of Nova Scotia, London Branch, 201 Bishopsgate, 6th Floor, London EC2M 3NS, United Kingdom; Telephone: +44 (0)20 7638 5644 and may also be viewed on the website of the Regulatory News Service operated by the London Stock Exchange at <http://www.londonstockexchange.com/exchange/news/market-news/market-news-home.html> under the name of the relevant Bank. The financial statements of the Bank incorporated by reference in this Prospectus have not been prepared in accordance with the international accounting standards adopted pursuant to the procedure of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No. 1606/2002 of the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union. The Bank and the Guarantor will, in the event of any significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to the information included in this Prospectus, including the documents which are deemed to be incorporated herein by reference, which is capable of affecting the assessment of any Covered Bonds, prepare a supplement to this Prospectus or publish a new Prospectus in accordance with the Prospectus Directive for use in connection with any subsequent issue of Covered Bonds. The Bank will undertake to the Dealers in the Dealership Agreement that they will comply with Section 87G of the FSMA.

## OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM

*This section is a overview and does not describe every aspect of the Covered Bonds. This section provides an overview of the material terms of the Covered Bonds that are common to all Series of Covered Bonds and which are more fully described elsewhere in this Prospectus. References to "Conditions" in this overview refer to the Terms and Conditions described elsewhere in this Prospectus. This overview is subject to and qualified in its entirety by reference to all the provisions of the Trust Deed and other Transaction Documents, including definitions of certain terms used in the Trust Deed and other Transaction Documents. In this overview, the meaning of only some of the more important terms is described. This overview is also subject to and qualified by reference to the description of the particular terms of the Series or Tranche described in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement. Those terms may vary from the terms described in this Prospectus.*

<b>Issuer</b> .....	<p>The Bank of Nova Scotia. The Bank was granted a charter under the laws of the Province of Nova Scotia in 1832, and commenced operations in Halifax, Nova Scotia in that year. Since 1871, the Bank has been a chartered bank under the <i>Bank Act</i> (Canada) (the <b>Bank Act</b>), which is its charter, and the Bank is listed in Schedule I to the Bank Act. The head office of the Bank is located at 1709 Hollis Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3J 3B7, and the executive offices are at Scotia Plaza, 44 King Street West, Toronto, Ontario M5H 1H1 (the <b>Executive Offices</b>).</p> <p>For a more detailed description of the Bank, see <i>The Bank of Nova Scotia</i>.</p>
<b>Guarantor</b> .....	<p>Scotiabank Covered Bond Guarantor Limited Partnership.</p> <p>For a more detailed description of the Guarantor, see <i>The Guarantor</i>.</p>
<b>Arrangers</b> .....	Barclays Capital Inc. and Scotiabank Europe plc
<b>Dealers</b> .....	Barclays Bank PLC, BNP Paribas, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Limited, Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited, Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft, Goldman Sachs International, HSBC France, J.P. Morgan Securities plc, Merrill Lynch International, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc, The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, UBS Limited, USB Securities LLC, Wells Fargo Securities International Limited and Wells Fargo Securities LLC.
<b>Seller</b> .....	The Bank, any New Seller or other Limited Partner, who may from time to time accede to, and sell Loans and their Related Security to the Guarantor.
<b>Servicer</b> .....	The Bank, subject to replacement in accordance with the terms of the Servicing Agreement.
<b>Cash Manager</b> .....	The Bank, subject to replacement in accordance with the terms of the Cash Management Agreement.

<b>Calculation Agent</b> .....	The Bank, acting through its office located at 201 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3NS.
<b>Custodian</b> .....	Computershare Trust Company of Canada, acting through its office located at 100 University Avenue, 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Toronto, Ontario Canada M5J 2Y1.
<b>Principal Paying Agent, Registrar and Transfer Agent</b> .....	The Bank of Nova Scotia, London Branch, acting through its office located at 201 Bishopsgate, 6th Floor, London EC2M 3NS.
<b>U.S. Registrar, Paying Agent, Transfer Agent and Exchange Agent</b> .....	The Bank of Nova Scotia, New York Agency, acting through its office located at 1 Liberty Plaza, Floors 23-26, 165 Broadway, New York, NY 10006.
<b>Bond Trustee</b> .....	Computershare Trust Company of Canada, acting through its office located at 100 University Avenue, 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor, North Tower, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5J 2Y1.
	For a more detailed description of the Trust Deed, see <i>Overview of the Principal Documents—Trust Deed</i> .
	For a more detailed description of the Security Agreement, see <i>Overview of the Principal Documents—Security Agreement</i> .
<b>Cover Pool Monitor</b> .....	KPMG LLP, acting through its office at Bay Adelaide Centre, 333 Bay Street, Suite 4600, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5H 2S5.
	For a more detailed description of the Cover Pool Monitor Agreement, see <i>Overview of the Principal Documents—Cover Pool Monitor Agreement</i> .
<b>Interest Rate Swap Provider</b> .....	The Bank subject to replacement in accordance with the terms of the Interest Rate Swap Agreement.
<b>Covered Bond Swap Provider</b> .....	The Bank subject to replacement in accordance with the terms of the Covered Bond Swap Agreement.
<b>GDA Provider</b> .....	The Bank, acting through its main branch in Toronto.
<b>Account Bank</b> .....	The Bank, acting through its main branch in Toronto.
<b>Standby Account Bank</b> .....	Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, acting through its office at 161 Bay Street, 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2S8
	For a more detailed description of the Bank Account Agreement, see <i>Overview of the Principal Documents—Bank Account Agreement</i> .
<b>Standby GDA Provider</b> .....	Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, acting through its office at 161 Bay Street, 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2S8.
<b>Intercompany Loan Provider</b> .....	The Bank, acting through its main branch in Toronto.
<b>Program Size</b> .....	U.S.\$15 billion (or its equivalent in other currencies) aggregate

principal amount of Covered Bonds issued and outstanding at any time as described herein. The Bank and the Guarantor may increase the Program Size in accordance with the terms of the Dealership Agreement and applicable regulatory requirements.

<b>Legislative Framework .....</b>	The legislative framework established by Part I.1 of the NHA, including the CMHC Guide.
<b>Issuance of Series.....</b>	<p>Covered bonds will be issued in series (each, a <b>Series</b>). Each Series may comprise one or more tranches (<b>Tranches</b> and each, a <b>Tranche</b>) issued on different issue dates. The Covered Bonds of each Series will all be subject to identical terms, except that the issue date and the amount of the first payment of interest may be different in respect of different Tranches.</p> <p>The Covered Bonds will be issued by the Bank, as a CMHC registered issuer, under its CMHC registered covered bond program, which is registered pursuant to Part I.1 of the NHA</p>
<b>Currency and Denomination .....</b>	Subject to any applicable legal or regulatory restrictions, such currency or currencies as may be agreed from time to time by the Bank and the relevant Dealer(s) and as set out in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement, as the case may be.
<b>Maturities .....</b>	Such maturities as may be agreed between the Bank and the Dealers or Covered Bondholders, as the case may be, and as indicated in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement, subject to such minimum or maximum maturities as may be allowed or required, from time to time, by the relevant regulator (or equivalent body) or any laws or regulations applicable to the Bank or the relevant Specified Currency.
<b>Form of the Covered Bonds .....</b>	The Covered Bonds will be issued in bearer or registered form as described in <i>Form of the Covered Bonds</i> . Registered Covered Bonds will not be exchanged for Bearer Covered Bonds and vice versa.
<b>Interest.....</b>	Covered Bonds may be interest bearing or non-interest bearing. Interest (if any) may accrue at a fixed or floating rate (detailed in a formula or otherwise) and may vary during the lifetime of the relevant Series.
<b>Types of Covered Bonds .....</b>	Unless otherwise specified in the Final Terms Document, the types of Covered Bonds that may be issued pursuant to this Prospectus are (i) Fixed Rate Covered Bonds and (ii) Floating Rate Covered Bonds.
<b>Fixed Rate Covered Bonds .....</b>	Fixed Rate Covered Bonds will bear interest at a Fixed Rate, which will be payable on such date or dates as may be agreed between the Bank and the Dealers and on redemption and will be calculated on the basis of such day count basis as may be agreed between the Bank and the Dealers as set out in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement, <i>provided</i> that if an Extended Due for Payment Date is specified in the applicable Final Terms

Document or Pricing Supplement, interest following the Due for Payment Date will continue to accrue and be payable on the unpaid amount in accordance with Condition 4 (Interest) at a rate of interest determined in accordance with Condition 4.1 (Interest on Fixed Rate Covered Bonds) (in the same manner as the rate of interest for Floating Rate Covered Bonds) even where the relevant Covered Bonds are Fixed Rate Covered Bonds.

**Floating Rate Covered Bonds .....** Floating Rate Covered Bonds will bear interest at a rate determined on such basis as may be agreed between the Bank and the Dealers, as set out in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement.

**Other provisions in relation to Floating Rate Covered Bonds .....** Floating Rate Covered Bonds may also have a Maximum Rate of Interest, a Minimum Rate of Interest or both, as indicated in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement. Interest on Floating Rate Covered Bonds in respect of each Interest Period, as agreed prior to issue by the Bank and the relevant Dealer(s), will be payable on such Interest Payment Dates, and will be calculated on a day count basis, in each case as may be agreed between the Bank and the relevant Dealer(s).

**Hard Bullet Covered Bonds.....** Hard Bullet Covered Bonds may be offered and will be subject to a Pre-Maturity Test. The intention of the Pre-Maturity Test is to test the liquidity of the Guarantor's assets in respect of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds maturing within 12 months from the relevant Pre-Maturity Test Date when the Bank's credit ratings have fallen below the Pre-Maturity Required Ratings.

**Rating Agency Condition.....** Any issuance of Covered Bonds will be conditional upon satisfaction of the Rating Agency Condition.

**Listing .....** Covered Bonds will be listed on the London Stock Exchange unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement.

**Redemption .....** The applicable Final Terms Document or the Pricing Supplement relating to each Tranche of Covered Bonds will indicate either that the relevant Covered Bonds of such Series cannot be redeemed prior to their stated maturity (other than following an Issuer Event of Default and a Guarantor Event of Default or as indicated below) or that such Covered Bonds will be redeemable at the option of the Bank upon giving notice to the Covered Bondholders, on a date or dates specified prior to such stated maturity and at a price or prices and on such other terms as may be agreed between the Bank and the Dealers (as set out in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement).

Early redemption will be permitted for taxation reasons and illegality as described in Condition 6.2 (Redemption for taxation reasons) and 6.5 (Redemption due to illegality or invalidity), but will otherwise be permitted only to the extent specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement.

**Extendable obligations under the Covered Bond Guarantee .....**

The applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement may provide that (if a Notice to Pay has been served on the Guarantor) the Guarantor's obligations under the Covered Bond Guarantee to pay the Guaranteed Amounts corresponding to the Final Redemption Amount of the applicable Series of Covered Bonds on the Final Maturity Date (subject to applicable grace periods) may be deferred until the Extended Due for Payment Date. In such case, such deferral will occur automatically (i) if the Bank fails to pay the Final Redemption Amount of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds on their Final Maturity Date (i subject to applicable grace periods) and (ii) if the Guaranteed Amounts equal to the Final Redemption Amount in respect of such Series of Covered Bonds are not paid in full by the Guarantor by the Extension Determination Date (for example, because the Guarantor has insufficient funds in accordance with the Priorities of Payments to pay in full the Guaranteed Amounts corresponding to the Final Redemption Amount of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds after payment of higher ranking amounts and taking into account amounts ranking *pari passu* in the Priorities of Payments). To the extent that the a Notice to Pay has been served to the Guarantor and the Guarantor has sufficient time and sufficient funds to pay in part the Final Redemption Amount, such partial payment will be made by the Guarantor on any Interest Payment Date up to and including the relevant Extended Due for Payment Date as described in Condition 6.1 (Final redemption). Interest will continue to accrue and be payable on the unpaid amount in accordance with Condition 4 (Interest) and at a rate of interest determined in accordance with Condition 4 (Interest) (in the same manner as the rate of interest for Floating Rate Covered Bonds). The Guarantor will pay Guaranteed Amounts constituting Scheduled Interest on each Original Due for Payment Date and the Extended Due for Payment Date and any unpaid amounts in respect thereof will be due and payable on the Extended Due for Payment Date.

**Taxation .....**

Payments made by the Bank in respect of Covered Bonds will be made 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 Canada or any province or territory thereof, or, in the case of Covered Bonds issued by a branch of the Bank 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, unless the withholding or deduction of such taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges is required by law. In that event, the Bank will (subject to customary exceptions) pay such additional amounts as will result in the Covered Bondholders receiving such amounts as they would have received in respect of such Covered Bonds had no such withholding or deduction been required. Under the Covered Bond Guarantee, the Guarantor will not be liable to pay any such additional amounts as a consequence of any applicable tax withholding or deduction, including such additional amounts which



may become payable by the Bank under Condition 7 (Taxation).

If (i) any portion of interest payable on a Covered Bond is contingent or dependent on the use of, or production from, property in Canada or is computed by reference to revenue, profit, cash flow, commodity price or any other similar criteria or by reference to dividends paid or payable to shareholders of a corporation; (ii) the recipient of interest payable on a Covered Bond does not deal at arm's length with the Bank or the Guarantor for purposes of the Income Tax Act (Canada) (the ITA); (iii) interest is payable in respect of a Covered Bond owned by a person with whom the Bank or the Guarantor does not deal at arm's length for purposes of the ITA; or (iv) the recipient of interest payable on a Covered Bond is a "specified shareholder" of the Bank or a non-resident person that does not deal at arm's length with a specified shareholder of the Bank (in each case within the meaning of the ITA for purposes of the thin capitalization rules contained in subsection 18(4) of the ITA), such interest may be subject to Canadian nonresident withholding tax. A "specified shareholder" of the Bank is a person who owns, or is deemed to own, alone or together with persons with whom that person does not deal at arm's length, shares entitled to 25 percent or more of the votes that could be cast at an annual shareholders' meeting or shares having a fair market value of 25 percent or more of the fair market value of all the issued and outstanding shares of the Bank. Special rules, which are not discussed in this overview, may apply to a non-Canadian Holder that is an insurer that carries on an insurance business in Canada and elsewhere. Additional opinions from Canadian tax counsel may be required. See the discussion under the caption *Taxation—Canadian Taxation*.

**ERISA**..... In general, a Covered Bond may be purchased by an U.S. benefit plan investors as defined in Section 3(42) of the U.S. Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (**ERISA**), subject to certain conditions. See *ERISA and Certain Other U.S. Considerations*.

**Cross Default**..... If a Guarantor Acceleration Notice is served in respect of the Covered Bonds, then the obligation of the Guarantor to pay Guaranteed Amounts in respect of all Covered Bonds outstanding will be accelerated. If an Issuer Acceleration Notice is served in respect of a series of Covered Bonds, all outstanding Covered Bonds issued under the Program will accelerate against the Bank but will be subject to, and have the benefit of, the Guaranteed Amounts under the Covered Bond Guarantee.

**Status of the Covered Bonds**..... The Covered Bonds will constitute deposit liabilities of the Bank for purposes of the Bank Act, however the 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 Bank and rank *pari passu* with all deposit liabilities of the Bank without any preference among themselves and at least *pari passu* with all other unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the

Bank, present and future, except as prescribed by law and in certain limited circumstances described in Conditions 9.1 (Issuer Events of Default) and 14 (Meetings of Covered Bondholders, Modification, Waiver and Substitution).

**Governing Law and Jurisdiction.....** The Covered Bonds and the Transaction Documents (other than the Underwriting Agreement) will be governed by, and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario and the laws of Canada applicable therein.

Ontario courts have non-exclusive jurisdiction in the event of litigation in respect of the contractual documentation and the Covered Bonds governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

**Terms and Conditions.....** A Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement will be prepared in respect of each Tranche of Covered Bonds. The terms and conditions applicable to each Tranche will be those described under "*Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds*".

**Clearing System.....** Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, DTC and/or, in relation to any Covered Bonds, any other clearing system as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement.

**Selling Restrictions.....** There will be specific restrictions on offers, sales and deliveries of Covered Bonds and on the distribution of offering material in the United States, Canada, Japan, the EEA, the United Kingdom, France, Australia and Italy, as well as such other restrictions as may be required in connection with a particular issue of Covered Bonds as set out in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement.

**Covered Bond Guarantee .....** Payment of interest and principal in respect of the Covered Bonds when Due for Payment will be irrevocably guaranteed by the Guarantor. The obligations of the Guarantor to make payment in respect of the Guaranteed Amounts when Due for Payment are subject to the condition that a Covered Bond Guarantee Activation Event has occurred. The obligations of the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee will accelerate against the Guarantor upon the service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice. The obligations of the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee constitute direct obligations of the Guarantor secured against the assets of the Guarantor, including the Portfolio.

Payments made by the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee will be made subject to, and in accordance with, the applicable Priorities of Payments.

**Security for Covered Bond Guarantee.....** To secure its obligations under the Covered Bond Guarantee and the Transaction Documents to which it is a party, the Guarantor has granted a first ranking security interest over all of its present and future acquired assets, including the Portfolio, in favour of the Bond Trustee (for itself and on behalf of the other Secured Creditors) pursuant to the terms of the Security Agreement.

**Intercompany Loan**..... Under the terms of the Intercompany Loan Agreement, the Bank will make available to the Guarantor an interest-bearing Intercompany Loan, comprised of a Guarantee Loan and a revolving Demand Loan, in a combined aggregate amount equal to the Total Credit Commitment, subject to increases and decreases as described below. The Intercompany Loan will be denominated in Canadian Dollars. The interest rate on the Intercompany Loan will be a Canadian Dollar floating rate determined by the Bank from time to time, subject to a maximum of (i) prior to the Interest Rate Swap Effective Date, the yield on the Portfolio, and (ii) following the Interest Rate Swap Effective Date, the amount received by the Guarantor pursuant to the Interest Rate Swap Agreement, and, in each case, less a minimum spread and an amount for certain expenses of the Guarantor.

The balance of the Guarantee Loan and Demand Loan will fluctuate with the issuances and redemptions of Covered Bonds and the requirements of the Asset Coverage Test.

To the extent the Portfolio increases or is required to be increased to meet the Asset Coverage Test, the Bank may increase the Total Credit Commitment to enable the Guarantor to acquire Loans and their Related Security from the Seller.

The balance of the Guarantee Loan and the Demand Loan will be disclosed in each Investor Report. For a more detailed description of the Intercompany Loan, see *Overview of Principal Documents—Intercompany Loan Agreement*.

**Guarantee Loan**..... The Guarantee Loan is in an amount equal to the balance of outstanding Covered Bonds at any relevant time plus that portion of the Portfolio required in accordance with the Asset Coverage Test as overcollateralization for the Covered Bonds in excess of the amount of then outstanding Covered Bonds (see *Overview of the Principal Documents – Guarantor Agreement – Asset Coverage Test*).

**Demand Loan**..... The Demand Loan is a revolving credit facility, the outstanding balance of which is equal to the difference between the balance of the Intercompany Loan and the balance of the Guarantee Loan at any relevant time. At any time prior to a Demand Loan Repayment Event, the Guarantor may borrow, repay or re-borrow any amount repaid by the Guarantor under the Intercompany Loan for a permitted purpose provided, among other things, (i) such drawing does not result in the Intercompany Loan exceeding the Total Credit Commitment and (ii) no Issuer Event of Default or Guarantor Event of Default has occurred and is continuing.

For a more detailed description of the Demand Loan, see *Overview of the Principal Documents—Intercompany Loan Agreement*.

**The Proceeds of the Intercompany Loan**..... The Guarantor will use the Initial Advance under the Intercompany Loan to purchase Loans and their Related Security for inclusion in

the Portfolio from the Seller in accordance with the terms of the Mortgage Sale Agreement and may use additional Advances:

- (a) to purchase additional Loans and their Related Security pursuant to the terms of the Mortgage Sale Agreement; and/or
- (b) to invest in Substitute Assets in an amount not exceeding the prescribed limit under the CMHC Guide; and/or
- (c) subject to complying with the Asset Coverage Test and the CMHC Guide to make Capital Distributions to the Limited Partner; and/or
- (d) to make deposits of the proceeds in the Guarantor Accounts (including, without limitation, to fund the Reserve Fund and the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Required Amount, in each case to an amount not exceeding the prescribed limit).

**Capital Contributions .....** The Limited Partner may from time to time make Capital Contributions to the Guarantor including Capital Contributions of Loans and their Related Security. The Managing GP and the Liquidation GP respectively hold 99 percent. and 1 percent. of the 0.05 percent. general partner interest in the Guarantor. The Limited Partner holds the substantial economic interest in the Guarantor (99.95 percent.).

**Consideration.....** Under the terms of the Mortgage Sale Agreement, the Seller will sell Loans and their Related Security to the Guarantor for the Portfolio on a fully serviced basis for consideration equal to the fair market value of such Loans on their Transfer Date, or if so determined by the Limited Partner, the Limited Partner may make Capital Contributions of Loans and their Related Security on a fully serviced basis to the Guarantor in exchange for additional interests in the capital of the Guarantor.

**Interest Rate Swap Agreement.....** The Guarantor will enter into the Interest Rate Swap Agreement with the Interest Rate Swap Provider to provide a hedge, following the Interest Rate Swap Effective Date, against possible variances in the rates of interest payable on the Loans in the Portfolio (which may, for instance, include variable rates of interest or fixed rates of interest), the amounts payable on the Intercompany Loan and (following the Covered Bond Swap Effective Date) the Covered Bond Swap Agreement.

For a more detailed description of the Interest Rate Swap Agreement, see *Overview of the Principal Documents—Interest Rate Swap Agreement*.

**Covered Bond Swap Agreement .....** To provide a hedge against currency risks arising, following the Covered Bond Swap Effective Date, in respect of amounts received by the Guarantor under the Interest Rate Swap Agreement and amounts payable in respect of its obligations under the Covered Bond Guarantee, the Guarantor will enter into the Covered Bond

Swap Agreement (which may include a new ISDA Master Agreement schedule and confirmation(s) and credit support annex, if applicable, for each Tranche and/or Series of Covered Bonds) with the Covered Bond Swap Provider.

For a more detailed description of the Covered Bond Swap Agreement, see *Overview of the Principal Documents—Covered Bond Swap Agreement*.

## THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA

### History and Development of the Bank

The Bank was granted a charter under the laws of the Province of Nova Scotia in 1832 and commenced operations in Halifax, Nova Scotia in that year. Since 1871, the Bank has been a chartered bank under the Bank Act. The Bank is a Schedule I bank under the Bank Act and the Bank Act is its charter. The head office of the Bank is located at 1709 Hollis Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3J 3B7 and its executive offices are at Scotia Plaza, 44 King Street West, Toronto, Ontario M5H 1H1.

The Bank is a leading multinational financial services provider and Canada's most international bank. Through its team of more than 83,000 employees, the Bank and its affiliates offer a broad range of products and services, including retail, commercial, corporate and investment banking to some 21 million customers in more than 55 countries around the world.

Certain information regarding the Bank is incorporated by reference into this Prospectus. See *Documents Incorporated by Reference*.

### Principal Activities and Markets

The Bank has four major business lines: Canadian Banking, International Banking, Global Banking and Markets and Global Wealth Management. Each of these four major business lines is discussed below and additional information on the Bank's business lines is available in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for the year ended 31 October 2013, on pages 50 to 59 inclusive, accompanying the Bank's audited consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended 31 October 2013, incorporated by reference herein.

#### *Canadian Banking*

Canadian Banking provides a full suite of financial advice and solutions, supported by an excellent customer experience, to over 7.6 million personal and business customers across Canada through its network of 1,038 branches and 3,800 automated banking machines (**ABMs**), as well as internet, mobile and telephone banking and specialized sales teams. The Bank also provides an alternative self-directed banking solution to 1.9 million ING DIRECT customers through internet, mobile and telephone banking. Canadian Banking is comprised of two main businesses: Retail and Small Business Banking and Commercial Banking. A description of each is outlined below:

- Retail and Small Business Banking provides financial advice, solutions and day-to-day banking products, including debit cards, deposit accounts, credit cards, investments, mortgages, loans, and related creditor insurance products, to individuals and small businesses.
- Commercial Banking delivers advice and a full suite of customized lending, deposit, cash management and trade finance solutions to medium and large businesses.

#### *International Banking*

International Banking encompasses the Bank's retail and commercial banking operations in 43 of the more than 55 countries outside Canada in which the Bank operates an international presence unmatched by other Canadian banks. This business line has operations in Latin America, the Caribbean and Central America, and Asia. A full range of personal and commercial financial services is provided to over 13.9 million customers through a network of over 3,000 branches and offices, 7,500 ABMs, mobile, internet and telephone banking, in-store banking kiosks, and specialized sales forces.

### *Global Wealth & Insurance*

Global Wealth & Insurance combines the Bank's wealth management and insurance operations, in Canada and internationally, and is diversified across multiple geographies, product lines and strong businesses. The division recently changed its name from Global Wealth Management to Global Wealth & Insurance to recognize the scale and growth opportunities of the Bank's insurance business.

Global Wealth is an integrated business comprising of asset management and client-facing businesses. The asset management business is focused on investment manufacturing and developing investment solutions for both retail and institutional investors. The global client-facing wealth business units include private client, online and full service brokerage, institutional client services and the independent advisor channel. Its focus is on providing advice and solutions for clients in Canada and internationally.

Global Insurance has four main business lines in Canada: creditor, life and health, home and auto and travel. Internationally, a full range of creditor and non-creditor insurance products (life and health, home and auto, unemployment, universal life, retirement savings, fraud and assistance) are sold to Bank clients through a number of different channels.

### *Global Banking and Markets*

Global Banking and Markets is the wholesale banking and capital markets arm of the Bank. It offers an extensive number of products to corporate, government and institutional investor clients. Global Banking and Markets is a full-service lender and investment dealer in Canada and Mexico and offers a wide range of products in the United States, Central and South America, and in select markets in Europe and the Asia Pacific region. Global Banking and Markets provides corporate lending, equity and debt underwriting, and mergers and acquisitions advisory services, as well as capital markets products and services, such as fixed income, derivatives, prime brokerage, securitization, foreign exchange, equity sales, trading and research, energy and agricultural commodities, and, through ScotiaMocatta, precious and base metals.

### *Competition*

The Canadian banking system consists of five Canadian banks that are required by law to be widely held because their equity exceeds a threshold of \$12 billion. These five banks compete across the country with extensive branch networks, augmented by ABMs, telephone, internet and mobile banking facilities. In addition, the system includes 23 other domestic banks, 52 foreign banks and more than 730 credit unions and *caisses populaires*. In total, the Canadian financial services industry includes thousands of institutions such as life insurance companies, property and casualty insurers, consumer finance companies, independent investment dealers and independent retail mutual fund management companies.

The Bank provides a broad range of banking and other financial services to retail, commercial and corporate banking clients in Canada, the United States, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, South America and Asia either directly or through subsidiaries. In providing these services, the Bank competes with local and international banks and other financial institutions.

Competition is reflected in the range of products and services offered, innovation in features, services, technology and delivery and the different pricing adopted. Canada was ranked among the top 10 countries in the world in terms of the variety of financial products and services offered, according to the 2013-14 Global Competitiveness survey of the World Economic Forum. In addition, there are an increasingly large number of payment service providers in the Canadian market place offering alternative channels and competition in the payments space.

The number of new entrants into the financial services sector in recent years has also underscored the level of competition. A total of 17 new entrants, including seven banks and 10 foreign bank branches or

subsidiaries, received charters from the federal bank regulator between 2007 and 2012. The number of domestic banks in the country rose to 28 over the past year.

New national competitors should also emerge as a result of the federal government's implementation of regulations for a new framework to allow credit unions to incorporate at the federal level. This will give those credit unions that choose to incorporate federally the flexibility they require to grow beyond their provincial borders and provide consumers greater financial choice.



## Organizational Structure

The Bank's principal subsidiaries<sup>(1)</sup> as at 31 October 2013 were:

As at 31 October 2013 (\$ millions)	Principal office	Carrying value of shares <sup>(2)</sup>		
		2013	2012	
<b>Canadian</b>				
BNS Investments Inc. Montreal Trust Company of Canada	Toronto, Ontario Montreal, Quebec	\$11,707	\$11,711	
Dundee Bank of Canada <sup>(2)</sup>	Toronto, Ontario	822	784	
DundeeWealth Inc. <sup>(2)</sup>	Toronto, Ontario	3,869	3,713	
ING Bank of Canada	Toronto, Ontario	3,267		-
National Trustco Inc. The Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company National Trust Company	Toronto, Ontario Toronto, Ontario Stratford, Ontario	640	620	
RoyNat Inc.	Toronto, Ontario	47	34	
1832 Asset Management L.P.	Toronto, Ontario	373	318	
Scotia Capital Inc.	Toronto, Ontario	1,045	994	
Scotia Dealer Advantage Inc.	Burnaby, British Columbia	267	195	
Scotia Insurance Agency Inc.	Toronto, Ontario	3	2	
Scotia Life Insurance Company	Toronto, Ontario	148	110	
Scotia Life Financial Services Inc	Toronto, Ontario	2		1
Scotia Mortgage Corporation	Toronto, Ontario	589	496	
Scotia Securities Inc.	Toronto, Ontario	52	54	
<b>International</b>				
Banco Colpatría Multibanca Colpatría S.A. (51%)	Bogota, Colombia	1,241	1,122	-
The Bank of Nova Scotia Berhad	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	286	268	
The Bank of Nova Scotia International Limited BNS (Colombia) Holdings Limited (99.9%)	Nassau, Bahamas Nassau, Bahamas	11,698	10,393	
Grupo BNS de Costa Rica, S.A. The Bank of Nova Scotia Asia Limited The Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company (Bahamas) Limited Scotiabank & Trust (Cayman) Ltd.	San Jose, Costa Rica Singapore Nassau, Bahamas Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands			
Scotiabank (Bahamas) Limited Scotiabank (Belize) Ltd. Scotiabank (British Virgin Islands) Limited Scotiabank (Hong Kong) Limited Scotiabank (Ireland) Limited Scotiabank (Turks and Caicos) Ltd.	Nassau, Bahamas Belize City, Belize Road Town, Tortola, B.V.I. Hong Kong, China Dublin, Ireland Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands			
Grupo Financiero Scotiabank Inverlat, S.A. de C.V. (97.4%)	Mexico, D.F., Mexico	2,700	2,317	
Nova Scotia Inversiones Limitada Scotiabank Chile (99.6%)	Santiago, Chile Santiago, Chile	2,452	2,349	
Scotia Capital (Europe) Limited Scotia Capital (USA) Inc. <sup>(3)</sup>	London, England New York, New York	69	64	
Scotia Group Jamaica Limited (71.8%) The Bank of Nova Scotia Jamaica Limited Scotia Investments Jamaica Limited (77.0%)	Kingston, Jamaica Kingston, Jamaica Kingston, Jamaica	483	493	
Scotia Holdings (US) Inc. <sup>(4)</sup> The Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company of New York Scotiabanc Inc.	Houston, Texas New York, New York Houston, Texas			
Scotia International Limited Scotiabank Anguilla Limited	Nassau, Bahamas The Valley, Anguilla	863	846	
Scotiabank Brasil S.A. Banco Multiplo Scotiabank de Puerto Rico	Sao Paulo, Brazil San Juan, Puerto Rico	158 937	179 853	
Scotiabank El Salvador, S.A. (99.3%) Scotiabank Europe plc	San Salvador, El Salvador London, England	427 1,996	382 1,848	
Scotiabank Peru S.A.A. (97.8%) Scotiabank Trinidad and Tobago Limited (50.9%)	Lima, Peru Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago	2,560 291	2,236 262	

(1) The Bank (or immediate parent of an entity) owns 100% of the outstanding voting shares of each subsidiary unless otherwise noted. The listing includes major operating subsidiaries only.

(2) Effective November 1, 2013 the name of Dundee Bank of Canada has been changed to Hollis Canadian Bank and Dundee Wealth Inc has been changed to Hollis Wealth Inc..

(3) The carrying value of this subsidiary is included with that of its parent, Scotia Capital Inc.

As at 31 October 2013 (\$ millions)	Principal office	Carrying value of shares <sup>(2)</sup>	
		2013	2012

(4) The carrying value of this subsidiary is included with that of its parent, BNS Investments Inc.

Subsidiaries may have a different reporting date from that of the Bank of October 31. Dates may differ for a variety of reasons including local reporting requirements or tax laws. In accordance with the Bank's accounting policies, for the purpose of inclusion in the consolidated financial statements of the Bank, adjustments are made for subsidiaries with different reporting dates.

The Bank also engages in business in its own right. Its assets are therefore comprised of both shares in the above subsidiaries and assets and liabilities acquired in the conduct of its own business. It is part dependent on the members of the Scotiabank Group and the revenues recovered by them.

### Trend Information

Since 31 October 2013, there has been no material adverse change in the prospects of the Bank and its subsidiaries and there has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of the Bank and its subsidiaries.

### Directors and Board Committees of the Bank

The Directors of the Bank as of the date hereof are as follows:

Name	Board Committee Memberships	Principal Occupation/ Outside Activities
JOHN THOMAS MAYBERRY, C.M.	ERC CGPC ACRC HRC	Non-executive Chairman of The Bank of Nova Scotia and Corporate Director
RONALD ALVIN BRENNEMAN	ERC - Chair HRC	Corporate Director and retired Executive Vice Chairman, Suncor Energy Inc.
CHOONG JOONG CHEN	CGPC	Counsel, Rajah & Tann LLP
CHARLES HARRY DALLARA	ACRC	Executive Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Americas of Partners Group Holding AG
DAVID ALLISON DODGE, O.C.	ERC	Senior Advisor, Bennett Jones LLP
NANCY ASHLEIGH EVERETT	CGPC—Chair ERC	President, Corporate Secretary and Director, Royal Canadian Securities Limited
JOHN CUSTANCE KERR, C.M., O.B.C., LL.D.	HRC—Chair ERC	Chairman, Lignum Investments Ltd., the Managing Partner of Lignum Forest Products LLP, and President of the Vancouver Professional Baseball LLP
THOMAS CHARLES O'NEILL	ACRC—Chair ERC	Corporate Director and retired Chair of the Board of PwC Consulting
BRIAN JOHNSTON PORTER	N/A	President and Chief Executive Officer, The Bank of Nova Scotia

<b>Name</b>	<b>Board Committee Memberships</b>	<b>Principal Occupation/ Outside Activities</b>
AARON WILLIAM REGENT	ACRC CGPC	Founder and Managing Partner of Magris Resources Inc.
DR. INDIRA VASANTI SAMARASEKERA, O.C., PH.D.	HRC CGPC	President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Alberta
SUSAN LOUISE SEGAL	ACRC CGPC	President and Chief Executive Officer of the Americas Society and Council of the Americas
PAUL DAVID SOBEY	ACRC CGPC	Corporate Director
BARBARA SUSAN THOMAS	ACRC HRC	Corporate Director
RICHARD EARL WAUGH	N/A	Deputy Chairman, The Bank of Nova Scotia

**Notes:**

ACRC—Audit and Conduct Review Committee

CGPC—Corporate Governance and Pension Committee

ERC—Executive and Risk Committee

HRC—Human Resource Committee

The business address of the Directors of the Bank is The Bank of Nova Scotia, Scotia Plaza, 44 King Street West, Toronto, Ontario M5H 1H1, which is the executive office of the Bank.

There are no potential conflicts of interest between any duties owed to the Bank by the Directors and the private interests and/or other external duties owed by these individuals.

**Major Shareholders**

Without Minister of Finance of Canada (the **Minister**) approval, no person or group of associated persons may own more than 10 percent of any class of shares of the Bank. No person may be a major shareholder of a bank if the bank has equity of \$12 billion or more (which would include the Bank). A person is a major shareholder of a bank if: (a) the aggregate of shares of any class of voting shares beneficially owned by that person and that are beneficially owned by any entities controlled by that person is more than 20 percent of that class of voting shares; or (b) the aggregate of shares of any class of non-voting shares beneficially owned by that person and that are beneficially owned by any entities controlled by that person is more than 30 percent of that class of non-voting shares. Ownership of the Bank's shares by Canadian or foreign governments is prohibited under the Bank Act. However, in 2009 certain amendments were made to the Bank Act that would permit the Canadian federal government to acquire shares of a bank, including the Bank, if the Minister and Governor in Council were to conclude that to do so was necessary to promote stability in the financial system. While the government holds any shares of a bank, including the Bank, the Minister may impose certain terms and conditions, including conditions on the payment by the Bank of dividends on any of its shares.

## Selected Financial Information

### Financial Summary

The financial data in the tables below has been extracted without material adjustment from the audited consolidated statement of financial position and consolidated statement of income of the Bank for the years ended 31 October 2013 and 31 October 2012 contained in the Bank's 2013 Annual Report.

### Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

<u>(Amounts in millions of Canadian dollars)</u>	As at October 31	
	2013	2012
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and deposits with financial institutions and precious metals <sup>1</sup> .....	\$62,218	\$59,724
Trading assets .....	96,489	87,596
Securities purchased under resale agreements and securities borrowed <sup>1</sup> .....	82,533	66,189
Investment securities .....	34,303	33,361
Loans <sup>1</sup> .....	402,150	352,487
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	66,095	68,687
Total assets .....	<u>\$743,788</u>	<u>\$668,044</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Deposits <sup>1</sup> .....	\$516,554	\$463,590
Obligations related to securities sold under repurchase agreements and securities lent .....	77,508	56,968
Other liabilities .....	96,684	94,606
Subordinated debentures .....	5,841	10,143
Capital instruments .....	650	1,358
Total liabilities .....	<u>\$697,237</u>	<u>\$626,665</u>
<b>Equity</b>		
Common equity .....	\$40,569	\$35,252
Preferred shares .....	4,084	4,384
Non-controlling interests .....	1,898	1,743
Total equity .....	<u>\$46,551</u>	<u>\$41,379</u>
Total liabilities and equity .....	<u>\$743,788</u>	<u>\$668,044</u>

<sup>1</sup>Amounts for 31 October 2012 have been restated to reflect the current period presentation of deposits with financial institutions and cash collateral on securities borrowed and derivative transactions.

### Condensed Consolidated Statement of Income

<u>(Amounts in millions of Canadian dollars)</u>	For the Year ended October 31	
	2013	2012 <sup>1</sup>
Net interest income .....	\$11,366	\$10,003
Net fee and commission revenues .....	6,939	6,274
Other operating income .....	3,038	3,424
Total revenue .....	<u>21,343</u>	<u>19,701</u>
Provision for credit losses .....	1,296	1,252
Operating expenses .....	11,587	10,403

Income tax expense .....	1,763	1,580
Net income.....	\$6,697	\$6,466
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests .....	275	223
Non-controlling interests in subsidiaries .....	244	198
Capital instrument equity holders .....	31	25
Net income attributable to equity holders of the Bank .....	\$6,422	\$6,243
Preferred shareholders .....	217	220
Common shareholders .....	\$6,205	\$6,023

<sup>1</sup> Certain amounts have been restated to include the impact of the change in presentation of deposits with financial institutions and cash collateral on securities borrowed.

## Material Contracts

The Bank has not entered into any contracts outside the ordinary course of the Bank's business which could materially affect the Bank's obligations in respect of any Covered Bonds to be issued by the Bank.

## Auditors

KPMG LLP, Chartered Accountants, Bay Adelaide Centre, 333 Bay Street, Suite 4600, Toronto, Ontario M5H 2S5. KPMG LLP has been selected to serve as auditors for the Bank for the 2013 fiscal year. The consolidated financial statements of the Bank which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as at 31 October 2013 and 31 October 2012 and the consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for each of the years in the three year period ended 31 October 2013 and notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on the Bank's internal control over financial reporting as of October 31, 2013 have been incorporated by reference herein in reliance upon the reports of KPMG LLP.

KPMG LLP is independent with respect to the Bank within the meaning of the Rules of Professional Conduct/Code of Ethics of the various Canadian provincial institutes/order.

## Legal and Arbitration Proceedings

There are no governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which the Bank is aware), during the 12 month period preceding the date of this Prospectus which may have, or have had in the recent past, significant effects on the Bank's and the Bank's subsidiaries (taken as a whole) financial position or profitability.

## Ratings

Each of Moody's Investors Service, Inc. (**Moody's**), Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC (**S&P**), Fitch, Inc. (**Fitch**) and DBRS Limited (**DBRS**) has provided the following issuer ratings for the Bank:

	<b>Moody's</b>	<b>S&amp;P</b>	<b>Fitch</b>	<b>DBRS</b>
Senior long-term debt/ deposits	Aa2	A+	AA-	AA
Subordinated debt	A2	A-	A+	AA (low)
Short-term deposits/ commercial paper	P-1	A-1	F1+	R-1 (high)
Non-cumulative preferred shares	Baa1	BBB+/P-2 (high)*	Not rated	Pfd-2 (high)

\*Canadian scale

None of S&P, Moody's, Fitch or DBRS (the **non-EU CRAs**) is established in the European Union or has applied for registration under the CRA Regulation. The ratings have been endorsed by each of Standard and Poor's Credit Market Services Europe Ltd., Moody's Investors Service Ltd., DBRS Ratings Limited and Fitch Ratings Limited (the **EU CRAs**), as applicable, which are affiliates of S&P, Moody's, Fitch and DBRS, respectively, in accordance with the CRA Regulation. Each EU CRA is established in the European Union and registered under the CRA Regulation. As such each EU CRA is included in the list of credit rating agencies published by the European Securities and Markets Authority (**ESMA**) on its website in accordance with the CRA Regulation. ESMA has indicated that ratings issued in Canada which have been endorsed by an EU CRA may be used in the EU by the relevant market participants.

### **Certain Matters Relating to the Bank's Board of Directors**

Under the Bank Act, the Bank's board of directors must have at least seven members and the Bank's board of directors may establish by by-law a minimum and maximum number of directors. Under the Bank's by-laws, the minimum number of directors is the minimum required by the Bank Act and the maximum number of directors is 35. The Bank's by-laws also provide that the number of directors to be elected at any annual meeting of shareholders of the Bank will be fixed by the board of directors before the meeting. The Bank currently has 14 directors. The Bank Act requires that no more than two-thirds of the directors may be affiliated with the Bank, and no more than 15 percent of the directors may be employees of the Bank or a subsidiary of the Bank, except that up to four employees may be directors if they constitute not more than 50 percent of the directors. Under the Bank Act, a majority of the directors of the Bank must be resident Canadians and, except in limited circumstances, directors may not transact business at a meeting of directors or a committee of directors at which a majority of the directors present are not resident Canadians. Subject to the Bank Act a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the board of directors consists of 5 directors. The Bank Act also requires the directors of a bank to appoint from their members a chief executive officer who must ordinarily be resident in Canada.

Under the Bank Act, any director or the entire board of directors may be removed, with or without cause, with the approval of a majority of the votes cast at a special meeting of shareholders. A vacancy created by such removal may be filled at the meeting or by a quorum of the directors. Directors who were elected on or before 1 April 2011 (existing directors) must retire at the earlier of 10 years from 1 April 2011 or age 70, provided that if an existing director has not served a 10 year term at the time of achieving age 70, their term will be extended for additional years in order to complete a minimum 10 year term. For directors elected after 1 April 2011, retirement is the earlier of age 70 or a 15 year term, provided that if a director has not served a 10 year term at the time of achieving age 70, their term will be extended for additional years in order to complete a minimum 10 year term.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

The Bank Act contains detailed provisions with regard to a director's power to vote on a material contract or material transaction in which the director is interested. These provisions include procedures for: disclosure of the conflict of interest and the timing for such disclosure; the presence of directors at board meetings where the contract or transaction giving rise to the conflict of interest is being considered, and voting with respect to the contract or transaction giving rise to the conflict of interest; and other provisions for dealing with such conflicts of interest. The Bank Act also contains detailed provisions regarding transactions with persons who are related parties of the Bank, including directors of the Bank. See —*Borrowing Powers*.

### **Compensation**

The by-laws of the Bank have provisions with regard to remuneration of directors. The board of directors may, from time to time, by resolution determine the remuneration that may be paid, but such remuneration may not exceed in each year an aggregate cap set out in the by-laws, and individually may be in such amounts as the board may determine by resolution. The directors may also be paid their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in attending meetings of the board, shareholders or committees of the board.

**Borrowing Powers**

The directors of the Bank may, without authorization of the shareholders, authorize the Bank to borrow money. The Bank Act, however, prohibits the Bank from entering into transactions with persons who are deemed to be related parties of the Bank, subject to certain exceptions. Related party transactions may include loans made on the credit of the Bank.

## THE GUARANTOR

### General

Scotiabank Covered Bond Guarantor Limited Partnership (the Guarantor) is a limited partnership formed on 28 May 2013 and existing under the *Limited Partnerships Act* (Ontario). The principal place of business of the Guarantor is Ontario and the telephone contact number is (416) 866-2712. The Guarantor is governed by the Guarantor Agreement (see *Overview of the Principal Documents—Guarantor Agreement*).

### Description of Limited Partnership

Pursuant to the terms of the *Limited Partnerships Act* (Ontario), a limited partner in a limited partnership is liable for the liabilities, debts and obligations of the partnership, but only to the extent of the amount contributed by it or agreed to be contributed by it to the partnership, unless, in addition to exercising rights and powers as a limited partner, the limited partner takes part in the control of the business of the partnership. Subject to applicable law, limited partners will otherwise have no liability in respect of the liabilities, debts and obligations of the partnership. Each general partner will have unlimited liability for an obligation of the partnership unless the holder of such obligation agrees otherwise.

### Business of the Guarantor

The Guarantor is a special purpose vehicle whose only business is providing services to the Bank in respect of the Program by (i) entering into the Intercompany Loan Agreement and accepting Capital Contributions from the partners; (ii) using the proceeds from the Intercompany Loan and Capital Contributions (a) to purchase the Initial Portfolio consisting of Loans and their Related Security from the Seller in accordance with the terms of the Mortgage Sale Agreement and Loans and their Related Security pursuant to the terms of the Mortgage Sale Agreement; and/or (b) to invest in Substitute Assets in an amount not exceeding the prescribed limit in the CMHC Guide; and/or (c) subject to complying with the Asset Coverage Test and the CMHC Guide, from time to time, to make Capital Distributions to the Limited Partner; and/or (d) to make deposits of the proceeds in the Guarantor Accounts (including, without limitation, to fund the Reserve Fund and the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Required Amount, in each case up to an amount not exceeding the prescribed limit); (iii) arranging for the servicing of the Portfolio by the Servicer; (iv) entering into the Trust Deed, giving the Covered Bond Guarantee and entering into the Security Agreement; (v) entering into the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party; and (vi) performing its obligations under any of the Transaction Documents and in respect thereof and doing all things incidental or ancillary thereto.

The Guarantor has not, since its formation, engaged in, and will not, while there are Covered Bonds outstanding, engage in any material activities other than activities relating to the business of the Guarantor described above and/or incidental or ancillary thereto. The Guarantor and its general partners are not required by applicable Canadian law (including the *Limited Partnerships Act* (Ontario)) to publish any financial statements.

The Guarantor has no employees.

### Partners of the Guarantor

The partners (the Partners) of the Guarantor are:

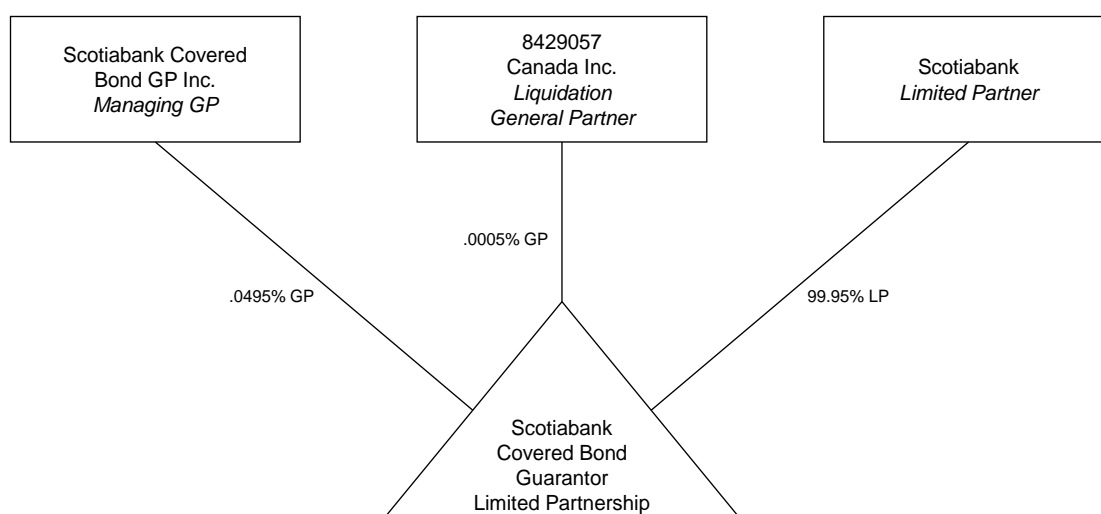
- Scotiabank Covered Bond GP Inc. (the Managing GP), as the managing general partner (the **Managing GP**), a wholly owned subsidiary corporation of the Bank incorporated on 24 May 2013 under the laws of Canada to be the managing general partner of the Guarantor, with its registered office at Suite 6100, 1 First Canadian Place, 100 King Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M5X 1B8;



- 8429057 Canada Inc., as the liquidation general partner (the **Liquidation GP**), a corporation incorporated on 17 May 2013 under the laws of Ontario to be the liquidation general partner of the Guarantor, with its registered office at c/o Computershare Trust Company of Canada, 100 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2Y1; and
- the Bank, as the sole limited partner.

The Capital Contribution Balance of each of the Partners will be recorded in the Capital Account Ledger. As of the date of this Prospectus, the Bank holds substantially all of the capital in the Guarantor with the Managing GP and the Liquidation GP each holding a nominal interest in the Guarantor. Pursuant to the terms of the Limited Partnership Act (Ontario), the liability of a limited partner for the liabilities, debts and obligations of the Guarantor is limited to the amount contributed by it or agreed to be contributed by it to the Guarantor, unless, in addition to exercising rights and powers as a limited partner, such limited partner takes part control of the business of the Guarantor and such limited partner will, subject to applicable law, otherwise have no liability in respect of the liabilities, debts and obligations of the partnership. Each of the general partners of the Guarantor will have unlimited liability for any obligation of the Guarantor unless the holder of such obligation agrees otherwise.

Each of the Partners has covenanted in the Guarantor Agreement that, except as provided in the Transaction Documents, it will not sell, transfer, convey, create or permit to arise any security interest on, create any beneficial interest in or otherwise dispose of its interest in the Guarantor without the prior written consent of the Guarantor and, while there are Covered Bonds outstanding, the Bond Trustee.

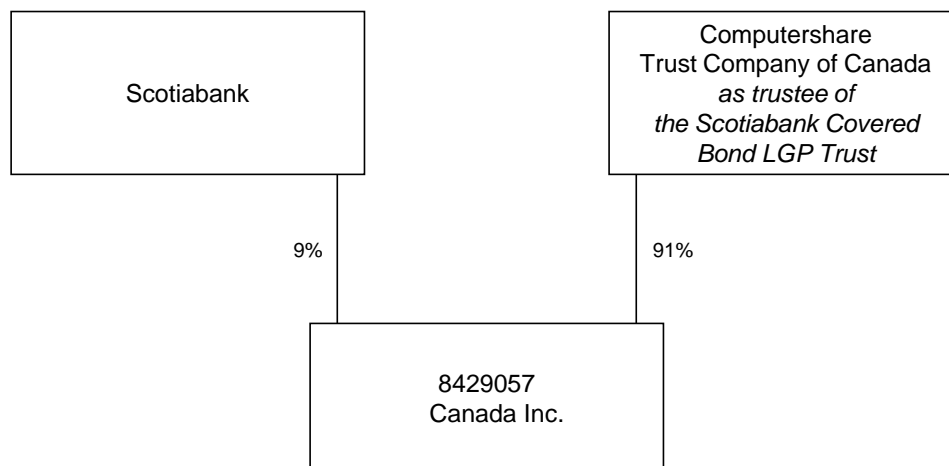


The directors and officers of the Managing GP are officers and employees of the Bank.

### **Ownership Structure of the Liquidation GP**

91 per cent. of the issued and outstanding shares in the capital of the Liquidation GP are held by the Corporate Services Provider, as trustee of the Scotiabank Covered Bond LGP Trust (the “LGP Trust”) and 9 percent of the issued and outstanding shares in the capital of the Liquidation GP are held by the Bank. A majority of the directors of the Liquidation GP are appointed by the Corporate Services Provider, as trustee of the LGP Trust, and are independent of the Bank. The Bank is entitled to have one nominee on the board of the Liquidation GP who is an officer or employee of the Bank.

The beneficiary of the LGP Trust is one or more charities registered under the ITA.



### Directors of the Partners of the Guarantor

The following table sets out the directors of the Managing GP and the Liquidation GP (and their respective business addresses and occupations). For the directors of the Bank see *The Issuer—Directors*, above.

#### Directors of the Managing GP

Name	Business Address	Business Occupation
Jake Lawrence	c/o The Bank of Nova Scotia 40 King Street West, 64th Floor Toronto, Ontario M5H 1H1	Director, President and Secretary of Managing GP

The director of the Managing GP is an officer and/or employee of the Bank.

#### Directors of the Liquidation GP

Name	Business Address	Business Occupation
Stuart Swartz	Computershare Trust Company of Canada 100 University Avenue Toronto, Ontario M5J 2Y1	Chairman of the Board of Directors, President and Secretary of Liquidation GP
Charles Eric Gauthier	Computershare Trust Company of Canada 100 University Avenue Toronto, Ontario M5J 2Y1	Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors, Vice-President and Assistant Secretary of Liquidation GP

### Governance of the Guarantor

Pursuant to the terms of the Guarantor Agreement, the Managing GP will manage the business and affairs of the Guarantor, act on behalf of the Guarantor, make decisions regarding the business of the Guarantor and have the authority to bind the Guarantor in respect of any such decision. The Managing GP will be required

to exercise its powers and discharge its duties honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the Guarantor, and to exercise the care, diligence and skill of a reasonably prudent person in comparable circumstances. The authority and power vested in the Managing GP to manage the business and affairs of the Guarantor includes all authority necessary or incidental to carry out the objects, purposes and business of the Guarantor, including the ability to engage agents to assist the Managing GP to carry out its management obligations and administrative functions in respect of the Guarantor and its business.

Except in certain limited circumstances (described below under *Withdrawal or Removal of the General Partners*), the Liquidation GP will not generally take part in managing the affairs and business of the Guarantor. However, the Liquidation GP's consent will be required for a voluntary wind up or dissolution of the Guarantor.

Each of the Partners has agreed that it will not, for so long as there are Covered Bonds outstanding, terminate or purport to terminate the Guarantor or institute any winding-up, administration, insolvency or other similar proceedings against the Guarantor. Furthermore, the Partners have agreed, among other things, except as specifically otherwise provided in the Transaction Documents, not to demand or receive payment of any amounts payable by the Guarantor (or the Cash Manager on its behalf) or the Bond Trustee unless all amounts then due and payable by the Guarantor to all other creditors ranking higher in the relevant Priorities of Payment have been paid in full.

### **Potential Conflict of Interest**

All of the directors of the Managing GP are officers or employees of the Bank. As at the date of this Prospectus, there are no potential conflicts of interest between the duties owed to the Guarantor by any of the directors of the Managing GP or by any of the directors of the Liquidation GP and their private interests and other duties.

### **Reimbursement of General Partners**

The Guarantor will be obliged to reimburse the Managing GP and Liquidation GP for all out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred on behalf of the Guarantor by the Managing GP or Liquidation GP in the performance of their duties under the Guarantor Agreement.

### **Liability of the Limited Partners of the Guarantor**

The Guarantor is required to operate in a manner so as to ensure, to the greatest extent possible, the limited liability of the limited partner(s). Limited partner(s) may lose their limited liability in certain circumstances. If limited liability is lost by reason of the negligence of the Managing GP or Liquidation GP, as the case may be, in performing its duties and obligations under the Guarantor Agreement, in each case, as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction in a final non-appealable decision, the Managing GP or the Liquidation GP, as applicable, shall indemnify the limited partner(s) against all claims arising from assertions that their respective liabilities are not limited as intended by the Guarantor Agreement. However, since the Managing GP and the Liquidation GP have no significant assets or financial resources, any indemnity from them may have nominal value.

### **Withdrawal or Removal of the General Partners**

The Managing GP or Liquidation GP may resign as managing general partner or liquidation general partner, as the case may be, on not less than 180 days' prior written notice to the Partners and the Bond Trustee, provided that neither the Managing GP nor Liquidation GP may resign if the effect would be to dissolve the Guarantor. In the event that the Liquidation GP resigns as liquidation general partner, the Managing GP will use its best commercially reasonable efforts to, without delay, find a replacement liquidation general partner acceptable to the limited partner(s) of the Guarantor and the Bond Trustee and which satisfies the

requirements of the CMHC Guide, to accept the role of liquidation general partner formerly held by the Liquidation GP and acquire a general partner interest in the Guarantor.

In the event the Managing GP resigns, an Issuer Event of Default occurs and is continuing, or a winding-up or insolvency of the Managing GP occurs, the Managing GP will forthwith, or in the case of resignation at the expiry of the notice period described above, cease to be the managing general partner of the Guarantor and the Liquidation GP will automatically assume the role and responsibilities (but not the interest in the Guarantor) of the Managing GP and continue the business of the Guarantor as Managing GP.

If at any time the Liquidation GP becomes the Managing GP pursuant to the foregoing, it may appoint a replacement Managing GP (other than the Bank or any of its affiliates) acceptable to the limited partner(s) of the Guarantor and the Bond Trustee and which satisfies the requirements of the CMHC Guide to act as Managing GP and acquire a general partner interest in the Guarantor. Following the appointment of the replacement Managing GP pursuant to the foregoing, the replacement Managing GP will have the powers, duties and responsibilities of the Managing GP of the Guarantor and the Liquidation GP will resume its role, as it was, prior to assuming the role and responsibility of the Managing GP.

## FORM OF THE COVERED BONDS

The Covered Bonds of each Series will be in either bearer form, with or without interest coupons and/or talons attached, or registered form, without interest coupons and/or talons attached. Registered Covered Bonds and Bearer Covered Bonds will be issued outside the United States in reliance on Regulation S under the Securities Act (**Regulation S**). Rule 144A Covered Bonds will only be issued as Registered Covered Bonds and will be issued within the United States in reliance on Rules 144A or Section 4(2) under the Securities Act.

### **Bearer Covered Bonds**

Each Tranche of Bearer Covered Bonds will be initially issued in the form of a temporary global covered bond without receipts and interest coupons attached (a **Temporary Global Covered Bond**) which will:

- (a) if the Bearer Global Covered Bonds are intended to be issued in New Global Covered Bond form, as stated in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement, be delivered on or prior to the Issue Date of the relevant Tranche to the Common Safekeeper for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg; and
- (b) if the Bearer Global Covered Bonds are not intended to be issued in NGCB form as stated in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement, be delivered on or prior to the Issue Date of the relevant Tranche to the Common Depositary.

Whilst any Bearer Covered Bond is represented by a Temporary Global Covered Bond, payments of principal, interest (if any) and any other amount payable in respect of the Bearer Covered Bonds due prior to the Exchange Date (as defined below) will be made (against presentation of the Temporary Global Covered Bond if the Temporary Global Covered Bond is not intended to be issued in NGCB form) only to the extent that certification to the effect that the beneficial owners of interests in such Bearer Covered Bond are not U.S. persons or persons who have purchased for resale to any U.S. person, as required by U.S. regulations, (in the form established under the Trust Deed as such form may be amended from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof) is provided.

On and after the date (the **Exchange Date**) which is 40 days after a Temporary Global Covered Bond is issued, interests in such Temporary Global Covered Bond will be exchangeable (free of charge) upon a request as described therein either for (a) interests in a permanent global covered bond without receipts and interest coupons attached (a **Permanent Global Covered Bond**) of the same Series, or (b) Bearer Definitive Covered Bonds of the same Series with, where applicable, receipts, interest coupons and talons attached (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement and subject, in the case of Bearer Definitive Covered Bonds, to such notice period as is specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement), in each case against certification of non-U.S. beneficial ownership as described above unless such certification has already been given. Purchasers in the United States and certain U.S. persons will not be able to receive Bearer Definitive Covered Bonds or interests in the Permanent Global Covered Bond. The holder of a Temporary Global Covered Bond will not be entitled to collect any payment of interest, principal or other amount due on or after the Exchange Date unless, upon due certification, exchange of the Temporary Global Covered Bond for an interest in a Permanent Global Covered Bond or for Bearer Definitive Covered Bonds is improperly withheld or refused.

Payments of principal, interest (if any) or any other amounts on a Permanent Global Covered Bond will be made through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg against presentation or surrender (as the case may be) of the Permanent Global Covered Bond (if the Permanent Global Covered Bond is not intended to be issued in NGCB form) without any requirement for certification.

The applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement will specify that a Permanent Global Covered Bond will be exchangeable (free of charge), in whole but not in part, for Bearer Definitive Covered Bonds with, where applicable, receipts, interest coupons and talons attached upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event. For these purposes, **Exchange Event** means that (a) the Bank has been notified that both Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg have been closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of holiday, whether statutory or otherwise) or have announced an intention to permanently cease business or have in fact done so and no successor clearing system is available, or (b) the Bank has or will become subject to adverse tax consequences which would not be suffered were the Bearer Global Covered Bond (and any interests therein) exchanged for Bearer Definitive Covered Bonds. The Bank will promptly give notice to Covered Bondholders of each Series of Bearer Global Covered Bonds in accordance with Condition 13 (Notices) if an Exchange Event occurs. In the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (acting on the instructions of any holder of an interest in such Permanent Global Covered Bond) or the Bond Trustee may give notice to the Principal Paying Agent requesting exchange and, in the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event as described in (ii) above, the Bank may also give notice to the Principal Paying Agent requesting exchange. Any such exchange will occur not later than 45 days after the date of receipt of the first relevant notice by the Principal Paying Agent.

Bearer Global Covered Bonds, Bearer Definitive Covered Bonds and any Coupons or Talons attached thereto will be issued pursuant to the Agency Agreement.

Any Coupon or Talon which does not form part of or is capable of being detached from a Bearer Global Covered Bond or Bearer Definitive Covered Bond shall be marked or identified in the prescribed manner indicating whether interest on such Covered Bond is payable free of or subject to Canadian withholding tax.

The following legend will appear on all Bearer Covered Bonds and on all receipts and interest coupons relating to such Bearer Covered Bonds:

"ANY UNITED STATES PERSON WHO HOLDS THIS OBLIGATION WILL BE SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS UNDER THE UNITED STATES INCOME TAX LAWS, INCLUDING THE LIMITATIONS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 165(j) AND 1287(a) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE".

The sections referred to provide that United States holders, with certain exceptions, will not be entitled to deduct any loss on Bearer Covered Bonds, receipts or interest coupons and will not be entitled to capital gains treatment of any gain on any sale or other disposition in respect of such Bearer Covered Bonds, receipts or interest coupons.

Covered Bonds which are represented by a Bearer Global Covered Bond will only be transferable in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be.

### **Registered Covered Bonds**

The Registered Covered Bonds of each Tranche offered and sold in reliance on Regulation S will initially be represented by a Regulation S Global Covered Bond. Prior to expiry of the Distribution Compliance Period applicable to each Tranche of Covered Bonds, beneficial interests in a Regulation S Global Covered Bond may not be offered or sold to, or for the account or benefit of, a U.S. person save as otherwise provided in Condition 2 (Transfers of Registered Covered Bonds) and may not be held otherwise than through agent members of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg and such Regulation S Global Covered Bond will bear a legend regarding such restrictions on transfer: see *Selling Restrictions*.

The Registered Covered Bonds of each Tranche offered and sold in the United States or to U.S. persons will only be offered and sold in private transactions to "qualified institutional buyers" within the meaning of

Rules 144A under the Securities Act (QIBs) who agree to purchase the Covered Bonds for their own account or for the account or benefit of other QIBs.

The Registered Covered Bonds of each Tranche sold to QIBs will be represented by a global covered bond in registered form (a **Rule 144A Global Covered Bond** and, together with a Regulation S Global Covered Bond, the **Registered Global Covered Bonds**).

Registered Global Covered Bonds will either (a) be deposited with a custodian for DTC, and registered in the name of DTC or its nominee or (b) be deposited with the Common Depository for, and registered in the name of a common nominee of, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, as specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement. In the case of a Regulation S Global Covered Bond registered in the name of a nominee of DTC, prior to the end of the distribution compliance period (as defined in Regulation S) applicable to the Covered Bonds represented by such Regulation S Global Covered Bond, interests in such Regulation S Global Covered Bond may only be held through the accounts of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg. Persons holding beneficial interests in Registered Global Covered Bonds will be entitled or required, as the case may be, under the circumstances described below, to receive physical delivery of Definitive Covered Bonds in fully registered form.

Payments of principal, interest and any other amount in respect of the Registered Global Covered Bond will, in the absence of provision to the contrary, be made to the person shown on the Register (as defined in Condition 5.4 (Payments in respect of Registered Covered Bonds)) as the registered holder of the Registered Global Covered Bonds. None of the Bank, the Guarantor, the Bond Trustee, any Paying Agent or the Registrar will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments or deliveries made on account of beneficial ownership interests in the Regulation S Global Covered Bond or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

Payments of principal, interest or any other amount in respect of the Definitive Covered Bonds will, in the absence of provision to the contrary, be made to the persons shown on the Register on the relevant Record Date (as defined in Condition 5.4 (Payments in respect of Registered Covered Bonds)) immediately preceding the due date for payment in the manner provided in that Condition.

Interests in a Registered Global Covered Bond will be exchangeable (free of charge), in whole but not in part, for Registered Definitive Covered Bonds without receipts, interest coupons or talons attached only upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event. For these purposes, **Exchange Event** means that (a) in the case of a Registered Global Covered Bond registered in the name of DTC or its nominee, either DTC has notified the Bank that it is unwilling or unable to continue to act as depository for the Covered Bonds and no alternative clearing system is available or DTC has ceased to constitute a clearing agency registered under the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, (b) in the case of a Registered Global Covered Bond registered in the name of the Common Depository or its nominee, the Bank has been notified that both Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg have been closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of holiday, whether statutory or otherwise) or have announced an intention permanently to cease business or have in fact done so and no successor clearing system is available, or (c) the Bank has or will become subject to adverse tax consequences which would not be suffered were the Registered Global Covered Bond (and any interests therein) exchanged for Registered Definitive Covered Bonds. The Bank will promptly give notice to Covered Bondholders of each Series of Registered Global Covered Bonds in accordance with Condition 13 (Notices) if an Exchange Event occurs. In the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event, DTC, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (acting on the instructions of any registered holder of an interest in such Registered Global Covered Bond) or the Bond Trustee may give notice to the Registrar requesting exchange and, in the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event as described in (c) above, the Bank may also give notice to the Registrar requesting exchange. Any such exchange will occur not later than ten days after the date of receipt of the first relevant notice by the Registrar.

Definitive Rule 144A Covered Bonds will be issued only in minimum denominations of U.S.\$200,000 and integral multiples of U.S.\$1,000 in excess thereof (or the approximate equivalents in the applicable Specified Currency).

### **Transfer of Interests**

Interests in a Rule 144A Global Covered Bond may, subject to compliance with all applicable restrictions be transferred to a person who wishes to hold such interests in a Regulation S Global Covered Bond representing the same Series and Tranche of Covered Bonds and vice versa. No beneficial owner of an interest in a Registered Global Covered Bond will be able to transfer such interest, except in accordance with the applicable procedures of DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg in each case to the extent applicable. Registered Covered Bonds are also subject to the restrictions on transfer set forth therein and will bear a legend regarding such restrictions. See *Selling Restrictions*.

### **General**

Pursuant to the Agency Agreement (as defined under *Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds*), the Principal Paying Agent will arrange that, where a further Tranche of Covered Bonds is issued which is intended to form a single Series with an existing Tranche of Covered Bonds, the Covered Bonds of such further Tranche will be assigned a common code and ISIN and, where applicable, a CUSIP and CINS number which are different from the common code, ISIN, CUSIP and CINS number assigned to Covered Bonds of any other Tranche of the same Series until at least the Exchange Date applicable to the Covered Bonds of such further Tranche.

Any reference herein to DTC, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg will, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any successor operator and/or successor clearing system and/or additional or alternative clearing system specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement or as may otherwise be approved by the Bank, the Principal Paying Agent and the Bond Trustee.

No Covered Bondholder or Couponholder will be entitled to proceed directly against the Bank or the Guarantor unless the Bond Trustee or, as the case may be, the Bond Trustee, having become so bound to proceed, fails so to do within a reasonable period and the failure is continuing.

The relevant Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement will also specify whether United States Treasury Regulation §1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(C) (the **TEFRA C Rules**) or United States Treasury Regulation §1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D) (the **TEFRA D Rules**) are applicable in relation to the Covered Bonds or, if the Covered Bonds do not have a maturity of more than 365 days, that neither the TEFRA C Rules nor the TEFRA D Rules are applicable.

If the relevant Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement specifies the form of Covered Bonds as being "Temporary Global Covered Bond exchangeable for a Permanent Global Covered Bond which is exchangeable for Bearer Definitive Covered Bonds only upon an Exchange Event" and also specifies that the TEFRA C Rules are applicable or that neither the TEFRA C Rules or the TEFRA D Rules are applicable, then the Covered Bonds will initially be in the form of a Temporary Global Covered Bond which will be exchangeable, in whole but not in part, for Permanent Global Covered Bonds not earlier than 40 days after the issue date of the relevant Tranche of the Covered Bonds. If the relevant Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement specifies the form of Covered Bonds as being "Temporary Global Covered Bond exchangeable for a Permanent Global Covered Bond which is exchangeable for Bearer Definitive Covered Bonds only upon an Exchange Event" and also specifies that the TEFRA D Rules are applicable, then the Covered Bonds will initially be in the form of a Temporary Global Covered Bond which will be exchangeable, in whole or in part, for Permanent Global Covered Bond not earlier than 40 days after the issue date of the relevant Tranche of the Covered Bonds upon certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership. Interest payments in respect of the Covered Bonds cannot be collected without such certification of non-U.S. beneficial ownership.



The Bank will notify the ICSDs and the Paying Agents upon issue whether the Covered Bonds are intended, or are not intended, to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility and deposited with one of the ICSDs as common safekeeper (and in the case of registered Covered Bonds, registered in the name of a nominee of one of the ICSDs acting as common safekeeper). Where the Covered Bonds are not intended to be deposited with one of the ICSDs as common safekeeper upon issuance, should the Eurosystem eligibility criteria be amended in the future such that the Covered Bonds are capable of meeting such criteria, the Covered Bonds may then be deposited with one of the ICSDs as common safekeeper. Where the Covered Bonds are so deposited with one of the ICSDs as common safekeeper (and in the case of registered Covered Bonds, registered in the name of a nominee of one of the ICSDs acting as common safekeeper) upon issuance or otherwise, this does not necessarily mean that the Covered Bonds will be recognized as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intraday credit operations by the Eurosystem at issuance or at any time during their life. Such recognition will depend upon the European Central Bank being satisfied that Eurosystem eligibility criteria have been met.

## FORM OF FINAL TERMS DOCUMENT

[Date]

### The Bank of Nova Scotia

**Issue of [Aggregate Nominal Amount of Tranche] [Title of Covered Bonds]  
unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed as to payment of principal and interest by  
Scotiabank Covered Bond Guarantor Limited Partnership  
under the U.S.\$15 billion  
Global Registered Covered Bond Program**

The Prospectus referred to below (as completed by this Final Terms Document) has been prepared on the basis that any offer of Covered Bonds in any member state of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (2003/71/EC) (each, a **Relevant Member State**) will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive, as implemented in that Relevant Member State, from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of the Covered Bonds. Accordingly, any person making or intending to make an offer in that Relevant Member State of the Covered Bonds may only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive, in each case, in relation to such offer. Neither the Issuer nor any Dealer has authorized, nor do they authorize, the making of any offer of Covered Bonds in any other circumstances.

### PART 1

#### CONTRACTUAL TERMS

Terms used herein will be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Terms and Conditions set forth in the Prospectus dated [date] [and the supplemental Prospectus dated [date]] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive (Directive 2003/71/EC) (the **Prospectus Directive**). This document constitutes the final terms of the Covered Bonds described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with the Prospectus [as so supplemented]. Full information on the Issuer and the Guarantor and the offer of the Covered Bonds is only available on the basis of the combination of this Final Terms Document and the Prospectus. The Prospectus is available for viewing at **[address]** [and] [www.londonstockexchange.com/exchange/news/market-news/market-newshome.html](http://www.londonstockexchange.com/exchange/news/market-news/market-newshome.html) and copies of the Prospectus [and the supplemental Prospectus] are available free of charge to the public at the Executive Offices of the Issuer and from the specified office of each of the Paying Agents.

2. (a) Issuer: The Bank of Nova Scotia[, Head office, Toronto][, London branch]
- (b) Guarantor: Scotiabank Covered Bond Guarantor Limited Partnership
3. (a) Series Number: [●]
- (b) Tranche Number: [●]
- (c) Series which Covered Bonds will be consolidated and form a single Series with: [●]/[Not Applicable]
- (d) Date on which the Covered Bonds will be consolidated and form a single Series with the Series specified above: [●]/[Issue Date]/[Not Applicable]
4. Specified Currency or Currencies: [●]
5. Aggregate Nominal Amount of Covered Bonds admitted to trading:
- (a) [Series:] [●]
- (b) [Tranche:] [●]
6. (a) Issue Price: [●]% of the Aggregate Nominal Amount [plus accrued interest from [●]]
- (b) Canadian Dollar exchange rate on the date hereof: [●]
- (c) U.S. Dollar exchange rate on the date hereof: [●]
7. (a) Specified Denominations: [●] / [€100,000 and integral multiples of [€1,000] in excess thereof up to and including [€199,000]. No Covered Bonds in definitive form will be issued with a denomination above [€199,000]]/ At least [\$200,000 (and no less than the equivalent of €100,000) and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof].
- (b) Calculation Amount: [●]
8. (a) Issue Date: [●]
- (b) Interest Commencement Date: [●]/[Issue Date]/[Not Applicable]

9. (a) Final Maturity Date: [Fixed rate—[●]]/  
[Floating rate—Interest Payment Date falling in or  
nearest to [●]]
- (b) Extended Due for Payment Date of [Fixed rate—[●]]  
Guaranteed Amounts corresponding [Floating rate—Interest Payment Date falling in or  
to the Final Redemption Amount [Floating rate—Interest Payment Date falling in or  
under the Covered Bond Guarantee: nearest to [●]]
10. Interest Basis: [[●]% Fixed Rate]  
[[●]month EURIBOR/LIBOR] +/-[●]% Floating  
Rate]  
[Zero Coupon]
11. Redemption/Payment Basis: [Redemption at par]  
  
[Hard Bullet Covered Bond]
12. Change of Interest Basis or [Fixed to Floating] [Floating to Fixed] [Floating to  
Redemption/Payment Basis: Floating]
13. Put/Call Options: [Investor Put]  
  
[Issuer Call]  
  
[(further particulars specified below)]
14. [Date of [Board] approval for issuance of [●]  
Covered Bonds:

#### **PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE**

15. Fixed Rate Covered Bond Provisions: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (a) Rate(s) of Interest: [●]% per annum payable annually in arrears on each  
Interest Payment Date]
- (b) Interest Payment Date(s): [●] in each year up to and including the Final  
Maturity Date]/[Extended Due for Payment Date, if  
applicable] [each, an Original Due for Payment  
Date] [adjusted in accordance with Business Day  
Convention]/[not adjusted] (*provided however* that  
after the Extension Determination Date, the Interest  
Payment Date may be monthly)
- (c) Business Day Convention: [Following Business Day Convention/Modified  
Following Business Day Convention/Preceding  
Business Day Convention]
- (d) Business Day(s): [●]
- (e) Additional Business Centre(s): [●]

- (f) Fixed Coupon Amount(s):  per Calculation Amount
- (g) Broken Amount(s):  per Calculation Amount, payable on the Interest Payment Date falling [in/on] /[Not Applicable]
- (h) Day Count Fraction: [[Actual/365]/[Actual/Actual]/[Actual/Actual (ISDA)],[Actual/365 (Fixed)],[Actual/Actual (ICMA)],[Actual/360]/[Actual/365 (Sterling)],[30/360]/[360/360]/[Bond Basis]/[30E/360]/[Eurobond Basis]]
- (i) Determination Date(s):  in each year
- (j) Other terms relating to the method of calculating interest for Fixed Rate Covered Bonds: [Not Applicable/
16. Floating Rate Covered Bond Provisions: [Applicable/Not Applicable] [Applicable in respect of the Extended Due for Payment Date of Guaranteed Amounts corresponding to the Final Redemption Amount under the Covered Bond Guarantee]
- (a) Interest Period(s):
- (b) Interest Payment Date(s):  (*provided however* that after the Extension Determination Date, the Interest Payment Date may be monthly)
- (c) First Interest Payment Date:
- (d) Business Day Convention: [Floating Rate Convention/Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention/[Not Applicable]]
- (e) Business Day(s):
- (f) Additional Business Centre(s):
- (g) Manner in which the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount is to be determined: [Screen Rate Determination/ISDA Determination]
- (h) Party responsible for calculating the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount (if not the Principal Paying Agent):
- (i) Screen Rate Determination: [Applicable]/[Not Applicable]
- Reference Rate and Relevant Financial Centre: Reference Rate:  month [EURIBOR/LIBOR]  
Relevant Financial Centre: [London/Brussels/New York/Toronto]

- Interest Determination Date(s):
- Relevant Screen Page:
- (j) ISDA Determination: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- Floating Rate Option:
- Designated Maturity:
- Reset Date:
- (k) Floating Rate Covered Bond Margin(s):  +/-  % per annum
- (l) Minimum Rate of Interest:  % per annum
- (m) Maximum Rate of Interest:  % per annum
- (n) Day Count Fraction: [Actual/365 (Fixed)]  
 Actual/365 (Sterling)  
 Actual/360  
 [Actual/Actual (ICMA)]  
 [Actual/Actual (ISDA)]  
 30/360  
 360/360  
 Bond Basis  
 30E/360  
 Eurobond Basis]
17. Zero Coupon Covered Bond Provisions: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (a) Accrual Yield:  % per annum
- (b) Reference Price:
- (c) Business Day Convention: [Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention]
- (d) Business Day(s):
- (e) Additional Business Centre(s)
- (f) Day Count Fraction in relation to [Conditions 6.7(b) and 6.10(b) apply]

Early Redemption Amounts and late payment:

- (g) Determination Date(s):

#### **PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION**

18. Issuer Call:  [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (a) Optional Redemption Date(s):
- (b) Optional Redemption Amount of each Covered Bond and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s):  per Calculation Amount
- (c) If redeemable in part:
- (i) Minimum Redemption Amount:  per Calculation Amount
- (ii) Maximum Redemption Amount:  per Calculation Amount
19. Put Option:  [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (a) Optional Redemption Date(s):
- (b) Optional Redemption Amount(s) of each Covered Bond and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s):  per Calculation Amount
20. Final Redemption Amount of each Covered Bond:  per Calculation Amount
21. Early Redemption Amount of each Covered Bond payable on redemption for taxation reasons or illegality or upon acceleration following an Issuer Event of Default or Guarantor Event of Default or other early redemption and/or the method of calculating the same (if required or if different from that set out in Condition 6.7):  per Calculation Amount

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE COVERED BONDS**

22. Form of Covered Bonds:  [Bearer Covered Bonds:  
  
 [Temporary Global Covered Bond exchangeable for Bearer Definitive Covered Bonds on  days' notice]

[Temporary Global Covered Bond exchangeable for a Permanent Global Covered Bond which is exchangeable for Bearer Definitive Covered Bonds only upon an Exchange Event]

[Registered Covered Bonds:

[Regulation S Global Covered Bond ([●] nominal amount) registered in the name of the common depository for [DTC or its nominee/Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg]][Rule 144A Global Covered Bond ([●] nominal amount) registered in the name of the common depository for [DTC or its nominee/Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg]

23. New Global Covered Bond: [Yes/No]
24. Financial Centre(s) or other special provisions relating to payment dates: [Not Applicable/[●]]
25. Talons for future Coupons to be attached to Bearer Definitive Covered Bonds (and dates on which such Talons mature): [Yes/No.]
26. Redenomination, renominalisation and reconventioning provisions: [Not Applicable/The provisions in Condition 5.8 apply]

## RESPONSIBILITY

**[[●] has been extracted from [●]. Each of the Issuer and the Guarantor confirms that such information has been accurately reproduced and that, so far as it is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by [●], no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.]**

Signed on behalf of the Issuer:

By:

*Duly authorized*

Signed on behalf of the Guarantor:

By:

*Duly authorized*



## PART 2

### OTHER INFORMATION

#### 1. LISTING AND ADMISSION TO TRADING

- (a) Listing and admission to trading: Application is expected to/has][be/been] made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Covered Bonds to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's Regulated Market and to the Official List of the UK Listing Authority with effect from [●].
- (b) Estimate of total expenses related to admission to trading: [●]

#### 2. RATINGS

- Ratings: The Covered Bonds to be issued [are expected to be][ have been rated:
- Fitch: AAA
- Moody's: Aaa
- DBRS: AAA

#### 3. INTERESTS OF NATURAL AND LEGAL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE ISSUE

[Save as discussed in *Selling Restrictions*, so far as the Issuer and the Guarantor are aware, no person involved in the offer of the Covered Bonds has an interest material to the offer.] The [Managers/Dealers] and their affiliates have engaged, and may in the future engage, in investment banking and/or commercial banking transactions with, and may perform other services for, the Issuer and its affiliates in the ordinary course of business.]

#### 4. YIELD (*Fixed Rate Covered Bonds only*)

- Indication of yield: [●]
- [The yield is calculated at the Issue Date on the basis of the Issue Price. It is not an indication of future yield.]

#### 5. OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

- (a) ISIN Code: [●]
- (b) Common Code: [●]
- (c) WKN Code: [●]
- (d) Any clearing system(s) other than DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg and the relevant [Not Applicable/[●]]

identification number(s) or codes  
such as CUSIP and CINS codes:

- (e) Name and address of initial Paying Agent(s)/Registrar(s)/Transfer Agent(s) [●]
- (f) Names and addresses of additional Paying Agent(s)/Transfer Agent(s) (if any) [●]

**6. DISTRIBUTION**

U.S. Selling Restrictions

[TEFRA D/TEFRA C/TEFRA not applicable]

## FORM OF THE PRICING SUPPLEMENT

*Set out below is a form of Pricing Supplement for use in connection with Exempt Covered Bonds issued under the Program. This pro forma Pricing Supplement is subject to completion and amendment to set out the terms upon which each Tranche or Series of Exempt Covered Bonds is to be issued.*

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

***In accessing the attached pricing supplement (the Pricing Supplement) you agree to be bound by the following terms and conditions.***

The information contained in the Pricing Supplement may be addressed to and/or targeted at persons who are residents of particular countries only as specified in the Pricing Supplement and/or in the Prospectus (as defined in the Pricing Supplement) and is not intended for use and should not be relied upon by any person outside those countries and/or to whom the offer contained in the Pricing Supplement is not addressed. Prior to relying on the information contained in the Pricing Supplement, you must ascertain from the Pricing Supplement and/or Prospectus whether or not you are an intended addressee of the information contained therein.

Neither the Pricing Supplement nor the Prospectus constitutes an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration, exemption from registration or qualification under the securities law of any such jurisdiction.

**THE COVERED BONDS HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION (CMHC) NOR HAS CMHC PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. THE COVERED BONDS ARE NEITHER INSURED NOR GUARANTEED BY CMHC OR THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA OR ANY OTHER AGENCY THEREOF. NO PROSPECTUS IS REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DIRECTIVE 2003/71/EC AS AMENDED (THE PROSPECTUS DIRECTIVE) FOR THIS ISSUE OF COVERED BONDS. THE COVERED BONDS WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF THIS PRICING SUPPLEMENT ARE NOT COMPLIANT WITH THE PROSPECTUS DIRECTIVE AND THE UK LISTING AUTHORITY HAS NEITHER APPROVED NOR REVIEWED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS PRICING SUPPLEMENT.**

[Date]

**The Bank of Nova Scotia**

**Issue of [Aggregate Nominal Amount of Tranche] [Title of Covered Bonds]  
unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed as to payment of principal and interest by  
Scotiabank Covered Bond Guarantor Limited Partnership  
under the U.S.\$15 billion  
Global Registered Covered Bond Program**

The Prospectus referred to below (as completed by this Pricing Supplement) has been prepared on the basis that any offer of Covered Bonds in any member state of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (2003/71/EC) (each, a **Relevant Member State**) will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive, as implemented in that Relevant Member State, from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of the Covered Bonds. Accordingly, any person making or intending to make an offer in that Relevant Member State of the Covered Bonds may only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus

Directive, in each case, in relation to such offer. Neither the Issuer nor any Dealer has authorized, nor do they authorize, the making of any offer of Covered Bonds in any other circumstances.

## PART A

### CONTRACTUAL TERMS

Terms used herein will be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Terms and Conditions set forth in the Prospectus dated [date] [and the supplemental Prospectus dated [date]] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive (Directive 2003/71/EC) (the **Prospectus Directive**). This document constitutes the pricing supplement of the Covered Bonds described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with the Prospectus [as so supplemented]. Full information on the Issuer and the Guarantor and the offer of the Covered Bonds is only available on the basis of the combination of this Pricing Supplement and the Prospectus. Copies of the Prospectus [and the supplemental Prospectus] are available free of charge to the public at the Executive Offices of the Issuer and from the specified office of each of the Paying Agents.

The Covered Bonds have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "**Securities Act**"). The Covered Bonds are being offered only to qualified institutional buyers under Rule 144A of the Securities Act and non-U.S. persons in reliance upon Regulation S under the Securities Act.

*[Include whichever of the following apply or specify as "Not Applicable" (N/A). Note that the numbering should remain as set out below, even if "Not Applicable" is indicated for individual paragraphs or subparagraphs. Italics denote guidance for completing the Pricing Supplement.]*

1. (a) Issuer: The Bank of Nova Scotia, Toronto
- (b) Guarantor: Scotiabank Covered Bond Guarantor Limited Partnership
2. (a) Series Number: [●]
- (b) Tranche Number: [●]
- (c) (If fungible with an existing Series, details of that Series, including the date on which the Covered Bonds become fungible)
3. Specified Currency or Currencies: [●]
4. Aggregate Nominal Amount of Covered Bonds admitted to trading:
  - (a) [Series:] [●]
  - (b) [Tranche:] [●]
5. (a) Issue Price: [●]% of the Aggregate Nominal Amount [plus accrued interest from [●]] (*if applicable*)
- (b) Canadian Dollar exchange rate on [●]

the date hereof:

- (c) U.S. Dollar exchange rate on the [●]  
date hereof:

6. (a) Specified Denominations: [●] / [€100,000 and integral multiples of [€1,000] in excess thereof up to and including [€199,000]. No Covered Bonds in definitive form will be issued with a denomination above [€199,000]]/ At least [\$200,000 (and no less than the equivalent of €100,000) and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof].

*(in the case of Registered Covered Bonds, this means the minimum integral amount in which transfers can be made)*

*(N.B. Where multiple denominations above €50,000 (or the equivalent in another currency) are being used the following sample wording should be followed: €50,000 (or the equivalent in another currency) and integral multiples of [€1,000] in excess thereof up to and including [€99,000]. No Bearer Covered Bonds in definitive form will be issued with a denomination above [€99,000].)*

*[So long as the Covered Bonds are represented by a Temporary Global Covered Bond or a Permanent Global Covered Bond and the relevant clearing system(s) so permit, the Covered Bonds will be tradeable only in the principal amounts of at least the Specified Denomination (or if more than one Specified Denomination, the lowest Specified Denomination) and higher integral multiples of [●], notwithstanding that no Bearer Covered Bonds in definitive form will be issued with a denomination above [●]]*

*(N.B. If an issue of Covered Bonds is (i) not admitted to trading on a regulated market within the European Economic Area exchange, and (ii) only offered in the European Economic Area in circumstances where a prospectus is not required to be published under the Prospectus Directive, the €50,000 (or the equivalent in another currency) minimum denomination is not required.)*

- (b) Calculation Amount: [●]  
*(Applicable to Covered Bonds in definitive form)*

*(If only one Specified Denomination, insert the Specified Denomination. If more than one Specified Denomination or integral multiples, insert the highest common factor. N.B. There must be a common factor in the case of two or more Specified Denominations or integral multiples.)*

7. (a) Issue Date: [●]

- (b) Interest Commencement Date: /[Issue Date]/[Not Applicable]
8. (a) Final Maturity Date: [Fixed rate—[ *specify date*]]/  
[Floating rate—Interest Payment Date falling in or nearest to [ *specify month and year*]]
- (b) Extended Due for Payment Date of Guaranteed Amounts corresponding to the Final Redemption Amount under the Covered Bond Guarantee: [Fixed rate—[ *specify date*]]  
[Floating rate—Interest Payment Date falling in or nearest to [ *specify month and year, falling after the Final Maturity Date*]]
9. Interest Basis: % Fixed Rate]  
 EURIBOR/LIBOR] +/- % Floating Rate]  
 Zero Coupon]
10. Redemption/Payment Basis: [Redemption at par]  
[Hard Bullet Covered Bond]  
[*specify other*]  
*(N.B. If the Final Redemption Amount is other than 100% of the nominal value, the Covered Bonds will be derivative securities for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive and the requirements of Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation will apply.)*
11. Change of Interest Basis or Redemption/Payment Basis: (Specify details of any provision for convertibility of Covered Bonds into another Interest Basis or Redemption/Payment Basis)
12. Put/Call Options: [Investor Put]  
[Issuer Call]  
[(further particulars specified below)]
13. [Date of [Board] approval for issuance of Covered Bonds: ]  
*(N.B. Only relevant where Board (or similar authorization) is required for the particular Tranche of Covered Bonds or the Covered Bond Guarantee)*

#### **PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE**

14. Fixed Rate Covered Bond Provisions: [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)*
- (a) Rate(s) of Interest: % per annum payable annually in arrears on each

Interest Payment Date]

*(N.B. If an Extended Due for Payment Date is specified, interest following the Due for Payment Date will continue to accrue and be payable on any unpaid amount at a Rate of Interest determined in accordance with Condition 4.2)*

- (b) Interest Payment Date(s):  in each year up to and including the Final Maturity Date/[Extended Due for Payment Date, if applicable]/[specify other] [each, an Original Due for Payment Date] [adjusted in accordance with Business Day Convention]/[not adjusted] *(provided however that after the Extension Determination Date, the Interest Payment Date may be monthly)*
- (c) Business Day Convention: [Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention]/[specify other]
- (d) Business Day(s):
- (e) Additional Business Centre(s):
- (f) Fixed Coupon Amount(s):  per Calculation Amount
- (g) Broken Amount(s):  per Calculation Amount, payable on the Interest Payment Date falling [in/on] /[Not Applicable]
- (h) Day Count Fraction: [[Actual/365]/[Actual/Actual]/[Actual/Actual (ISDA)],[Actual/365 (Fixed)],[Actual/Actual (ICMA)],[Actual/360]/[Actual/365 (Sterling)],[30/360]/[360/360]/[Bond Basis]/[30E/360]/[Eurobond Basis]]
- (N.B. If interest is not payable on a regular basis (for example, if Broken Amounts are specified) Actual/Actual (ICMA) may not be a suitable Day Count Fraction)*
- (i) Determination Date(s):  in each year
- (N.B. Insert regular interest payment dates, ignoring issue date or maturity date in the case of a long or short first or last coupon) (This will need to be amended in the case of regular interest payment dates which are not of equal durations)*
- (N.B. Only relevant where Day Count Fraction is Actual/Actual (ICMA))*
- (j) Other terms relating to the method of calculating interest for Fixed Rate Covered Bonds: [Not Applicable]/[Give details]]

15. Floating Rate Covered Bond Provisions: [Applicable/Not Applicable] [Applicable in respect of the Extended Due for Payment Date of Guaranteed Amounts corresponding to the Final Redemption Amount under the Covered Bond Guarantee]
- (If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)*
- (a) Interest Period(s): [●]
- (b) Interest Payment Date(s): [●] *(provided however that after the Extension Determination Date, the Interest Payment Date may be monthly)*
- (NB: Specify the Interest Period(s)/Interest Payment Date(s) up to and including the Extended Due for Payment Date, if applicable)*
- (c) First Interest Payment Date: [●]
- (d) Business Day Convention: [Floating Rate Convention/Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention/[Not Applicable]]
- (e) Business Day(s): [●]
- (f) Additional Business Centre(s): [●]
- (g) Manner in which the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount is to be determined: [Screen Rate Determination/ISDA Determination] /[specify other]
- (h) Party responsible for calculating the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount (if not the Principal Paying Agent): [●]
- (i) Screen Rate Determination: [Applicable]/[Not Applicable]
- Reference Rate and Relevant Financial Centre: [●] *(Either LIBOR, EURIBOR or other, although additional information is required if other — including amendment to fallback provisions in the Terms and Conditions) Relevant Financial Centre: [London/Brussels/New York/Toronto]*
- Interest Determination Date(s): [●] *(Second London business day prior to the start of each Interest Period if LIBOR (other than Sterling or euro LIBOR), first day of each Interest Period if Sterling LIBOR and the second day on which the TARGET System is open prior to the start of each Interest Period if EURIBOR)*



Relevant Screen Page: [●]

*(N.B. Specify the Interest Determination Date(s) up to and including the Extended Due for Payment Date, if applicable)*

(j) ISDA Determination: [Applicable/Not Applicable]

Floating Rate Option: [●]

Designated Maturity: [●]

Reset Date: [●]

(k) Floating Rate Covered Bond Margin(s): [+/-] [●] % per annum

(l) Minimum Rate of Interest: [●] % per annum

(m) Maximum Rate of Interest: [●] % per annum

(n) Day Count Fraction: [Actual/365 (Fixed)

Actual/365 (Sterling)

Actual/360

[Actual/Actual (ICMA)]

[Actual/Actual (ISDA)]

30/360

360/360

Bond Basis

30E/360

Eurobond Basis]

16. Zero Coupon Covered Bond Provisions: [Applicable/Not Applicable]

*(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)*

(a) Accrual Yield: [●] % per annum

(b) Reference Price: [●]

(c) Any other formula/basis of determining amount payable: [●] *(Consider applicable Day Count Fraction if not U.S. dollar denominated)*

(d) Business Day Convention: [Following Business Day Convention/Modified

Following Business Day Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention/[specify other]]

- (e) Business Day(s): [●]
- (f) Additional Business Centre(s) [●]
- (g) Day Count Fraction in relation to Early Redemption Amounts and late payment: [Conditions 6.7(b) and 6.10(b) apply]
- (h) Determination Date(s): [●]

*(N.B. Zero Coupon Covered Bonds are not to be issued with an Extended Due for Payment Date unless otherwise agreed with the Dealers and the Bond Trustee)*

## PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION

17. Issuer Call: [Applicable/Not Applicable]

*(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)*

- (a) Optional Redemption Date(s): [●]

*(N.B. Optional Redemption Dates must be Interest Payment Dates unless otherwise agreed with the Dealers and the Bond Trustee)*

- (b) Optional Redemption Amount of each Covered Bond and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s): [●] per Calculation Amount

- (c) If redeemable in part:

- (i) Minimum Redemption Amount: [●] per Calculation Amount

- (ii) Maximum Redemption Amount: [●] per Calculation Amount

- (d) Notice period (if other than as set out in the Terms and Conditions): [●]

*(N.B. If setting notice periods which are different to those provided in the Terms and Conditions, the Issuer is advised to consider the practicalities of distribution of information through intermediaries, for example, clearing systems and custodians, as well as any other notice requirements which may apply, for example, as between the Issuer and the*

*Principal Paying Agent or Bond Trustee)*

18. Put Option: [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)*
- (a) Optional Redemption Date(s): [●]
- (b) Optional Redemption Amount(s) of each Covered Bond and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s): [●] per Calculation Amount
- (c) Notice Period [●]
- (NB: If setting notice periods which are different to those provided in the terms and conditions, issuers are advised to consider the practicalities of distribution of information through intermediaries, for example, clearing systems and custodians, as well as any other notice requirements which may apply, for example, as between the issuer or any trustee)*
19. Final Redemption Amount of each Covered Bond: [●] per Calculation Amount
20. Early Redemption Amount of each Covered Bond payable on redemption for taxation reasons or illegality or upon acceleration following an Issuer Event of Default or Guarantor Event of Default or other early redemption and/or the method of calculating the same (if required or if different from that set out in Condition 6.7): [●] per Calculation Amount

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE COVERED BONDS**

21. Form of Covered Bonds: [Bearer Covered Bonds:
- [Temporary Global Covered Bond exchangeable for Bearer Definitive Covered Bonds on [●] days' notice]
- [Temporary Global Covered Bond exchangeable for a Permanent Global Covered Bond which is exchangeable for Bearer Definitive Covered Bonds only upon an Exchange Event]
- [Registered Covered Bonds:
- Regulation S Global Covered Bond ([●] nominal

amount) registered in the name of the common depositary for [DTC or its nominee/Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg]

22. New Global Covered Bond: [Yes/No]
23. Financial Centre(s) or other special provisions relating to payment dates: [Not Applicable/[●]]  
*(Note that this paragraph relates to the date and place of payment, and not interest period end dates, to which subparagraphs 15(d), 16(e) and 17(e) relate)*
24. Talons for future Coupons to be attached to Bearer Definitive Covered Bonds (and dates on which such Talons mature): [Yes/No.]
25. Redenomination, renominatisation and reconventioning provisions: [Not Applicable/The provisions in Condition 5.8 apply]

## DISTRIBUTION

26. (a) If syndicated, names of Managers: [Not Applicable/[●]]  
(b) Stabilising Manager (if any): [Not Applicable/[●]]
27. If non-syndicated, name and address of Dealer: [●]
28. (a) U.S. Selling Restrictions: [Reg. S Compliance Category/Other [●]; TEFRA [C/D] Rules/TEFRA not applicable]  
(b) ERISA [Yes/No]
29. Non-exempt Offer Not Applicable
30. Additional selling restrictions: [Not Applicable/[●]]
31. Additional United States Tax Considerations [Not Applicable/[●]]

## PURPOSE OF PRICING SUPPLEMENT

This Pricing Supplement comprises the pricing supplement required for issue of Exempt Covered Bonds described herein pursuant to the U.S.\$15 billion Global Registered Covered Bond Program of The Bank of Nova Scotia.

## RESPONSIBILITY

Each of the Issuer and the Guarantor accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Pricing Supplement. **[[●] has been extracted from [●]. Each of the Issuer and the Guarantor confirms that such information has been accurately reproduced and that, so far as it is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by [●], no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.]**

Signed on behalf of the Issuer:

By:

*Duly authorized*

Signed on behalf of the Guarantor:

By:

*Duly authorized*

**PART B**  
**OTHER INFORMATION**

**1. LISTING AND ADMISSION TO TRADING**

- (a) Listing and admission to trading: [Not Applicable] [Application has been made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Covered Bonds to be admitted to trading on the [(insert name of stock exchange outside of the EEA)] with effect from [●].] [Application is expected to be made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Covered Bonds to be admitted to trading on the [(insert name of stock exchange outside of the EEA)] with effect from [●].]
- (b) Estimate of total expenses related to admission to trading: [●]

**2. RATINGS**

- Ratings: The Covered Bonds to be issued [are expected to be][ have been rated:
- Fitch: AAA
- Moody's: Aaa
- DBRS: AAA

**3. INTERESTS OF NATURAL AND LEGAL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE ISSUE**

[Save as discussed in *Selling Restrictions*, so far as the Issuer and the Guarantor are aware, no person involved in the offer of the Covered Bonds has an interest material to the offer.] The [Managers/Dealers] and their affiliates have engaged, and may in the future engage, in investment banking and/or commercial banking transactions with, and may perform other services for, the Issuer and its affiliates in the ordinary course of business.]

**4. YIELD (*Fixed Rate Covered Bonds only*)**

- Indication of yield: [●]
- [The yield is calculated at the Issue Date on the basis of the Issue Price. It is not an indication of future yield.]

**5. OPERATIONAL INFORMATION**

- (a) ISIN Code: [●]
- (b) Common Code: [●]
- (c) WKN Code: [●]

- (d) Any clearing system(s) other than DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg and the relevant identification number(s) or codes such as CUSIP and CINS codes: [Not Applicable/[●]]
- (e) Name and address of initial Paying Agent(s)/Registrar(s)/Transfer Agent(s): [●]
- (f) Names and addresses of additional Paying Agent(s)/Transfer Agent(s) (if any): [●]

**6. DISTRIBUTION**

U.S. Selling Restrictions [TEFRA D/TEFRA C/TEFRA not applicable]

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE COVERED BONDS

*The following are the Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds which will be incorporated by reference into each Global Covered Bond (as defined below) issued hereunder and each Definitive Covered Bond (as defined below), in the latter case only if permitted by the relevant stock exchange or other relevant authority (if any) and agreed by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) at the time of issue but, if not so permitted and agreed, such Definitive Covered Bond will have endorsed thereon or attached thereto such Terms and Conditions. The applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement (or the relevant provisions thereof) will be endorsed upon, or attached to, each Global Covered Bond and Definitive Covered Bond. Reference should be made to "Form of the Covered Bonds" for a description of the content of the Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement which will specify which of such terms are to apply in relation to the relevant Covered Bonds.*

This Covered Bond is one of a Series (as defined below) of Covered Bonds issued by the Issuer constituted by a trust deed dated the Program Date made between the Issuer, Scotiabank Covered Bond Guarantor Limited Partnership (the **Guarantor**), Computershare Trust Company of Canada, as Bond Trustee (and such trust deed as further modified and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the **Trust Deed**).

Save as provided for in Conditions 9 and 14, references herein to the Covered Bonds will be references to the Covered Bonds of this Series and will mean:

- (a) any registered covered bond representing Covered Bonds (a **Global Covered Bond**);
- (b) in relation to any Covered Bonds represented by a Global Covered Bond, units of the lowest Specified Denomination in the Specified Currency;
- (c) any Bearer Definitive Covered Bonds issued in exchange for a Global Covered Bond in bearer form; and
- (d) any Definitive Covered Bonds in registered form representing Covered Bonds issued under a registration statement under the Securities Act (the **U.S. Registered Covered Bonds**), or Covered Bonds sold to non-U.S. persons outside the United States in reliance on Regulation S (**Regulation S Definitive Covered Bonds**) and within the United States to "qualified institutional buyers" within the meaning of Rule 144A under the Securities Act (**Rules 144A Definitive Covered Bond**, together with U.S. Registered Covered Bonds, Regulation S Definitive Covered Bonds and Bearer Definitive Covered Bonds, **Definitive Covered Bonds**) (whether or not issued in exchange for a Global Covered Bond in registered form).

The Covered Bonds and the Coupons (as defined below) have the benefit of an agency agreement dated the Program Date made between the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Bond Trustee, The Bank of Nova Scotia, London Branch as principal paying agent (in such capacity, the **Principal Paying Agent**, which expression will include any successor Principal Paying Agent) and The Bank of Nova Scotia, New York Agency as a paying agent (together with the Principal Paying Agent and any other paying agents, the **Paying Agents**, which expression will include any additional or successor Paying Agents), The Bank of Nova Scotia, London Branch as calculation agent (the **Calculation Agent**), which expression shall include any successor to the Bank in its capacity as such and any substitute calculation agent appointed in accordance with the Agency Agreement either with respect to the Program or with respect to a particular Series), The Bank of Nova Scotia, London Branch and The Bank of Nova Scotia, New York Agency as registrars (together, as the **Registrar**, which expression will include any successor Registrar), and as transfer agents (together, as the **Transfer Agent**, which expression will include any successor Transfer Agent), and The Bank of Nova Scotia, New York Agency as the exchange agent (the **Exchange Agent**, which expression will include any successor Exchange Agent, and together with the Paying Agents, Registrar, and Transfer Agent, the **Agents**)



(such agency agreement as further amended and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the **Agency Agreement**).

Interest-bearing Bearer Definitive Covered Bonds have (unless otherwise indicated in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement) interest coupons (**Coupons**) and, if indicated in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement, talons for further Coupons (**Talons**) attached on issue. Any reference herein to Coupons or coupons will, unless the context otherwise requires, be deemed to include a reference to Talons or talons. Registered Covered Bonds and Global Covered Bonds do not have Coupons or Talons attached on issue.

The Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement for the Covered Bonds (which in the case of U.S. Registered Covered Bonds, as defined below, shall be deemed to be the applicable prospectus supplement under which such U.S. Registered Covered Bonds are sold, each of which is hereby referred to as **Final Terms Document**) (or the relevant provisions thereof) is endorsed on or attached to the Covered Bond and supplements these Terms and Conditions (the **Terms and Conditions**) and may specify other terms and conditions which will, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with the Terms and Conditions, replace or modify the Terms and Conditions for the purposes of the Covered Bonds. References to the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement are to the Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement (or the relevant provisions thereof) endorsed on or attached to the Covered Bond.

The Bond Trustee acts for the benefit of the holders for the time being of the Covered Bonds (the **Covered Bondholders**, which expression will, in relation to any Covered Bonds represented by a Global Covered Bond, be construed as provided below) and the holders of the Coupons (the **Couponholders**, which expression will, unless the context otherwise requires, include the holders of the Talons), and for the holders of each other Series of Covered Bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed.

As used herein, **Tranche** means Covered Bonds which are identical in all respects (including as to listing and admission to trading) and **Series** means a Tranche of Covered Bonds together with any further Tranche or Tranches of Covered Bonds which are (a) expressed to be consolidated and form a single series, and (b) identical in all respects (including as to listing and admission to trading) except for their respective Issue Dates, Interest Commencement Dates and/or Issue Prices.

The Guarantor has, in the Trust Deed, irrevocably and unconditionally guaranteed payment of Guaranteed Amounts in respect of the Covered Bonds as and when the same will become Due for Payment, but only after service of a Notice to Pay on the Guarantor following service of an Issuer Acceleration Notice on the Issuer (after the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default) or service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice on the Guarantor (after the occurrence of a Guarantor Event of Default) and subject to the applicable Priorities of Payments. The recourse of the Covered Bondholders to the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee will be limited to the Charged Property and will be subject to the applicable Priorities of Payments.

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 security agreement dated the Program Date and made between the Guarantor, the Bond Trustee, and certain other Secured Creditors (such security agreement as amended and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the **Security Agreement**). The obligations of the Guarantor are secured against the Charged Property and recourse against the Guarantor is limited to the Charged Property and is subject to the applicable Priorities of Payments.

These Terms and Conditions include summaries of, and are subject to, the provisions of the Trust Deed, the Security Agreement and the Agency Agreement.

Copies of the Trust Deed, the Security Agreement, the Master Definitions and Construction Agreement (as defined below), the Agency Agreement, and each of the other Transaction Documents (in redacted or other general form and subject to any exclusions pursuant to applicable Law, including, without limitation, privacy

Law, and policies of the Issuer relating to confidentiality and privacy matters) are available for inspection during normal business hours at the office for the time being of the Bond Trustee being at 100 University Avenue, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Toronto, Ontario M5J 2Y1, and at the specified office of each of the Paying Agents. Copies of the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement for all Covered Bonds of each Series (including in relation to unlisted Covered Bonds of any Series) are obtainable during normal business hours at the registered office of the Issuer and at the specified office of each of the Paying Agents. The Covered Bondholders and the Couponholders are deemed to have notice of, are bound by all the provisions of, and definitions contained in, the Trust Deed, the Security Agreement, the Master Definitions and Construction Agreement, the Agency Agreement, each of the other Transaction Documents, and the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement which are applicable to them.

Except where the context otherwise requires, capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined in these Terms and Conditions (including the preceding paragraphs) will bear the meanings given to them in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement and/or the master definitions and construction agreement made between the parties to the Transaction Documents on the Program Date (and as further amended and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the **Master Definitions and Construction Agreement**), a copy of each of which may be obtained as described above.

## **1. Form, Denomination and Title**

The Covered Bonds are in bearer form or in registered form as specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement and, in the case of Definitive Covered Bonds, serially numbered, in the Specified Currencies and the Specified Denomination(s). Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms Document, or Pricing Supplement, Covered Bonds of one Specified Denomination may not be exchanged for Covered Bonds of another Specified Denomination. Bearer Covered Bonds may not be exchanged for Registered Covered Bonds and vice versa.

The Covered Bonds may be denominated in any currency.

The Covered Bonds in a Series may be Fixed Rate Covered Bonds, Floating Rate Covered Bonds, Zero Coupon Covered Bonds, or a combination of any of the foregoing, depending upon the Interest Basis shown in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement. Prior to issuing a Series of Covered Bonds (if such Covered Bonds are not Fixed Rate Covered Bonds or Floating Rate Covered Bonds), the Issuer has obtained confirmation from each of the Rating Agencies that the Covered Bonds of all Series then outstanding will not be downgraded or withdrawn as a result of the issuance of this Series of Covered Bonds.

Bearer Definitive Covered Bonds are issued with Coupons attached, unless they are Zero Coupon Covered Bonds in which case references to Coupons and Couponholders in these Terms and Conditions are not applicable.

Subject as set out below, title to the Bearer Covered Bonds and Coupons will pass by delivery and title to the Registered Covered Bonds will pass upon registration of transfers in accordance with the provisions of the Agency Agreement. The Issuer, the Guarantor, the Paying Agents, and the Bond Trustee will (except as otherwise required by Law) deem and treat the bearer of any Bearer Covered Bond or Coupon and the registered holder of any Registered Covered Bond as the absolute owner thereof (whether or not overdue and notwithstanding any notice of ownership or writing thereon or notice of any previous loss or theft thereof) for all purposes but, in the case of any Global Covered Bond, without prejudice to the provisions set out in the next succeeding paragraph.

For so long as any of the Covered Bonds are represented by a Global Covered Bond held on behalf of or, as the case may be, registered in the name of a common depositary for Euroclear, Clearstream Luxembourg or DTC, each Person (other than Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or DTC) who is

for the time being shown in the records of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or DTC as the holder of a particular nominal amount of such Covered Bonds (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by Euroclear, DTC or Clearstream, Luxembourg as to the nominal amount of such Covered Bonds standing to the account of any Person will be conclusive and binding for all purposes save in the case of manifest or proven error and any such certificate or other document may comprise any form of statement or print out of electronic records provided by the relevant clearing system (including, without limitation, Euroclear's EUCLID or Clearstream, Luxembourg's Cedcom system) in accordance with its usual procedures and in which the holder of a particular nominal amount of the Covered Bonds is clearly identified with the amount of such holding) will be treated by the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Paying Agents, and the Bond Trustee as the holder of such nominal amount of such Covered Bonds for all purposes other than with respect to the payment of principal or interest or other amounts on such nominal amount of such Covered Bonds and the expressions "Covered Bondholder" and "holder" and related expressions should be construed accordingly.

Covered Bonds which are represented by a Global Covered Bond will be transferable only in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of Euroclear, DTC and Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other relevant clearing system, as the case may be.

References to Euroclear, DTC and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg will, whenever the context so permits (but not in the case of any NGCB), be deemed to include a reference to any successor operator and/or successor clearing system and/or any additional or alternative clearing system specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement or as may otherwise be approved by the Issuer, the Principal Paying Agent and the Bond Trustee.

## **2. Transfers of Registered Covered Bonds**

### **2.1 Transfers of interests in Registered Global Covered Bonds**

Transfers of beneficial interests in Registered Global Covered Bonds will be effected by Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or DTC, as the case may be, and, in turn, by other participants and, if appropriate, indirect participants in such Clearing Systems acting on behalf of beneficial transferors and transferees of such interests. The Laws in some States within the United States require that certain persons take physical delivery of securities in definitive form. Consequently, the ability to transfer Covered Bonds represented by a Registered Global Covered Bond to such persons may depend upon the ability to exchange such Covered Bonds for Covered Bonds in definitive form. Similarly, because DTC can only act on behalf of Direct Participants in the DTC system who in turn act on behalf of Indirect Participants, the ability of a person having an interest in Covered Bonds represented by a Registered Global Covered Bond accepted by DTC to pledge such Covered Bonds to persons or entities that do not participate in the DTC system or otherwise to take action in respect of such Covered Bonds may depend upon the ability to exchange such Covered Bonds for Covered Bonds in definitive form. A beneficial interest in a Registered Global Covered Bond will, subject to compliance with all applicable legal and regulatory restrictions, be exchangeable for Registered Definitive Covered Bonds or for a beneficial interest in another Registered Global Covered Bond only in the Specified Denomination(s) set out in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement and only in accordance with the rules and operating procedures for the time being of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or DTC, as the case may be, and in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in the Agency Agreement. Transfers of a Rule 144A Global Covered Bond registered in the name of a nominee for DTC shall be limited to transfers of such Rule 144A Global Covered Bond, in whole but not in part, to another nominee of DTC or to a successor of DTC or to such successor's nominee.

## **2.2 Transfers of Registered Covered Bonds in definitive form**

Subject as provided in Conditions 2.3, 2.4, and 2.5, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Agency Agreement, a Registered Definitive Covered Bond may be transferred in whole or in part in the Specified Denomination(s) set out in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement. In order to effect any such transfer (a) the holder or holders must (i) surrender the Registered Definitive Covered Bond for registration of the transfer of the Registered Definitive Covered Bond (or the relevant part of the Registered Definitive Covered Bond) at the specified office of the Registrar or any Transfer Agent, with the form of transfer thereon duly executed by the holder or holders thereof or his or their attorney or attorneys duly authorized in writing, and (ii) complete and deposit such other certifications as may be required by the Registrar or, as the case may be, the relevant Transfer Agent, and (b) the Registrar or, as the case may be, the relevant Transfer Agent must, after due and careful enquiry, be satisfied with the documents of title and the identity of the Person making the request.

Any such transfer will be subject to such reasonable regulations as the Issuer, the Bond Trustee and the Registrar may from time to time prescribe (the initial such regulations being set out in the Agency Agreement).

Subject as provided above, the Registrar or, as the case may be, the relevant Transfer Agent will, within three business days (being for this purpose a day on which banks are open for business in the city where the specified office of the Registrar or, as the case may be, the relevant Transfer Agent is located) of the request (or such longer period as may be required to comply with any applicable fiscal or other laws or regulations), authenticate and deliver, or procure the authentication and delivery of, at its specified office to the transferee or (at the risk of the transferee) send by uninsured mail to such address as the transferee may request, a new Registered Definitive Covered Bond of a like aggregate nominal amount to the Registered Definitive Covered Bond (or the relevant part of the Registered Definitive Covered Bond) transferred.

In the case of the transfer of only part of a Registered Definitive Covered Bond, a new Registered Definitive Covered Bond in respect of the balance of the Registered Definitive Covered Bond not transferred will (in addition to the new Registered Definitive Covered Bond in respect of the nominal amount transferred) be so authenticated and delivered or (at the risk of the transferor) sent by uninsured mail to the address specified by the transferor.

## **2.3 Registration of transfer upon partial redemption**

In the event of a partial redemption of Covered Bonds under Condition 6, the Issuer will not be required to register the transfer of any Registered Covered Bond, or part of a Registered Covered Bond, called for partial redemption.

## **2.4 Costs of registration**

Covered Bondholders will not be required to bear the costs and expenses of effecting any registration of transfer as provided above, except for any costs or expenses of delivery other than by regular uninsured mail and except that the Issuer, the Registrar or the Transfer Agent may require the payment of a sum sufficient to cover any stamp duty, Taxes or any other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation to the registration.

## **2.5 Transfers of interests in Regulation S Global Covered Bonds in the United States or to U.S. persons**

Prior to expiry of the applicable Distribution Compliance Period (as defined below), transfers by the holder of, or of a beneficial interest in, a Regulation S Global Covered Bond to a transferee in the

United States or who is a U.S. person will only be made (a) upon receipt by the Registrar of a written certification substantially in the form set out in the Agency Agreement, amended as appropriate with the consent of the Issuer (a **Transfer Certificate**) copies of which are available from the specified office of the Registrar or any Transfer Agent, from the transferor of the Covered Bond or beneficial interest therein to the effect that such transfer is being made to a person whom the transferor reasonably believes is a QIB in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144A; or (b) otherwise pursuant to the Securities Act or an exemption therefrom, subject to receipt by the Issuer of such satisfactory evidence as the Issuer may reasonably require, which may include an opinion of U.S. counsel, that such transfer is in compliance with any applicable securities Laws of any State of the United States, and, in each case, in accordance with any applicable securities Laws of any State of the United States or any other jurisdiction. Such transferee may only take delivery through a Rule 144A Covered Bond.

Prior to the end of the applicable Distribution Compliance Period beneficial interests in Regulation S Covered Bonds registered in the name of a nominee for DTC may only be held through the accounts of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg. After expiry of the applicable Distribution Compliance Period (a) beneficial interests in Regulation S Global Covered Bonds registered in the name of a nominee for DTC may be held through DTC directly, by a participant in DTC, or indirectly through a participant in DTC and (b) such certification requirements will no longer apply to such transfers.

## **2.6 Transfers of interests in Rule 144A Covered Bonds**

Transfers of Rule 144A Covered Bonds or beneficial interests therein may be made:

- (a) to a transferee who takes delivery of such interest through a Regulation S Covered Bond upon receipt by the Registrar of a duly completed Transfer Certificate from the transferor to the effect that such transfer is being made in accordance with Regulation S and that, in the case of a Regulation S Global Covered Bond registered in the name of a nominee for DTC, if such transfer is being made prior to expiry of the applicable Distribution Compliance Period, the interests in the Covered Bonds being transferred will be held immediately thereafter through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg; or
- (b) to a transferee who takes delivery of such interest through a Rule 144A Covered Bond, where the transferee is a person whom the transferor reasonably believes is a QIB in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144A, without certification; or
- (c) otherwise pursuant to the Securities Act or an exemption therefrom, subject to receipt by the Issuer of such satisfactory evidence as the Issuer may reasonably require, which may include an opinion of U.S. counsel, that such transfer is in compliance with any applicable securities laws of any State of the United States;

and, in each case, in accordance with any applicable securities laws of any State of the United States or any other jurisdiction.

Upon the transfer, exchange or replacement of Rule 144A Covered Bonds, or upon specific request for removal of any United States securities Law legend on Rule 144A Covered Bonds, the Registrar shall deliver only Rule 144A Covered Bonds or refuse to remove the legend, as the case may be, unless there is delivered to the Issuer such satisfactory evidence as may reasonably be required by the Issuer, which may include an opinion of U.S. counsel, that neither the legend nor the restrictions on transfer set forth therein are required to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Securities Act.

## 2.7 Definitions

In these Terms and Conditions, the following expressions will have the following meanings:

**Distribution Compliance Period** means the period that ends 40 days after the later of the commencement of the offering and the Issue Date;

**Regulation S** means Regulation S under the Securities Act;

**Regulation S Definitive Covered Bond** means a definitive covered bond in registered form representing Covered Bonds sold to non-U.S. persons outside the United States in reliance on Regulation S;

**Regulation S Global Covered Bond** means a registered covered bond in registered form representing Covered Bonds sold to non-U.S. persons outside the United States in reliance on Regulation S.

**Rule 144A Definitive Covered Bond** means a Registered Covered Bond sold in the United States to QIBs in reliance on Rule 144A, which is in definitive form;

**Rule 144A** means Rule 144A under the Securities Act;

**Rule 144A Covered Bond** means a Covered Bond represented by a Rule 144A Global Covered Bond or a Definitive Rule 144A Covered Bond;

**Rule 144A Global Covered Bond** means a Registered Global Covered Bond representing Covered Bonds sold in the United States to QIBs in reliance on Rule 144A; and

**U.S. Registered Covered Bond** means a Covered Bond issued under a registration statement under the Securities Act.

## 3. Status of the Covered Bonds and the Covered Bond Guarantee

### 3.1 Status of the Covered Bonds

The Covered Bonds will constitute deposit liabilities of the Issuer for purposes of the Bank Act and will rank *pari passu* with all deposit liabilities of the Issuer without any preference among themselves and (save for any obligations required to be preferred by Law) at least *pari passu* with all other present and future unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the Issuer from time to time outstanding.

The Covered Bonds will not be deposits insured under the *Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation Act* or under any other governmental insurance scheme of any country.

The Covered Bonds will constitute direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the Issuer.

### 3.2 Status of the Covered Bond Guarantee

The payment of Guaranteed Amounts in respect of the Covered Bonds when the same will become Due for Payment has been unconditionally (save as set out below) and irrevocably guaranteed by the Guarantor in favor of the Bond Trustee for and on behalf of the Covered Bondholders pursuant to a guarantee (the **Covered Bond Guarantee**) in the Trust Deed. However, the Guarantor will have no obligation under the Covered Bond Guarantee to pay any Guaranteed Amounts when the same will become Due for Payment under the Covered Bonds or the Trust Deed until service of a Notice to

Pay by the Bond Trustee on the Guarantor (which the Bond Trustee will be required to serve following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default and service of an Issuer Acceleration Notice by the Bond Trustee on the Issuer) or, if earlier, the occurrence of a Guarantor Event of Default and service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice by the Bond Trustee on the Guarantor. The obligations of the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee are subject to the applicable Priorities of Payments, and subject as aforesaid, are unsubordinated obligations of the Guarantor, which are secured and subject to limitations on recourse as provided in the Security Agreement.

As security for the Guarantor's obligations under the Covered Bond Guarantee and the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party, the Guarantor has granted a security interest over all of its assets under the Security Agreement in favor of the Bond Trustee (for Covered Bondholders and on behalf of the other Secured Creditors).

#### **4. Interest**

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

Each Fixed Rate Covered Bond bears interest on its Principal Amount Outstanding (as defined in Condition 4.5, but subject to Condition 4.4) from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date at the rate(s) per annum equal to the Rate(s) of Interest. Interest will be payable, subject as provided in these Terms and Conditions, in arrears on the Interest Payment Date(s) in each year up to (and including) the Final Maturity Date.

If the Covered Bonds are in definitive form, except as provided in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement, the amount of interest payable on each Interest Payment Date in respect of the Interest Period (as defined in Condition 4.5) 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 Document or Pricing Supplement, amount to the Broken Amount so specified.

Except in the case of Covered Bonds in definitive form where a Fixed Coupon Amount or Broken Amount is specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement, interest will be calculated in respect of any period by applying the Rate of Interest to (a) in the case of Fixed Rate Covered Bonds which are represented by a Global Covered Bond, the aggregate outstanding nominal amount of the Fixed Rate Covered Bonds represented by such Global Covered Bond, or (b) in the case of Fixed Rate Covered Bonds in definitive form, the Calculation Amount; and in each case, multiplying such sum by the applicable Day Count Fraction (as defined in Condition 4.5), and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest sub-unit (as defined in Condition 4.5) of the relevant Specified Currency, half of any such sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention. Where the Specified Denomination of a Fixed Rate Covered Bond in definitive form comprises more than one Calculation Amount, the amount of interest payable in respect of such Fixed Rate Covered Bond will be the aggregate of the amounts (determined in the manner provided above) for each Calculation Amount comprising the Specified Denomination without any further rounding.

The applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement may provide that if the payment of the Final Redemption Amount of a Series of Fixed Rate Covered Bonds on its Final Maturity Date is deferred until the applicable Extended Due for Payment Date in accordance with the Terms and Conditions, interest will accrue and be payable on the unpaid portion of the Final Redemption Amount up to the Extended Due for Payment Date at the Rate of Interest specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement which may provide that such Series of Fixed Rate Covered Bonds will continue to bear interest at a Fixed Rate or at a Floating Rate despite the fact that interest accrued and was payable on such Covered Bonds prior to the Final Maturity Date at a Fixed Rate.

## 4.2 Interest on Floating Rate Covered Bonds

### (a) *Interest Payment Dates*

Each Floating Rate Covered Bond bears interest on its Principal Amount Outstanding (subject to Condition 4.3) from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date and such interest will be payable in arrears on either:

- (i) the Interest Payment Date(s) in each year specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement; or
- (ii) if no Interest Payment Date(s) is/are specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement, each date which falls the number of months or other period specified as the Interest Period in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement after the preceding Interest Payment Date or, in the case of the first Interest Payment Date, after the Interest Commencement Date,

each such date, an **Interest Payment Date**.

Such interest will be payable in respect of each Interest Period.

### (b) *Rate of Interest*

The Rate of Interest payable from time to time in respect of Floating Rate Covered Bonds will be determined in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement.

#### (i) ISDA Determination for Floating Rate Covered Bonds

Where ISDA Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement 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 Document or Pricing Supplement) the Floating Rate Covered Bond Margin (if any). For the purposes of this subparagraph (i), **ISDA Rate** for an Interest Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rate that would be determined by the Principal Paying Agent or other Person specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement under an interest rate swap transaction if the Principal Paying Agent or that other Person were acting as Calculation Agent for that swap transaction under the terms of an agreement incorporating the ISDA Definitions, and under which:

- (A) the Floating Rate Option is as specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement;
- (B) the Designated Maturity is the period specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement; and
- (C) unless otherwise stated in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement the relevant Reset Date is the first day of that Interest Period.

For the purposes of this subparagraph (i), "Floating Rate", "Calculation Agent", "Floating Rate Option", "Designated Maturity" and "Reset Date" have the meanings given to those terms in the ISDA Definitions.



(ii) Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Covered Bonds

Where Screen Rate Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject as provided below, be either:

- (A) the offered quotation (if there is only one quotation on the Relevant Screen Page); or
- (B) the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the offered quotations,

(expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the Reference Rate which appears or appear, as the case may be, on the Relevant Screen Page as at 11.00 a.m. (London time, in the case of LIBOR, or Brussels time, in the case of EURIBOR) on the Interest Determination Date in question plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement) the Floating Rate Covered Bond Margin (if any), all as determined by the Principal Paying Agent. If five or more of such offered quotations are available on the Relevant Screen Page, the highest (or, if there is more than one such highest quotation, one only of such quotations) and the lowest (or, if there is more than one such lowest quotation, one only of such quotations) will be disregarded by the Principal Paying Agent for the purpose of determining the arithmetic mean (rounded as provided above) of such offered quotations.

If the Relevant Screen Page is not available or if, in the case of this subparagraph (ii) above, no offered quotation appears or fewer than three offered quotations appear, in each case as at the Specified Time, the Principal Paying Agent will request each of the Reference Banks to provide the Principal Paying Agent with its offered quotation (expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the Reference Rate at approximately the Specified Time on the Interest Determination Date in question. If two or more of the Reference Banks provide the Principal Paying Agent with offered quotations, the Rate of Interest for the Interest Period will be the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the offered quotations plus or minus (as appropriate) the Floating Rate Covered Bond Margin (if any), all as determined by the Principal Paying Agent.

If on any Interest Determination Date one only or none of the Reference Banks provides the Principal Paying Agent with an offered quotation as provided in subparagraph (ii), the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period will be the rate per annum which the Principal Paying Agent determines as being the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the rates, as communicated to (and at the request of) the Principal Paying Agent by the Reference Banks or any two or more of them, at which such Reference Banks offered, at approximately the Specified Time on the relevant Interest Determination Date, deposits in the Specified Currency for a period equal to that which would have been used for the Reference Rate by leading banks in the London interbank market (if the Reference Rate is LIBOR) or the Euro-zone inter-bank market (if the Reference Rate is EURIBOR) plus or minus (as appropriate) the Floating Rate Covered Bond Margin (if any) or, if fewer than two of the Reference Banks provide the Principal Paying Agent with offered rates, the offered rate for deposits in the Specified Currency for a period equal to that which would have been used for the Reference Rate, or the arithmetic mean (rounded as provided above) of the offered rates for deposits in the Specified Currency for a period equal to that which would have been used for the Reference Rate, at which, at approximately the Specified Time on the relevant Interest Determination Date, any one or more banks (which bank or banks is or are in the opinion of the Issuer suitable for the purpose) informs the Principal Paying Agent it is quoting to leading banks in the London inter-bank market (if the Reference Rate is LIBOR) or the Euro-zone inter-bank market (if the Reference Rate is EURIBOR) plus or minus (as appropriate) the Floating Rate Covered Bond Margin (if any), provided that, if the

Rate of Interest cannot be determined in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this section, the Rate of Interest will be determined as at the last preceding Interest Determination Date (though substituting,) where a different Floating Rate Covered Bond Margin is to be applied to the relevant Interest Period from that which applied to the last preceding Interest Period, the Floating Rate Covered Bond Margin relating to the relevant Interest Period in place of the Floating Rate Covered Bond Margin relating to that last preceding Interest Period).

If the Reference Rate from time to time in respect of Floating Rate Covered Bonds is specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement as being other than LIBOR or EURIBOR, the Rate of Interest in respect of such Covered Bonds will be determined as provided in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement.

(c) *Minimum Rate of Interest and/or Maximum Rate of Interest*

If the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement for a Floating Rate Covered Bond specifies a Minimum Rate of Interest for any Interest Period, then, in the event that the Rate of Interest in respect of such Interest Period determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b) above is less than such Minimum Rate of Interest, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period will be such Minimum Rate of Interest.

If the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement for a Floating Rate Covered Bond specifies a Maximum Rate of Interest for any Interest Period, then, in the event that the Rate of Interest in respect of such Interest Period determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b) above is greater than such Maximum Rate of Interest, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period will be such Maximum Rate of Interest.

(d) *Determination of Rate of Interest and Calculation of Interest Amounts*

The Principal Paying Agent will at or as soon as practicable after each time at which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, determine the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period.

The Principal Paying Agent will calculate the amount of interest (the **Interest Amount**) payable on the Floating Rate Covered Bonds for the relevant Interest Period by applying the Rate of Interest to:

- (i) in the case of Floating Rate Covered Bonds which are represented by a Global Covered Bond, the aggregate outstanding nominal amount of the Covered Bonds represented by such Global Covered Bond; or
- (ii) in the case of Floating Rate Covered Bonds in definitive form, the Calculation Amount,

and, in each case, multiplying such sum by the applicable Day Count Fraction, and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest sub-unit of the relevant Specified Currency, half of any such sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention. Where the Specified Denomination of a Floating Rate Covered Bond in definitive form comprises more than one Calculation Amount, the Interest Amount payable in respect of such Covered Bond will be the aggregate of the amounts (determined in the manner provided above) for each Calculation Amount comprising the Specified Denomination without any further rounding.

(e) *Notification of Rate of Interest and Interest Amounts*

The Principal Paying Agent will cause the Rate of Interest and each Interest Amount for each Interest Period and the relevant Interest Payment Date to be notified to the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Bond Trustee and to any stock exchange or other relevant competent authority or quotation system on which the relevant Floating Rate Covered Bonds are for the time being listed, quoted and/or

traded or by which they have been admitted to listing or trading and to be published in accordance with Condition 13 (except for U.S. Registered Covered Bonds) as soon as possible after their determination but in no event later than the fourth Business Day thereafter. Each Interest Amount and 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. Any such amendment or alternative arrangements will be promptly notified to the Bond Trustee and each stock exchange or other relevant authority on which the relevant Floating Rate Covered Bonds are for the time being listed, quoted and/or traded or by which they have been admitted to listing or trading and to Covered Bondholders in accordance with Condition 13.

(f) *Determination or Calculation by Bond Trustee*

If for any reason at any relevant time after the Issue Date, the Principal Paying Agent defaults in its obligation to determine the Rate of Interest or the Principal Paying Agent defaults in its obligation to calculate any Interest Amount in accordance with subparagraph 4.2(b)(i) above or (ii) above or as otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement, as the case may be, and in each case in accordance with paragraph (d) above, the Bond Trustee will determine the Rate of Interest at such rate as, in its absolute discretion (having such regard as it will think fit to the foregoing provisions of this Condition, but subject always to any Minimum Rate of Interest or Maximum Rate of Interest specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement), it will deem fair and reasonable in all the circumstances or, as the case may be, the Bond Trustee will calculate the Interest Amount(s) in such manner as it will deem fair and reasonable in all the circumstances. In making any such determination or calculation, the Bond Trustee may appoint and rely on a determination or calculation by a calculation agent (which will be an investment bank or other suitable entity of international repute). Each such determination or calculation will be deemed to have been made by the Principal Paying Agent.

(g) *Certificates to be Final*

All certificates, communications, opinions, determinations, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of the provisions of this Condition 4.2, whether by the Principal Paying Agent or the Bond Trustee will (in the absence of willful default, bad faith or manifest error) be binding on the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Principal Paying Agent, the other Paying Agents, the Bond Trustee and all Covered Bondholders and Couponholders and (in the absence of willful default, negligence, bad faith or fraud) no liability to the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Covered Bondholders or the Couponholders will attach to the Principal Paying Agent or the Bond Trustee in connection with the exercise or non-exercise by it of its powers, duties and discretions pursuant to such provisions.

#### **4.3 Interest following a Notice to Pay**

If a Notice to Pay is served on the Guarantor, the Guarantor will, in accordance with the terms of the Trust Deed, pay Guaranteed Amounts corresponding to the amounts of interest described under Condition 4.1 or 4.2 (as the case may be) under the Covered Bond Guarantee in respect of the Covered Bonds on the Original Due for Payment Dates and, if applicable, the Extended Due for Payment Date in accordance with the applicable Priorities of Payments.

#### **4.4 Accrual of interest**

Interest (if any) will cease to accrue on each Covered Bond (or in the case of the redemption of part only of a Covered Bond, that part only of such Covered Bond) on the due date for redemption thereof unless, upon due presentation thereof, payment of principal is improperly withheld or refused or unless default is otherwise made in respect of payment, in which event, interest will continue to accrue as provided in Condition 6.10.

#### 4.5 Business Day, Business Day Convention, Day Count Fractions and other adjustments

- (a) In these Terms and Conditions, **Business Day** means:
- (i) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in London and any Additional Business Centre specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement; and
  - (ii) either (A) in relation to any sum payable in a Specified Currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the principal financial center of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (if other than London and any Additional Business Centre) or as otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement or (B) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer (TARGET2) System (the **TARGET System**) is open.
- (b) If a **Business Day Convention** is specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement and (x) if there is no numerically corresponding day in the calendar month in which an Interest Payment Date should occur, or (y) if any Interest Payment Date would otherwise fall on a day which is not a Business Day, then, if the Business Day Convention specified is:
- (i) in any case where Interest Periods are specified in accordance with Condition 4.2(a)(ii), the **Floating Rate Convention**, such Interest Payment Date (A) in the case of (x) above, will be the last day that is a Business Day in the relevant month and the provisions of (II) below will apply *mutatis mutandis*, or (B) in the case of (y) above, will be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event (I) such Interest Payment Date will be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day, and (II) each subsequent Interest Payment Date will be the last Business Day in the month which falls on the Interest Period after the preceding applicable Interest Payment Date occurred; or
  - (ii) the **Following Business Day Convention**, such Interest Payment Date will be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day; or
  - (iii) the **Modified Following Business Day Convention**, such Interest Payment Date will be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event such Interest Payment Date will be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day; or
  - (iv) the **Preceding Business Day Convention**, such Interest Payment Date will be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day.
- (c) **Day Count Fraction** means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest for any Interest Period:
- (i) if "Actual/Actual (ICMA)" is specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement, a fraction equal to "number of days accrued/number of days in year", as such terms are used in Rule 251 of the statutes, by-laws, rules and recommendations of the International Capital Market Association (the **ICMA Rule Book**), calculated in accordance with Rule 251 of the ICMA Rule Book as applied to non-U.S. Dollar denominated straight and convertible bonds issued after 31 December 1998, as though the interest coupon on a bond has been calculated for a coupon period corresponding to the Interest Period;

- (ii) if "Actual/Actual or Actual/Actual (ISDA)" is specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of that Interest Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (A) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a leap year divided by 366, and (B) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365);
- (iii) if "Actual/365 (Fixed)" is specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365;
- (iv) if "Actual/365 (Sterling)" is specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 or, in the case of an Interest Payment Date falling in a leap year, 366;
- (v) if "Actual/360" is specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360;
- (vi) if "30/360", "360/360" or "Bond Basis" is specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement, the number of days in the Interest 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 Interest Period falls;

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

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

"M<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Interest 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 and D<sub>1</sub> is greater than 29, in which case D<sub>2</sub> will be 30; and

- (vii) if "30E/360" or "Eurobond Basis" is specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement, the number of days in the Interest 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 Interest Period falls;

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

"M<sub>1</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest 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 Interest 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; or

- (viii) such other Day Count Fraction as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement.
- (d) **Determination Period** means each 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).
- (e) **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.
- (f) **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.
- (g) **Principal Amount Outstanding** means, in respect of a Covered Bond, on any day, the principal amount of that Covered Bond on the relevant Issue Date thereof less principal amounts received by the relevant Covered Bondholder in respect thereof on or prior to that day.
- (h) If **adjusted** is specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement against the Day Count Fraction, interest in respect of the relevant Interest Period will be payable in arrears on the relevant Interest Payment Date and calculated from (and including) an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Payment Date, as such Interest Payment Date will, where applicable, be adjusted in accordance with the Business Day Convention.
- (i) If **not adjusted** is specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement against the Day Count Fraction, interest in respect of the relevant Interest Period will be payable in arrears on the relevant Interest Payment Date and calculated from (and including) an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Payment Date, but such Interest Payment Dates will not be adjusted in accordance with any Business Day Convention.
- (j) **sub-unit** means, with respect to any currency other than euro, the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the country of such currency and, with respect to euro, €0.01.

## **5. Payments**

### **5.1 Method of payment**

Subject as provided below:

- (a) payments in a Specified Currency other than euro will be made by credit or transfer to an account in the relevant Specified Currency (which, in the case of a payment in Yen to a non-resident of Japan, will be a non-resident account) maintained by the payee with, or, at the option of the payee, by a check in such Specified Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial center of the country of such Specified Currency; and
- (b) payments in euro will be made by credit or transfer to a euro account (or any other account to which euro may be credited or transferred) specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro check.

In the case of Bearer Covered Bonds, payments in U.S. Dollars will be made by transfer to a U.S. Dollar account maintained by the payee with a bank outside of the United States (which expression, as used in this Condition 5, means the United States of America, including the States and the District of Columbia, its territories, its possessions and other areas subject to its jurisdiction), or by check drawn on a United States bank. In no event will payment in respect of Bearer Covered Bonds be made by a check mailed to an address in the United States. All payments of interest in respect of Bearer Covered Bonds will be made to accounts located outside the United States except as may be permitted by United States tax law in effect at the time of such payment without detriment to the Issuer or the Guarantor.

Payments will be subject in all cases to (i) any fiscal or other laws and regulations applicable thereto in the place of payment but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 7, and (ii) any withholding or deduction required pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code") or otherwise imposed pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, any regulations or agreements thereunder, official interpretations thereof, or (without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 7) law implementing an intergovernmental approach thereto. References to Specified Currency will include any successor currency under applicable law.

### **5.2 Presentation of Bearer Definitive Covered Bonds and Coupons**

Payments of principal and interest (if any) will (subject as provided below) be made in accordance with Condition 5.1 only against presentation and surrender of Bearer Definitive Covered Bonds or Coupons (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement of the Bearer Definitive Covered Bond (or Coupon)), as the case may be, only at a specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States (which expression, as used herein, means the United States of America, including the States and the District of Columbia, its territories, its possessions and other areas subject to its jurisdiction).

Fixed Rate Covered Bonds in definitive bearer form (other than Long Maturity Covered Bonds) should be presented for payment together with all unmatured Coupons appertaining thereto (which expression will include Coupons failing to be issued on exchange of matured Talons), failing which an amount equal to the face value of any missing unmatured Coupon (or, in the case of payment not being made in full, the same proportion of the amount of such missing unmatured Coupon as the sum so paid bears to the total amount due) will be deducted from the amount due for payment. Each amount of principal so deducted will be paid in the manner mentioned above against surrender of the relative missing Coupon at any time before the expiry of ten years after the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 7) in respect of such principal (whether or not such Coupon would otherwise

have become void under Condition 8) or, if later, five years from the date on which such Coupon would otherwise have become due but in no event thereafter.

Upon amounts in respect of any Fixed Rate Covered Bond in definitive bearer form becoming due and repayable by the Issuer (in the absence of a Notice to Pay or a Guarantor Acceleration Notice) or by the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee (if a Notice to Pay or a Guarantor Acceleration Notice has been served) prior to its Final Maturity Date (or, as the case may be, Extended Due for Payment Date), all unmatured Talons (if any) appertaining thereto will become void and no further Coupons will be issued in respect thereof.

Upon the due date for redemption of any Floating Rate Covered Bond or Long Maturity Covered Bond in definitive bearer form, all unmatured Coupons and Talons (if any) relating thereto (whether or not attached) will become void and no payment or, as the case may be, exchange for further Coupons will be made in respect thereof. A **Long Maturity Covered Bond** is a Fixed Rate Covered Bond (other than a Fixed Rate Covered Bond which on issue had a Talon attached) whose nominal amount on issue is less than the aggregate interest payable thereon *provided* that such Covered Bond will cease to be a Long Maturity Covered Bond on the Interest Payment Date on which the aggregate amount of interest remaining to be paid after that date is less than the Principal Amount Outstanding of such Covered Bond.

If the due date for redemption of any Bearer Definitive Covered Bond is not an Interest Payment Date, interest (if any) accrued in respect of such Covered Bond from (and including) the preceding Interest Payment Date or, as the case may be, the Interest Commencement Date will be payable only against presentation and surrender of the relevant Bearer Definitive Covered Bond.

### **5.3 Payments in respect of Bearer Global Covered Bonds**

Payments of principal and interest (if any) in respect of Covered Bonds represented by any Bearer Global Covered Bond will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner specified above in relation to Bearer Definitive Covered Bonds and otherwise in the manner specified in the relevant Bearer Global Covered Bond against presentation or surrender, as the case may be, of such Bearer Global Covered Bond if the Bearer Global Covered Bond is not issued in NGCB form at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States. On the occasion of each payment (a) in the case of any Bearer Global Covered Bond which is not issued in NGCB form, a record of such payment made on such Bearer Global Covered Bond, distinguishing between any payment of principal and any payment of interest, will be made on such Bearer Global Covered Bond by the Paying Agent and such record will be *prima facie* evidence that the payment in question has been made, and (b) in the case of any Bearer Global Covered Bond which is issued in NGCB form, the Paying Agent will instruct Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg to make appropriate entries in their records to reflect such payment.

No payments of principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of a Bearer Global Covered Bond will be made by mail to an address in the United States or by transfer to an account maintained in the United States.

### **5.4 Payments in respect of Registered Covered Bonds**

Payments of principal in respect of each Registered Covered Bond (whether or not in global form) will be made against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of the Registered Covered Bond at the specified office of the Registrar or any of the Paying Agents. Such payments will be made in accordance with Condition 5.1 by transfer to the Designated Account (as defined below) of the holder (or the first named of joint holders) of the Registered Covered Bond appearing in the register of holders of the Registered Covered Bonds maintained by the Registrar (the **Register**) at the close of business on the tenth business day



(**business day** being for the purposes of this Condition 5.4 a day on which banks are open for business in the city where the specified office of the Registrar is located) before the relevant due date (the **Record Date**). Notwithstanding the previous sentence, if (a) a holder does not have a Designated Account, or (b) the principal amount of the Covered Bonds held by a holder is less than U.S.\$250,000 (or its approximate equivalent in any other Specified Currency), payment will instead be made by a check in the Specified Currency drawn on a Designated Bank (as defined below). For these purposes, **Designated Account** means the account (which, in the case of a payment in Yen to a non-resident of Japan, will be a non-resident account) maintained by a holder with a Designated Bank and identified as such in the Register and **Designated Bank** means (in the case of payment in a Specified Currency other than euro) a bank in the principal financial center of the country of such Specified Currency and (in the case of a payment in euro) any bank which processes payments in euro.

Payments of interest in respect of each Registered Covered Bond (whether or not in global form) will be made by a check in the Specified Currency drawn on a Designated Bank and mailed by uninsured mail on the business day immediately preceding the relevant due date to the holder (or the first named of joint holders) of the Registered Covered Bond appearing in the Register at the close of business on the Record Date at the holder's address shown in the Register on the Record Date and at the holder's risk. Upon application of the holder to the specified office of the Registrar not less than three business days before the due date for any payment of interest in respect of a Registered Covered Bond, the payment may be made by transfer on the due date in the manner provided in the preceding paragraph. Any such application for transfer will be deemed to relate to all future payments of interest (other than interest due on redemption) in respect of the Registered Covered Bonds which become payable to the holder who has made the initial application until such time as the Registrar is notified in writing to the contrary by such holder. Payment of the interest due in respect of each Registered Covered Bond on redemption will be made in the same manner as payment of the principal in respect of such Registered Covered Bond.

Holders of Registered Covered Bonds will not be entitled to any interest or other payment for any delay in receiving any amount due in respect of any Registered Covered Bond as a result of a check posted in accordance with this Condition arriving after the due date for payment or being lost in the post. No commissions or expenses will be charged to such holders by the Registrar or any of the Paying Agents in respect of any payments of principal or interest in respect of the Registered Covered Bonds.

None of the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Bond Trustee or the Agents will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to, or payments made on account of, beneficial ownership interests in the Registered Covered Bonds or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

## **5.5 General provisions applicable to payments**

The holder of a Global Covered Bond (or, as provided in the Trust Deed, the Bond Trustee) will be the only Person entitled to receive payments in respect of Covered Bonds represented by such Global Covered Bond and the obligations of the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the holder of such Global Covered Bond (or the Bond Trustee, as the case may be) in respect of each amount so paid. Each of the Persons shown in the records of DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as the beneficial holder of a particular nominal amount of Covered Bonds represented by such Global Covered Bond must look solely to DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, for his share of each payment so made by the Issuer or the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee to, or to the order of, the holder of such Global Covered Bond (or the Bond Trustee, as the case may be). No Person other than the holder of the relevant Global Covered Bond (or, as provided

in the Trust Deed, the Bond Trustee) will have any claim against the Issuer or the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee in respect of any payments due on that Global Covered Bond.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Condition, payments of principal and/or interest in respect of Bearer Covered Bonds in U.S. Dollars will only be made at the specified office of a Paying Agent in the United States if:

- (a) the Issuer has appointed Paying Agents with specified offices outside the United States with the reasonable expectation that such Paying Agents would be able to make payment in U.S. Dollars at such specified offices outside the United States of the full amount of principal and/or interest on the Bearer Covered Bonds in the manner provided above when due;
- (b) payment of the full amount of such principal and interest at such specified offices outside the United States is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions on the full payment or receipt of principal and interest in U.S. Dollars; and
- (c) such payment is then permitted under United States Law without involving, in the opinion of the Issuer and the Guarantor, adverse tax consequences to the Issuer or the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee.

## 5.6 Payment Day

If the date for payment of any amount in respect of any Covered Bond or Coupon is not a Payment Day (as defined below), the holder thereof will not be entitled to payment of the relevant amount due until the next following Payment Day and will not be entitled to any interest or other sum in respect of any such delay. In this Condition (unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement), **Payment Day** means any day which (subject to Condition 8) is:

- (a) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in:
  - (i) the relevant place of presentation; and
  - (ii) any Additional Business Centre specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement; and
- (b) either (i) in relation to any sum payable in a Specified Currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the principal financial center of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (if other than the place of presentation, London and any Additional Business Centre) or as otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement, or (ii) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day on which the TARGET System is open.
- (c) in the case of any payment in respect of a Registered Global Covered Bond denominated in a Specified Currency other than U.S. dollars and registered in the name of DTC or its nominee and in respect of which an accountholder of DTC (with an interest in such Registered Global Covered Bond) has elected, by a date not later than 15 days prior to a Payment Date, to receive any part of such payment in U.S. dollars, a day on which commercial banks are not authorized or required by Law to be closed in New York City.

## 5.7 Interpretation of principal and interest

Any reference in these Terms and Conditions to principal in respect of the Covered Bonds will be deemed to include, as applicable:

- (a) any additional amounts which may be payable with respect to principal under Condition 7 or under any undertakings or covenants given in addition thereto, or in substitution therefor, pursuant to the Trust Deed;
- (b) the Final Redemption Amount of the Covered Bonds;
- (c) the Early Redemption Amount of the Covered Bonds, but excluding any amount of interest referred to therein;
- (d) the Optional Redemption Amount(s) (if any) of the Covered Bonds;
- (e) in relation to Zero Coupon Covered Bonds, the Amortized Face Amount (as defined in Condition 6.7);
- (f) any premium and any other amounts (other than interest) which may be payable under or in respect of the Covered Bonds; and
- (g) any Excess Proceeds attributable to principal which may be deposited by the Bond Trustee into the GDA Account in respect of the Covered Bonds, and following a Guarantor Event of Default and service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice deposited or paid in such other manner as the Bond Trustee may direct.

Any reference in these Terms and Conditions to interest in respect of the Covered Bonds will be deemed to include, as applicable, any additional amounts which may be payable with respect to interest under Condition 7 or under any undertakings given in addition thereto, or in substitution therefor, pursuant to the Trust Deed.

## 5.8 Redenomination

Where redenomination is specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement as being applicable, the Issuer may, without the consent of the Covered Bondholders and the Couponholders, on giving prior written notice to the Bond Trustee, the Agents, the Registrar (in the case of Registered Covered Bonds), Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and at least 30 days' prior notice to the Covered Bondholders in accordance with Condition 13, elect that, with effect from the Redenomination Date specified in the notice, the Covered Bonds will be redenominated in euro. In relation to any Covered Bonds where the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement provides for a minimum Specified Denomination in the Specified Currency which is equivalent to at least €100,000 and which are admitted to trading on a regulated market in the European Economic Area, it will be a term of any such article that the holder of any Covered Bonds held through Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or DTC must have credited to its securities account with the relevant clearing system a minimum balance of Covered Bonds of at least €100,000.

The election will have effect as follows:

- (a) the Covered Bonds will be deemed to be redenominated in euro in the denomination of €0.01 with a nominal amount for each Covered Bond equal to the nominal amount of that Covered Bond in the Specified Currency, converted into euro at the Established Rate, *provided* that, if the Issuer determines, in consultation with the Agents and the Bond Trustee,

that the then market practice in respect of the redenomination in euro of internationally offered securities is different from the provisions specified above, such provisions will be deemed to be amended so as to comply with such market practice and the Issuer will promptly notify the Covered Bondholders, the competent listing authority, stock exchange, and/or market (if any) on or by which the Covered Bonds may be listed and/or admitted to trading and the Paying Agents of such deemed amendments;

- (b) save to the extent that an Exchange Notice has been given in accordance with paragraph (d) below, the amount of interest due in respect of the Covered Bonds will be calculated by reference to the aggregate nominal amount of Covered Bonds presented (or, as the case may be, in respect of which Coupons are presented) for payment by the relevant holder and the amount of such payment will be rounded down to the nearest €0.01;
- (c) if Definitive Covered Bonds are required to be issued after the Redenomination Date, they will be issued at the expense of the Issuer in the denominations of €100,000 and/or such higher amounts as the Agents may determine and notify to the Covered Bondholders and any remaining amounts less than €100,000 will be redeemed by the Issuer and paid to the Covered Bondholders in euro in accordance with Condition 6;
- (d) if issued prior to the Redenomination Date, all unmatured Coupons denominated in the Specified Currency (whether or not attached to the Covered Bonds) will become void with effect from the date on which the Issuer gives notice (the **Exchange Notice**) that replacement euro-denominated Covered Bonds and Coupons are available for exchange (*provided* that such securities are so available) and no payments will be made in respect of them. The payment obligations contained in any Covered Bonds and Coupons so issued will also become void on that date although those Covered Bonds and Coupons will continue to constitute valid exchange obligations of the Issuer. New euro-denominated Covered Bonds and Coupons will be issued in exchange for Covered Bonds and Coupons denominated in the Specified Currency in such manner as the Agents may specify and as will be notified to the Covered Bondholders in the Exchange Notice. No Exchange Notice may be given less than 15 days prior to any date for payment of principal or interest on the Covered Bonds;
- (e) after the Redenomination Date, all payments in respect of the Covered Bonds and the Coupons, other than payments of interest in respect of periods commencing before the Redenomination Date, will be made solely in euro as though references in the Covered Bonds to the Specified Currency were to euro. Payments will be made in euro by credit or transfer to a euro account (or any other account to which euro may be credited or transferred) specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro check;
- (f) if the Covered Bonds are Fixed Rate Covered Bonds and interest for any period ending on or after the Redenomination Date is required to be calculated for a period ending other than on an Interest Payment Date, it will be calculated by applying the Rate of Interest to each Specified Denomination, multiplying such sum by the applicable Day Count Fraction, and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest sub-unit of the relevant Specified Currency, half of any such sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention;
- (g) if the Covered Bonds are Floating Rate Covered Bonds, the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement will specify any relevant changes to the provisions relating to interest; and
- (h) such other changes will be made to this Condition (and the Transaction Documents) as the Issuer may decide, after consultation with the Agents and the Bond Trustee, and as may be

specified in the notice given to the Covered Bondholders pursuant to paragraph (a) above, to conform it to conventions then applicable to instruments denominated in euro.

## 5.9 Definitions

In these Conditions, the following expressions have the following meanings:

**Established Rate** means the rate for the conversion of the relevant Specified Currency (including compliance with rules relating to roundings in accordance with applicable European Community regulations) into euro established by the Council of the European Union pursuant to Article 123 of the Treaty.

**euro** means the Lawful currency of the Member States that adopt the single currency in accordance with the Treaty.

**Redenomination Date** means (in the case of interest bearing Covered Bonds) any date for payment of interest under the Covered Bonds or (in the case of Zero Coupon Covered Bonds) any date, in each case specified by the Issuer in the notice given to the Covered Bondholders pursuant to paragraph (a) above and which falls on or after the date on which the country of the relevant Specified Currency first adopts the euro.

**Treaty** means the Treaty establishing the European Community, as amended.

## 6. Redemption and Purchase

### 6.1 Final redemption

Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled as specified below, each Covered Bond will be redeemed by the Issuer at its Final Redemption Amount specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement in the relevant Specified Currency on the Final Maturity Date.

Without prejudice to Condition 9, if an Extended Due for Payment Date is specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement for a Series of Covered Bonds and the Issuer has failed to pay the Final Redemption Amount on the Final Maturity Date specified in the Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement (in each case after the expiry of the grace period set out in Condition 9.1(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 funds available under the Guarantee Priority of Payments to pay the Guaranteed Amounts corresponding to the Final Redemption Amount in full in respect of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds on the date falling on the earlier of (a) the date which falls two Toronto Business Days after service of a Notice to Pay on the Guarantor or, if later, the Final Maturity Date (in each case after the expiry of the grace period set out in Condition 9.2(a)), and (b) the Extension Determination Date, under the Covered Bond Guarantee, then (subject as provided below) payment of the unpaid portion of the Final Redemption Amount by the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee will be deferred until the Extended Due for Payment Date, *provided* that any amount representing the Final Redemption Amount due and remaining unpaid on the earlier of (a) and (b) above will be paid by the Guarantor to the extent it has sufficient funds available under the Guarantee Priority of Payments on any Interest Payment Date thereafter up to (and including) the relevant Extended Due for Payment Date.

The Issuer will confirm to the Principal Paying Agent as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event at least four Business Days prior to the Final Maturity Date of a Series of Covered Bonds whether (a) payment will be made in full of the Final Redemption Amount in respect of a Series of

Covered Bonds on that Final Maturity Date or (b) payment will not be made in full of the Final Redemption Amount in respect of a Series of Covered Bonds on that Final Maturity Date. Any failure by the Issuer to notify the Principal Paying Agent will not affect the validity or effectiveness of the extension.

The Guarantor will notify the relevant Covered Bondholders (in accordance with Condition 13), the Rating Agencies, the Bond Trustee, the Principal Paying Agent and (in the case of Registered Covered Bonds) the Registrar as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event at least one Business Day prior to the date specified in (a) or (b) of the second preceding paragraph (as appropriate) 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 Covered Bonds pursuant to the Covered Bond Guarantee. Any failure by the Guarantor to notify such parties will not affect the validity or effectiveness of the extension nor will any rights accrue to any of them by virtue thereof.

In the circumstances outlined above, the Guarantor will on the earlier of (a) the date falling two Toronto Business Days after service of a Notice to Pay or, if later, the Final Maturity Date (in each case after the expiry of the grace period set out in Condition 9.2(a)), and (b) the Extension Determination Date, under the Covered Bond Guarantee, apply the funds (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 Covered Bond of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds and will pay Guaranteed Amounts constituting the corresponding part of Scheduled Interest in respect of each such Covered Bond on such date. The obligation of the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee to pay any amounts in respect of the balance of the Final Redemption Amount not so paid will be deferred as described above. Such failure to pay by the Guarantor will not constitute a Guarantor Event of Default.

Any discharge of the obligations of the Issuer as a result of the payment of Excess Proceeds to the Bond Trustee will be disregarded for the purposes of determining the liabilities of the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee in connection with this Condition 6.1.

## **6.2 Redemption for taxation reasons**

The Covered Bonds may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer in whole, but not in part, at any time (if the relevant Covered Bond is not a Floating Rate Covered Bond) or on any Interest Payment Date (if the relevant Covered Bond is a Floating Rate Covered Bond), on giving not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice to the Bond Trustee and, in accordance with Condition 13, the Covered Bondholders (which notice will be irrevocable), if the Issuer satisfies the Bond Trustee immediately before the giving of such notice that on the occasion of the next date for payment of interest on the relevant Covered Bonds, that the Issuer is or would be required to pay additional amounts as provided or referred to in Condition 7. Covered Bonds redeemed pursuant to this Condition 6.2 will be redeemed at their Early Redemption Amount referred to in Condition 6.7 together (if appropriate) with interest accrued to (but excluding) the date of redemption.

## **6.3 Redemption at the option of the Issuer (Issuer Call)**

If an Issuer Call is specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement, the Issuer may, having given not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' notice or such other period of notice as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement to the Bond Trustee, the Principal Paying Agent, the Registrar (in the case of the redemption of Registered Covered Bonds) and, in accordance with Condition 13, the Covered Bondholders (which notice will be irrevocable) redeem all or only some of the Covered Bonds then outstanding on any Optional Redemption Date(s) and at the Optional Redemption Amount(s) specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement together, if

applicable, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the relevant Optional Redemption Date(s). The Issuer will be bound to redeem the Covered Bonds on the date specified in such notice. In the event of redemption of only some of the Covered Bonds, such redemption must be of a nominal amount not less than the Minimum Redemption Amount and not more than the Maximum Redemption Amount (if any) as specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement. In the case of a partial redemption of Covered Bonds, the Covered Bonds to be redeemed (the **Redeemed Covered Bonds**) will be selected individually by lot, in the case of Redeemed Covered Bonds represented by Definitive Covered Bonds, and in accordance with the rules of DTC, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, in the case of Redeemed Covered Bonds represented by a Global Covered Bond, in each case, not more than 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption (such date of selection being hereinafter called the **Selection Date**). In the case of Redeemed Covered Bonds represented by Definitive Covered Bonds, a list of the serial numbers of such Redeemed Covered Bonds will be published in accordance with Condition 13 not less than 15 days (or such shorter period as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement) prior to the date fixed for redemption. The aggregate nominal amount of Redeemed Covered Bonds represented by Definitive Covered Bonds or represented by Global Covered Bonds will, in each case, bear the same proportion to the aggregate nominal amount of all Redeemed Covered Bonds as the aggregate nominal amount of Definitive Covered Bonds or Global Covered Bonds outstanding bears, in each case, to the aggregate nominal amount of the Covered Bonds outstanding on the Selection Date, *provided* that such nominal amounts will, if necessary, be rounded downwards to the nearest integral multiple of the Specified Denomination. No exchange of the relevant Global Covered Bond will be permitted during the period from (and including) the Selection Date to (and including) the date fixed for redemption pursuant to this Condition 6.3 and notice to that effect will be given by the Issuer to the Covered Bondholders in accordance with Condition 13 at least five days (or such shorter period as is specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement) prior to the Selection Date.

#### **6.4 Redemption at the option of the Covered Bondholders (Investor Put)**

If an Investor Put is specified in the Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement for a Covered Bond, then if and to the extent specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement, and provided that an Issuer Event of Default has not occurred, upon the Covered Bondholder giving to the Issuer, in accordance with Condition 13, not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice (which notice will be irrevocable), the Issuer will, upon the expiry of such notice *provided* that the Cash Manager has notified the Bond Trustee in writing that there will be sufficient funds available to pay any termination payment due to the Covered Bond Swap Provider, redeem subject to, and in accordance with, the terms specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement in whole (but not in part) such Covered Bond on the Optional Redemption Date and at the relevant Optional Redemption Amount as specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement, together, if applicable, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the relevant Optional Redemption Date.

If the Covered Bond is in definitive form, to exercise the right to require redemption of such Covered Bond, the Covered Bondholder must deliver such Covered Bond, on any Business Day falling within the above-mentioned notice period at the specified office of any Paying Agent, accompanied by a duly signed and completed notice of exercise of the Investor Put in the form (for the time being currently) obtainable from any specified office of any Paying Agent (a **Put Notice**) and in which the holder must specify a bank account (or, if payment is by check, an address) to which payment is to be made under this Condition 6.4.

It may be that before an Investor Put can be exercised, certain conditions and/or circumstances will need to be satisfied. Where relevant, the provisions will be set out in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement.

## 6.5 Redemption due to illegality or invalidity

- (a) 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 Principal Paying Agent, the Registrar and, in accordance with Condition 13, all Covered Bondholders (which notice will 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 Guarantee Loan made by it to the Guarantor under 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.
- (b) Covered Bonds redeemed pursuant to Condition 6.5(a) will be redeemed at their Early Redemption Amount referred to in Condition 6.7 together (if appropriate) with interest accrued to (but excluding) the date of redemption.

## 6.6 General

Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to Conditions 6.2 or 6.5(a), the Issuer will deliver to the Bond Trustee a certificate signed by two Authorized Signatories stating that the Issuer is entitled or required to effect such redemption and setting forth a statement of facts showing that the conditions set out in Conditions 6.2 or, as the case may be, 6.5(a) for such right or obligation (as applicable) of the Issuer to arise have been satisfied and the Bond Trustee will be entitled to accept the certificate as sufficient evidence of the satisfaction of the conditions set out above, in which event it will be conclusive and binding on all Covered Bondholders and Couponholders.

## 6.7 Early Redemption Amounts

For the purpose of Conditions 6.2, 6.5(a), and 9 each Covered Bond will be redeemed (unless otherwise stated in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement) at its Early Redemption Amount calculated as follows:

- (a) in the case of a Covered Bond other than a Zero Coupon Covered Bond, at the amount specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement or, if no such amount or manner is so specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement, at its Principal Amount Outstanding, together with interest accrued to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption; and
- (b) in the case of a Zero Coupon Covered Bond, at an amount (the **Amortized Face Amount**) equal to the sum of:
  - (i) the Reference Price; and
  - (ii) the product of the Accrual Yield (compounded annually) being applied to the Reference Price from (and including) the Issue Date of the first Tranche of such Covered Bond to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which such Covered Bond becomes due and repayable.

Where such calculation in paragraph (b) above is to be made for a period which is not a whole number of years, it will be made (A) in the case of a Zero Coupon Covered Bond payable in a Specified Currency other than euro, on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of 12 months of 30 days each, or (B) in the case of a Zero Coupon Covered Bond payable in euro, on the basis of the actual number of days elapsed divided by 365 (or, if any of the days



elapsed falls in a leap year, the sum of (x) the number of those days falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (y) the number of those days falling in a non-leap year divided by 365) or (C) on such other calculation basis as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement.

## 6.8 Purchases

The Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries, or the Guarantor, may at any time purchase or otherwise acquire Covered Bonds (*provided* that, in the case of Bearer Definitive Covered Bonds, all unmatured Coupons and Talons appertaining thereto are attached thereto or surrendered therewith) at any price in the open market either by tender or private agreement or otherwise. If purchases are made by tender, tenders must be available to all Covered Bondholders alike. Such Covered Bonds may be held, reissued, resold or, at the option of the Issuer or the relevant Subsidiary, surrendered to any Paying Agent and/or the Registrar for cancellation (except that any Covered Bonds purchased or otherwise acquired by the Guarantor must immediately be surrendered to any Paying Agent and/or the Registrar for cancellation).

## 6.9 Cancellation

All Covered Bonds which are redeemed will forthwith be cancelled (together with, in the case of Bearer Definitive Covered Bonds, all unmatured Coupons and Talons attached thereto or surrendered therewith at the time of redemption). All Covered Bonds so cancelled and any Covered Bonds purchased and surrendered for cancellation pursuant to Condition 6.8 and cancelled (together with, in the case of Bearer Definitive Covered Bonds, all unmatured Coupons and Talons cancelled therewith) will be forwarded to the Principal Paying Agent and cannot be reissued or resold.

## 6.10 Late Payment

If any amount payable in respect of any Covered Bond is improperly withheld or refused upon its becoming due and payable or is paid after its due date, the amount due and payable in respect of such Covered Bond (the **Late Payment**) will itself accrue interest (both before and after any judgment or other order of a court of competent jurisdiction) from (and including) the date on which such payment was improperly withheld or refused or, as the case may be, became due, to (but excluding) the Late Payment Date in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) in the case of a Covered Bond other than a Zero Coupon Covered Bond, at the rate determined in accordance with Condition 4.1 or 4.2, as the case may be; and
- (b) in the case of a Zero Coupon Covered Bond, at a rate equal to the Accrual Yield,

in each case on the basis of the Day Count Fraction specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement or, if none is specified, on a 30/360 basis.

For the purpose of this Condition 6.10, the **Late Payment Date** will mean the earlier of:

- (i) the date which the Bond Trustee determines to be the date on which, upon further presentation of the relevant Covered Bond, payment of the full amount (including interest as aforesaid) in the relevant currency in respect of such Covered Bond is to be made; and
- (ii) the seventh day after notice is given to the relevant Covered Bondholder (whether individually or in accordance with Condition 13) that the full amount (including interest as aforesaid) in the relevant currency in respect of such Covered Bond is available for payment,

*provided* that in the case of both (i) and (ii), upon further presentation thereof being duly made, such payment is made.

## **7. Taxation**

All payments of principal and interest (if any) in respect of the Covered Bonds and Coupons by or on behalf of the Issuer or the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee, as the case may be, will be made without withholding or deduction for, or on account of any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature unless such withholding or deduction of such taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges is required by Law or administrative practice of any jurisdiction.

In the event that any payments made by the Bank are or become subject to a 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 (a) the Government of Canada or any province, territory or political division thereof or any authority or agency therein or thereof having power to tax, or (b) in the case of 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 any authority or agency therein or thereof having power to tax, in respect of any payment of principal and interest on the Covered Bonds and Coupons, the Issuer will pay such additional amounts as will be necessary in order that the net amounts received by the Covered Bondholders or Couponholders after such withholding or deduction will equal the respective amounts of principal and interest, if any, which would otherwise have been receivable in respect of the Covered Bonds or Coupons, as the case may be, in the absence of such withholding or deduction; except that no such additional amounts will be payable with respect to any Covered Bond or Coupon presented for payment:

- (a) to, or to a third party on behalf of, a Covered Bondholder or Couponholder who is liable to such taxes, duties, assessments or government charges in respect of such Covered Bond or Coupon by reason of such Covered Bondholder or Couponholder having some connection with Canada or the jurisdiction imposing such tax otherwise than the mere holding of such Covered Bond or Coupon;
- (b) presented for payment more than 30 days after the Relevant Date except to the extent that the holder thereof would have been entitled to such additional amount on presenting the same for payment on or before such thirtieth day;
- (c) where such withholding or deduction is imposed on a payment and is required to be made pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC or any other Law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive;
- (d) presented for payment by or on behalf of a Covered Bondholder or Couponholder who would have been able to avoid such withholding or deduction by presenting the relevant Covered Bond or Coupon to another Paying Agent in a Member State;
- (e) to, or to a third party on behalf of, a Covered Bondholder or Couponholder in respect of whom such tax, duty, assessment or governmental charge is required to be withheld or deducted by reason of such Covered Bondholder or Couponholder being a Person not dealing at arm's length (within the meaning of the ITA) with the Issuer; or
- (f) to, or to a third party on behalf of, a Covered Bondholder or Couponholder who is liable for such taxes, duties, assessments or other charges by reason of such Covered Bondholder or Couponholder's failure to comply with any certification, identification, documentation or other reporting requirement concerning the nationality, residence, identity or connection

with Canada of such Covered Bondholder or Couponholder or other person entitled to payments under the Covered Bond, if (i) compliance is required by Law as a precondition to, exemption from, or reduction in the rate of, the tax, assessment or other charge and (ii) the Issuer has given such Covered Bondholder or Couponholder or, if such Covered Bondholder or Couponholder is not the beneficial owner of the Covered Bond or Coupon in question, the beneficial owner of such Covered Bond or Coupon at least 30 days' notice that such Covered Bondholder, Couponholder or beneficial owner will be required to provide such certification, identification, documentation or other requirement.

As used herein, the **Relevant Date** means the date on which payment in respect of the Covered Bond or Coupon first becomes due and payable but, if the full amount of the funds payable on such date has not been received by the Principal Paying Agent or the Bond Trustee on or prior to such date, the Relevant Date will be the date on which such funds will have been so received and notice to that effect has been given to Covered Bondholders in accordance with Condition 13.

If any payments made by the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee are or become subject to any withholding or deduction on account of any taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed or levied by or on behalf of Canada, or in the case of Covered Bonds issued by a branch of the Issuer located outside of Canada, the country in which such branch is located or any political sub-division thereof or by any authority therein or thereof having power to tax, the Guarantor will not be obliged to pay any additional amount as a consequence.

## **8. Prescription**

The Covered Bonds (whether in bearer or registered form) and Coupons will become void unless presented for payment within ten years (in the case of principal) and five years (in the case of interest) in each case from the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 7) therefor, subject in each case to the provisions of Condition 5.

The Issuer will be discharged from its obligation to pay principal on a Registered Covered Bond to the extent that the relevant Registered Covered Bond certificate has not been surrendered to the Registrar by, or a check which has been duly dispatched in the Specified Currency remains uncashed at, the end of the period of ten years from the Relevant Date for such payment.

The Issuer will be discharged from its obligation to pay interest on a Registered Covered Bond to the extent that a check which has been duly dispatched in the Specified Currency remains uncashed at the end of the period of five years from the Relevant Date in respect of such payment.

There will not be included in any Coupon sheet issued on exchange of a Talon, any Coupon the claim for payment in respect of which would be void pursuant to this Condition or Condition 5 or any Talon which would be void pursuant to Condition 5.

## **9. Events of Default, Acceleration and Enforcement**

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

The Bond Trustee at its discretion may, and if so requested in writing by the holders of at least 25 percent of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds (which for this purpose or the purpose of any Extraordinary Resolution referred to in this Condition 9.1 means the Covered Bonds of a Series together with the Covered Bonds of any other Series constituted by the Trust Deed) 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 relevant Covered Bond Swap Rate) or if so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution of all the Covered Bondholders will (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 not, for the avoidance of doubt, against the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee) each Covered Bond of each Series is, and each such Covered Bond will thereupon immediately become, due and repayable at its Early Redemption Amount together with (to the extent not included in the Early Redemption Amount) accrued interest as provided in the Trust Deed if any of the following events (each, an **Issuer Event of Default**) will occur and be continuing:

- (a) if default is made by the Issuer for a period of 10 Toronto Business Days or more in the payment of any principal or 30 days or more in the payment of any interest due in respect of the Covered Bonds or any of them; or
- (b) if the Issuer fails to perform or observe any of its obligations not otherwise specified in subparagraph (a) above or subparagraph (f) below under the Covered Bonds or Coupons of any Series or the Trust Deed or any other Transaction Documents to which the Issuer is a party (other than the Program Agreements and any subscription agreement), but excluding any obligation of the Issuer to comply with the Asset Coverage Test or any Loan Representations and Warranties given by the Issuer thereunder or pursuant thereto, and (except where the Bond Trustee considers such failure to be incapable of remedy when no such continuation or notice as is hereinafter referred to will be required) such failure continues for the period of 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 Issuer requiring the same to be remedied; or
- (c) if an Insolvency Event has occurred with respect to the Issuer; or
- (d) if 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 immediately succeeding Calculation Date following 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 such series of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds and the Guarantor has not taken the necessary actions to cure the breach before the earlier to occur of:
  - (i) ten Toronto Business Days from the date that the Sellers are 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 Condition 9.1) 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 Required Ratings, the Standby Account Bank Required Ratings, the Servicer Deposit Threshold Ratings or the Cash Management Deposit Ratings, such breach occurs at a time that the Guarantor is Independently Controlled and Governed,

*provided* that the condition, event or act described in subparagraphs (b) above to (e) above will only constitute an Issuer Event of Default if the Bond Trustee has certified in writing to the Issuer and the Guarantor that such condition, event or act is, in its opinion, materially prejudicial to the interests of the Covered Bondholders of any Series.

Upon the Covered Bonds becoming immediately due and payable against the Issuer pursuant to this Condition 9.1, the Bond Trustee will forthwith serve on the Guarantor a notice to pay (the **Notice to**

**Pay)** pursuant to the Covered Bond Guarantee. If a Notice to Pay has been served, the Guarantor will be required to make payments of Guaranteed Amounts when the same will become Due for Payment in accordance with the terms of the Covered Bond Guarantee and the Trust Deed.

Following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default and service of an Issuer Acceleration Notice, the Bond Trustee may or will take such proceedings against the Issuer in accordance with the first paragraph of Condition 9.3.

The Trust Deed provides that all funds received by the Bond Trustee from the Issuer or any liquidator or Person with similar powers appointed in relation to the Issuer following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default and service of an Issuer Acceleration Notice (the **Excess Proceeds**), will be deposited by the Bond Trustee on behalf of the Covered Bondholders, as soon as practicable, into the GDA Account, and following a Guarantor Event of Default and service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice, deposited or paid in such other manner as the Bond Trustee may direct, and in either case, will be distributed in accordance with the applicable Priorities of Payments. The Excess Proceeds will thereafter form part of the Charged Property and, if deposited into the GDA Account, will be used by the Guarantor in the same manner as all other funds from time to time standing to the credit of the GDA Account and distributed in accordance with the applicable Priorities of Payments.

By subscribing for or purchasing Covered Bonds, each Covered Bondholder will be deemed to have irrevocably directed the Bond Trustee to deposit the Excess Proceeds into the GDA Account in the manner described above, or following a Guarantor Event of Default and service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice, deposit or pay the Excess Proceeds in such other manner as the Bond Trustee may direct, *provided* that in each case, distributions thereof will be made in accordance with the applicable Priorities of Payments.

Upon deposit of any Excess Proceeds into the GDA Account, the Guarantor will be deemed to have assumed all of the obligations of the Issuer (other than the obligation to make any payments in respect of additional amounts which may become payable by the Issuer pursuant to Condition 7), and be solely liable as principal obligor, and not as a guarantor, in respect of the obligation to pay to the Covered Bondholders and/or Couponholders interest and principal in respect of Covered Bonds to which the Excess Proceeds relate (to the extent distributable to Covered Bondholders under the applicable Priorities of Payments), and the Covered Bondholders and/or Couponholders will have no rights against the Issuer with respect to payment of such Excess Proceeds.

## **9.2 Guarantor Events of Default**

The Bond Trustee at its discretion may, and if so requested in writing by the holders of at least 25 percent 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 Condition 9.2 means the Covered Bonds of a Series together with the Covered Bonds of any other Series constituted by the Trust Deed) 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 relevant Covered Bond Swap Rate) or if so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution of all the Covered Bondholders will (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 (a) each Covered Bond of each Series is, and each Covered Bond of each Series will as against the Issuer (if not already due and repayable against the Issuer following service of an Issuer Acceleration Notice), thereupon immediately become, due and repayable at its Early Redemption Amount together with (to the extent not already included in the Early Redemption Amount) accrued interest, and (b) all amounts payable by the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee will 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 (to the extent not already included in the Early Redemption Amount) accrued interest, in each case as provided in the Trust Deed and thereafter the

Security will become enforceable if any of the following events (each, a **Guarantor Event of Default**) will occur and be continuing:

- (a) if default is made by the Guarantor for a period of seven days or more in the payment of any Guaranteed Amounts which are Due for Payment in respect of the Covered Bonds of any Series except in the case of the payments of a Guaranteed Amount which is Due for Payment under Condition 6.1 when the Guarantor will 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 or as described in subparagraph (f) below) 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 within 60 days of a demand therefor or an obligation to do so pursuant to the terms of the Intercompany Loan Agreement, and (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) if an Insolvency Event has occurred with respect to the Guarantor; or
- (d) if there is a failure to satisfy the Amortization Test (as set out in the Guarantor Agreement) on any Calculation Date following an Issuer Event of Default that is continuing; or
- (e) if 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 Terms and Conditions or the Transaction Documents (and not otherwise specifically provided for in this Condition 9.2) 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 Required Ratings, the Standby Account Bank Required Ratings, the Servicer Deposit Threshold Ratings or the Cash Management Deposit Ratings, such breach occurs at a time that the Guarantor is Independently Controlled and Governed,

*provided* that the condition, event or act described in subparagraphs (b) to (e) above will only constitute a Guarantor Event of Default if the Bond Trustee has certified in writing to the Issuer and the Guarantor that such condition, event or act is, in its opinion, materially prejudicial to the interests of the Covered Bondholders of any Series.

Following the occurrence of a Guarantor Event of Default and service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice on the Guarantor, the Bond Trustee may or will take such proceedings or steps in accordance with the first and third paragraphs, respectively, of Condition 9.3.

Upon service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice, the Covered Bondholders will have a claim against the Guarantor, under the Covered Bond Guarantee, for an amount equal to the Early Redemption Amount in respect of each Covered Bond together with (to the extent not included in the Early Redemption Amount) accrued but unpaid interest and any other amount due under such Covered Bonds (other than additional amounts payable under Condition 7) as provided in the Trust Deed.

### 9.3 Enforcement

The Bond Trustee may at any time, at its discretion and without further notice, take such proceedings against the Issuer 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 Coupons or any other Transaction Document, but it will not be bound to take any such enforcement proceedings in relation to the Trust Deed, the Covered Bonds, the Coupons or any other Transaction Document unless (a) it has been so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution of all the Covered Bondholders of all Series (with the Covered Bonds of all Series taken together as a single Series as aforesaid) or so requested in writing by the holders of not less than 25 percent of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds of all Series then outstanding (taken together and converted into Canadian Dollars at the relevant Covered Bond Swap Rate as aforesaid), and (b) it has been indemnified and/or secured to its satisfaction against all liabilities to which it may thereafter render itself liable or which it may incur by so doing.

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

The Bond Trustee may at any time, at its discretion and without further notice but subject to applicable Law, take such proceedings against the Guarantor and/or any other Person as it may think fit to enforce the provisions of the Security Agreement or any other Transaction Document in accordance with its terms and may, at any time after the Security has become enforceable, take such proceedings or steps as it may think fit to enforce the Security, but it will not be bound to take any such proceedings or steps unless (a) it has been so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution of all the Covered Bondholders of all Series (with the Covered Bonds of all Series taken together as a single Series as aforesaid) or a request in writing by the holders of not less than 25 percent of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds of all Series then outstanding (taken together and converted into Canadian Dollars at the relevant Covered Bond Swap Rate as aforesaid), and (b) it has been indemnified and/or secured to its satisfaction against all liabilities to which it may thereafter render itself liable or which it may incur by so doing. In exercising any of its powers, trusts, authorities and discretions under this paragraph, the Bond Trustee will, subject to applicable law, only have regard to the interests of the Covered Bondholders of all Series and will not have regard to the interests of any other Secured Creditors.

No Covered Bondholder or Couponholder will be entitled to proceed directly against the Issuer or the Guarantor or to take any action with respect to the Trust Deed, any other Transaction Document, the Covered Bonds, the Coupons, or the Security unless the Bond Trustee, having become bound so to proceed, fails to do so within 30 days and such failure is continuing. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Conditions, for so long as there are U.S. Registered Covered Bonds outstanding, in accordance with Section 316(b) of the Trust Indenture Act, the right of any holder to receive payment of principal and interest on the Covered Bonds on or after the due date for such principal or interest, or to institute suit for the enforcement of payment of that principal or interest, may not be impaired or affected without the consent of the holders of the Covered Bonds, provided that no such right of enforcement will exist (i) in respect of a postponement of an interest payment which has been consented to by the holders of the Covered Bonds in accordance with the Trust Deed or (ii) to the extent that the institution or prosecution of such suit or the entry of judgment therein would, under applicable Law, result in the surrender, impairment, waiver or loss of the security granted pursuant to the Trust Deed or the relevant Security Agreements upon any property subject to such security.

## **10. Replacement of Covered Bonds, Coupons and Talons**

If any Covered Bond, Coupon or Talon is lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed, it may be replaced at the specified office of the Principal Paying Agent in London (in the case of Bearer Covered Bonds or Coupons) or the Registrar (in the case of Registered Covered Bonds), or any other place approved by the Bond Trustee of which notice has been given to the Covered Bondholders in accordance with Condition 13 upon payment by the claimant of such costs and expenses as may be incurred in connection therewith and on such terms as to evidence and indemnity as the Issuer may reasonably require. Mutilated or defaced Covered Bonds, Coupons or Talons must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

## **11. Principal Paying Agent, Paying Agents, Registrar, Transfer Agent and Exchange Agent**

The Issuer is entitled, with the prior written approval of the Bond Trustee, to vary or terminate the appointment of any Agent and/or appoint additional or other Agents and/or approve any change in the specified office through which any Agent acts, *provided* that:

- (a) there will at all times be a Principal Paying Agent and a Registrar;
- (b) the Issuer will, so long as any Covered Bond is outstanding, maintain a Paying Agent (which may be the Principal Paying Agent) having a specified office in a city in Europe approved by the Bond Trustee;
- (c) so long as any Covered Bond is listed on any stock exchange or admitted to listing or trading by any other relevant authority, there will at all times be a Paying Agent (in the case of Bearer Covered Bonds) and a Transfer Agent (in the case of Registered Covered Bonds) with a specified office in such place as may be required by the rules and regulations of the relevant stock exchange or, as the case may be, other relevant authority;
- (d) so long as any of the Registered Global Covered Bonds payable in a Specified Currency other than U.S. dollars are held through DTC or its nominee, there will at all times be an Exchange Agent; and
- (e) the Issuer will ensure that it maintains a Paying Agent in a Member State that will not be obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income or any other Directive implementing the conclusions of the ECOFIN Council Meeting of 26 to 27 November 2000 or any Law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to any such Directive, provided that the Issuer shall not, under any circumstances, be obliged to maintain a Paying Agent with a specified office in such Member State unless at least one European Member State does not require a Paying Agent making payments through a specified office in that Member State to so withhold or deduct tax.

In addition, the Issuer will forthwith appoint a Paying Agent having a specified office in the United States in the circumstances described in Condition 5.5. Notice of any such variation, termination, appointment or change will be given by the Issuer to the Covered Bondholders as soon as reasonably practicable in accordance with Condition 13.

In acting under the Agency Agreement, the Agents act solely as agents of the Issuer and the Guarantor and, in certain circumstances specified therein, of the Bond Trustee and do not assume any obligation to, or relationship of agency or trust with, any Covered Bondholders or Couponholders. The Agency Agreement contains provisions permitting any entity into which any Agent is merged or converted or with which it is consolidated or to which it transfers all or substantially all of its assets to become the successor agent.



## **12. Exchange of Talons**

On and after the Interest Payment Date on which the final Coupon comprised in any Coupon sheet matures, the Talon (if any) forming part of such Coupon sheet may be surrendered at the specified office of the Principal Paying Agent or any other Paying Agent in exchange for a further Coupon sheet including (if such further Coupon sheet does not include Coupons to (and including) the final date for the payment of interest due in respect of the Bearer Covered Bond to which it appertains) a further Talon, subject to the provisions of Condition 8.

## **13. Notices**

Any notice regarding Bearer Covered Bonds will be deemed to have been duly given to the relevant Covered Bondholders if sent to DTC, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg for communication by them to the Covered Bondholders and will be deemed to be given on the date on which it was so sent and (so long as the relevant Covered Bonds are listed for trading) any notice will also be published in accordance with the relevant listing rules. All notices regarding the Registered Covered Bonds will be deemed to be validly given if sent by first class mail or (if posted to an address overseas) by airmail to the holders (or the first named of joint holders) at their respective addresses recorded in the Register and will be deemed to have been given on the fourth day after mailing.

In addition, for so long as any Covered Bonds are admitted to trading and listed as described above, the Issuer will give copies of any such notice in accordance with this Condition 13 to the any relevant authority.

The Bond Trustee will be at liberty to sanction some other method of giving notice to the Covered Bondholders if, in its opinion, such other method is reasonable having regard to market practice then prevailing and to the requirements of the stock exchange on which the relevant Covered Bonds are then admitted to trading and *provided* that notice of such other method is given to the Covered Bondholders in such manner as the Bond Trustee will require.

Notices to be given by any Covered Bondholder will be in writing and given by lodging the same, together (in the case of any Covered Bond in definitive form) with the relevant Covered Bond or Covered Bonds, with the Principal Paying Agent (in the case of Bearer Covered Bonds) or the Registrar (in the case of Registered Covered Bonds). While any of the Covered Bonds are represented by a Global Covered Bond, such notice may be given by any holder of a Covered Bond to the Principal Paying Agent or the Registrar through DTC, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, in such manner as the Principal Paying Agent, the Registrar and DTC, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, may approve for this purpose.

## **14. Meetings of Covered Bondholders, Modification, Waiver and Substitution**

Covered Bondholders, Couponholders and other Secured Creditors should note that the Issuer, the Guarantor and the Principal Paying Agent may without their consent or the consent of the Bond Trustee agree to modify any provision of any Final Terms Document or any Pricing Supplement which is of a formal, minor or technical nature or is made to correct a proven or manifest error or to comply with any mandatory provisions of Law.

The Trust Deed contains provisions for convening meetings of the Covered Bondholders of any Series 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. Such a meeting may be convened by the Issuer, the Guarantor or the Bond Trustee and will be convened by the Issuer at the request in writing of Covered Bondholders holding not less than 10 percent of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds of such Series for the time being outstanding.

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 Covered Bondholders of such Series 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, the quorum will 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 Covered Bondholders of a Series will, subject as provided below, be binding on all the Covered Bondholders of such Series, whether or not they are present at the meeting, and on all Couponholders in respect of such Series of Covered Bonds. Pursuant to the Trust Deed, the Bond Trustee may convene a single meeting of the Covered Bondholders 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 will 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 Condition 9 or to direct the Bond Trustee to take any enforcement action pursuant to Condition 9 (each a **Program Resolution**) will 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 Program Resolution may be convened by the Issuer, the Guarantor or the Bond Trustee or by Covered Bondholders, in the case of a direction to accelerate the Covered Bonds pursuant to Conditions 9.1 and 9.2 or to take enforcement action pursuant to Condition 9.3, holding at least 25 percent of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds of all Series then outstanding. The quorum at any such meeting for passing a Program 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 all Series then outstanding. A Program Resolution passed at any meeting of the Covered Bondholders of all Series will be binding on all Covered Bondholders of all Series, whether or not they are present at the meeting, and on all related Couponholders in respect of such Covered Bonds.

In connection with any meeting of the Covered Bondholders of more than one Series where such Covered Bonds are not denominated in Canadian Dollars, the nominal amount of the Covered Bonds of any Series not denominated in Canadian Dollars will be converted into Canadian Dollars at the relevant Covered Bond Swap Rate.

The Bond Trustee, the Guarantor and the Issuer may also agree, without the consent of the Covered Bondholders 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 terms and conditions applying to Covered Bonds of one or more Series (including these Terms and Conditions), the related Coupons or any Transaction Document *provided* that in the sole opinion of the Bond Trustee such modification is not materially prejudicial to the interests of any of the Covered Bondholders of any Series; or
- (b) any modification of the terms and conditions applying to Covered Bonds of any one or more Series (including these Terms and Conditions), the related Coupons or any Transaction Document which is in the sole opinion of the Bond Trustee of a formal, minor or technical

nature or is to correct a manifest error or an error which is, in the sole opinion of the Bond Trustee, proven, or is to comply with mandatory provisions of Law.

Notwithstanding the above, the Issuer, the Guarantor and the Principal Paying Agent may agree, without the consent of the Bond Trustee, the Covered Bondholders or Couponholders or any of the other Secured Creditors, to any modification of any of the provisions of any Final Terms Document or any Pricing Supplement which is of a formal, minor or technical nature or is made to correct a proven or manifest error or to comply with any mandatory provisions of Law.

The Bond Trustee may also agree, without the consent of the Covered Bondholders of any Series, and/or the related 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 aforesaid, that any Issuer Event of Default or Guarantor Event of Default or Potential Issuer Event of Default or Potential Guarantor Event of Default will not be treated as such, *provided* that, in any such case, it is not, in the sole opinion of the Bond Trustee, materially prejudicial to the interests of any of the Covered Bondholders of any Series. The Bond Trustee may also agree, without the consent of the Covered Bondholders of any Series, the related Couponholders or any other Secured Creditor, to the waiver or authorization of any breach or proposed breach of any of the provisions of the Transaction Documents, *provided* that, in any such case, it is not, in the sole opinion of the Bond Trustee, materially prejudicial to the interests of any of the Covered Bondholders of any Series.

Any such modification, waiver, authorization or determination will be binding on all Covered Bondholders of all Series of Covered Bonds, the related Couponholders and the other Secured Creditors, any such modification will be notified by the Issuer to the Covered Bondholders 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. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Conditions, for so long as there are U.S. Registered Covered Bonds outstanding, any such modification, waiver, authorization or determination will be made in accordance with and subject to Section 316 of the Trust Indenture Act. The right of any holder of U.S. Registered Covered Bonds to receive payment of principal and interest will not be impaired unless made in accordance with Section 316 of the Trust Indenture Act,

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 will have regard to the general interests of the Covered Bondholders of each Series as a class (but will not have regard to any interests arising from circumstances particular to individual Covered Bondholders or Couponholders (whatever their number)) and, in particular, but without limitation, will not have regard to the consequences of any such exercise for individual Covered Bondholders or the related 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 sub-division thereof and the Bond Trustee will not be entitled to require, nor will any Covered Bondholder 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 or stamp duty consequences of any such exercise upon individual Covered Bondholders and/or Couponholders, except to the extent already provided for in Condition 7 and/or in any undertaking or covenant given in addition to, or in substitution for, Condition 7 pursuant to the Trust Deed.

*Provided* that the Bond Trustee has received a certificate signed by two Authorized Signatories of the Issuer and a certificate from the Guarantor stating that immediately after giving effect to the matters set out below in this paragraph, no Issuer Event of Default or Potential Issuer Event of Default (in respect of the Issuer) or Guarantor Event of Default or Potential Guarantor Event of Default (in respect of the Guarantor), respectively, has occurred and is continuing and certain other conditions as are specified in Section 21.3 of the Trust Deed are satisfied, but without the consent of the Covered Bondholders of any Series and the Coupons related thereto, or of any other Secured

Creditor, another Subsidiary of the Issuer or any direct or indirect holding company of the Issuer may assume the obligations of the Issuer as principal obligor under the Trust Deed and the other Transaction Documents in respect of all Series of Covered Bonds on the same basis. The Trust Deed provides that any such assumption will be notified to the holders of all Series of Covered Bonds (in accordance with the relevant Terms and Conditions of such Covered Bonds).

For the purposes hereof:

**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 fulfillment of any similar condition, would constitute an Issuer Event of Default; and

**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 fulfillment of any similar condition, would constitute a Guarantor Event of Default.

#### **15. Indemnification of the 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 Covered Bondholders of any one or more Series would be materially prejudiced thereby, the Bond Trustee will not exercise such power, trust, authority or discretion without the approval of such Covered Bondholders by Extraordinary Resolution or by a direction in writing of such Covered Bondholders of at least 25 percent of the aggregate 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 its relief from responsibility, including provisions relieving it from taking any action unless indemnified and/or secured to its satisfaction.

The Trust Deed and the Security Agreement also contain provisions pursuant to which the Bond Trustee is entitled, inter alia:

- (a) to enter into business transactions with the Issuer, the Guarantor and/or any of the Issuer's Subsidiaries 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 the Issuer's Subsidiaries;
- (b) 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 Covered Bondholders or Couponholders or any other Secured Creditors; and
- (c) 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 Loans or their Related Security, or any deeds or documents of title thereto, being uninsured or inadequately insured or being held by clearing organizations 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:

- (a) supervising the performance by the Issuer, the Guarantor 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 received written notice to the contrary, that all such Persons are properly performing their duties;

- (b) considering the basis on which approvals or consents are granted by the Issuer, the Guarantor or any other party to the Transaction Documents under the Transaction Documents;
- (c) monitoring the Portfolio, including, without limitation, whether the Portfolio is in compliance with the Asset Coverage Test or the Amortization Test; or
- (d) monitoring whether Loans and their Related Security satisfy the Eligibility Criteria. The Bond Trustee will not be liable to any Covered Bondholder 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 a prudent chargee 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.

## **16. Further Issues**

The Issuer will be at liberty from time to time (but subject to the Terms and Conditions) without the consent of the Covered Bondholders, Couponholders or any Secured Creditors to create and issue further Covered Bonds (whether in bearer or registered form) having terms and conditions the same as the Covered Bonds of any Series or the same in all respects and guaranteed by the Guarantor save for the amount and date of the first payment of interest thereon, Issue Date and/or Issue Price and so that the same will be consolidated and form a single Series with the outstanding Covered Bonds of such Series.

## **17. Rating Agency Condition**

By subscribing for or purchasing the Covered Bond(s), each Covered Bondholder will be deemed to have acknowledged and agreed that a credit rating of a Series of Covered Bonds is an assessment of credit risk and does not address other matters that may be of relevance to Covered Bondholders, including, without limitation, in the case of satisfaction of the Rating Agency Condition, whether the related action or event is either (a) permitted by the terms of the relevant Transaction Document, or (b) in the best interests of, or not prejudicial to, some or all of the Covered Bondholders.

In being entitled to have regard to the fact that the Rating Agency Condition has been satisfied with respect to a particular Rating Agency, each of the Bank, the Guarantor, the Bond Trustee and the Secured Creditors (including the Covered Bondholders) is deemed to have acknowledged and agreed that the satisfaction of the Rating Agency Condition does not impose or extend any actual or contingent liability on the Rating Agencies to the Bank, the Guarantor, the Bond Trustee, the Secured Creditors (including the Covered Bondholders) or any other Person or create any legal relations between the Rating Agencies and the Bank, the Guarantor, the Bond Trustee, the Secured Creditors (including the Covered Bondholders) or any other Person whether by way of contract or otherwise.

By subscribing for or purchasing the Covered Bond(s), each Covered Bondholder will be deemed to have acknowledged and agreed that:

- (a) confirmation of the satisfaction of the Rating Agency Condition, to the extent required, 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

confirmation of the satisfaction of the Rating Agency Condition in the time available, or at all, and the Rating Agency will not be responsible for the consequences thereof;

- (c) a confirmation of satisfaction of the Rating Agency Condition, 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 Covered Bonds form a part; and
- (d) a confirmation of satisfaction of the Rating Agency Condition represents only a restatement of the opinions given, and will not be construed as advice for the benefit of any Covered Bondholder or any other party.

If satisfaction of the Rating Agency Condition is a condition to any action or step under any Transaction Document or is otherwise required, or a written request for such a confirmation of satisfaction of the Rating Agency Condition is delivered to that Rating Agency by any of the Bank, the Guarantor, and/or the Bond Trustee, as applicable (each, a **Requesting Party**), and either (i) one or more of the Rating Agencies indicates that it does not consider satisfaction of the Rating Agency Condition necessary in the circumstances or (ii) no such confirmation or other response is received by one or more of the Rating Agencies within 30 days (or in the case of Moody's or Fitch, 10 Business Days) of the date of actual receipt of such request by such Rating Agency (each, a **Non-Responsive Rating Agency**), the Requesting Party will be entitled to disregard the requirement for satisfaction of the Rating Agency Condition with respect to the Non-Responsive Rating Agency and proceed on the basis of the confirmations or other responses received by each other Rating Agency on the basis that satisfaction of the Rating Agency Condition with respect to the Non-Responsive 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 of satisfaction of the Rating Agency Condition will not be interpreted to mean that such Rating Agency has given any deemed confirmation or affirmation of rating or other response in respect of such action or step.

## 18. **Governing Law**

The Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement, the Covered Bonds, the Coupons, the Interest Rate Swap Agreement, the Covered Bond Swap Agreement, the Dealership Agreement, the Security Agreement, the Mortgage Sale Agreement, the Servicing Agreement, the Guarantor Agreement, the Intercompany Loan Agreement, the Cash Management Agreement, the Cover Pool Monitor Agreement, the Bank Account Agreement, the Standby Bank Account Agreement, the Guaranteed Deposit Account Contract, and the Standby Guaranteed Deposit Account Contract will be governed by and construed in accordance with, the Laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein, unless otherwise indicated.

## 19. **Listing**

Without prejudice to the Issuer's rights under the Trust Deed, if, in the case of any Covered Bonds admitted to trading on the Market and admitted to the Official List by the UK Listing Authority in its capacity as a competent authority under the FSMA (or such other regulated market in the European Economic Area), the Issuer is of the opinion (in its sole discretion) that maintaining such quotation or listing is unduly burdensome due to the need of the Issuer to meet the requirements introduced following the implementation of any future Law or EU Directive imposing requirements (including new corporate governance requirements) on the Issuer that it in good faith determines are impractical or unduly burdensome, the Issuer may cease to maintain such admission (the date of such cessation, the **Cessation Date**), *provided* that it will use all commercially reasonable endeavors to obtain and maintain an alternative admission to trading, listing and/or quotation of the Covered Bonds on or prior to or as soon as reasonably practicable after the Cessation Date by another listing authority, securities exchange and/or quotation system as the Issuer may select. However, if such alternative

listing authority, securities exchange and/or quotation system is not available or, in the opinion of the Issuer is impractical or unduly burdensome, an alternative listing may not be obtained.

If required, the Issuer and the Guarantor will enter into a supplemental Trust Deed to effect such consequential amendments to the Trust Deed and these Terms and Conditions as the Bond Trustee may require or will be requisite to comply with the requirements of any such stock exchange or securities market, provided that, for so long as U.S. Registered Covered Bonds are outstanding, any amendment or change shall not violate, impair or conflict with the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act (including Sections 310 through 318, inclusive, thereof).

Any such amendments will be binding on Covered Bondholders and will be notified to them by the Issuer in accordance with Condition 13.

## OVERVIEW OF THE PRINCIPAL DOCUMENTS

The principal document governing the relationship of the Bank and a purchaser of Covered Bonds is the Trust Deed and the Terms and Conditions attached to each Covered Bond. See *Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds*.

### Trust Deed

The Trust Deed, made between the Bank, the Guarantor and the Bond Trustee is the principal agreement governing the Covered Bonds. The Trust Deed contains provisions relating to, inter alia:

- the constitution of the Covered Bonds and the Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds (as more fully set out under *Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds* above);
- the covenants of the Bank and the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee;
- the terms of the Covered Bond Guarantee (as described below);
- the enforcement procedures relating to the Covered Bonds and the Covered Bond Guarantee; and

the appointment, powers and responsibilities of the Bond Trustee and the circumstances in which the Bond Trustee may resign, or retire or be removed.

### *The Bond Trustee*

Computershare Trust Company of Canada has been appointed the Bond Trustee under the Trust Deed. The Bank may maintain other banking relationships in the ordinary course of business with the Bond Trustee.

Computershare Trust Company of Canada is a trust company incorporated under the laws of Canada, whose registered office is at 100 University Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5J 2Y1. Computershare Trust Company of Canada has acted as trustee on numerous covered bond programs since November 2007 and on asset-backed securities transactions involving pools of mortgage loans since 1990. While the structure of the transactions referred to in the preceding sentence may differ among such transactions, Computershare Trust Company of Canada is experienced in administering transactions of the kind contemplated by this Prospectus.

Computershare Trust Company of Canada has provided the information in the prior paragraph. Other than the prior paragraph, Computershare Trust Company of Canada has not participated in the preparation of, and is not responsible for, any other information contained in this Prospectus or the Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement.

The Bond Trustee will be required to perform only those duties specifically required of it under the Transaction Documents, as described below. Upon receipt of the various certificates, statements, reports or other instruments required to be furnished to it, the Bond Trustee will be required to examine them to determine whether they are in the form required by the applicable Transaction Document; however, the Bond Trustee will not be responsible for the accuracy or content of any documents furnished to it.

The Bond Trustee will not be responsible for (a) the calculation of payments to Covered Bondholders; (b) compliance with covenants under the Transaction Documents; (c) the substitution, purchase or removal of Portfolio assets; or (d) the maintenance of data regarding the Asset Coverage Test, Amortization Test, Pre-Maturity Test or the Valuation Calculation, among others.



As compensation for the performance of its obligations under the Trust Deed, the Bond Trustee will receive reasonable compensation as provided in the Trust Deed.

The Trust Deed contains provisions for the indemnification of the Bond Trustee and its officers, directors, employees and agents for any loss, claims, damages, suits, liability or expense incurred without gross negligence, willful misconduct, dishonesty, reckless disregard or bad faith on its part, arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of the Trust Deed.

The Bond Trustee may retire at any time on giving not less than three months' prior written notice to the Bank and the Guarantor. The Bond Trustee may be removed (i) by the Covered Bondholders in accordance with the terms of an Extraordinary Resolution, or (ii) by the Guarantor in the event that there is a breach by the Bond Trustee of certain representations and warranties or a failure by the Bond Trustee to perform certain covenants made by it under the Trust Deed. Other than in respect of a removal described in clause (ii) of the previous sentence, no retirement or removal of the Bond Trustee will be effective until a replacement bond trustee that meets the requirements provided for in the Trust Deed and in the CMHC Guide has been appointed. In the event that a replacement bond trustee has not been appointed within 60 days of notice of retirement from the Bond Trustee or the Extraordinary Resolution of the Covered Bondholders, as applicable, the Bond Trustee will be entitled to appoint a replacement bond trustee that meets the requirements provided for in the Trust Deed and in the CMHC Guide, which appointment must be approved by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Covered Bondholders prior to taking effect.

So long as there are U.S. Registered Covered Bonds outstanding, the Bond Trustee (or if there is more than one bond trustee at least one bond trustee) will be a trustee qualified to act under the US Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the **Trust Indenture Act**).

#### ***Trust Indenture Act***

The Trust Deed includes certain provisions required by the Trust Indenture Act. These provisions include, but are not limited to:

- maintenance of a Covered Bondholder list by the Bond Trustee;
- provision of annual reports and other information by the Bank to the Bond Trustee;
- ability of Covered Bondholders to waive certain past defaults of the Bank;
- duty of the Bond Trustee (following an Issuer Event of Default) to use the same degree of care in exercising its responsibilities as would be exercised by a prudent person conducting their own affairs;
- duty of the Bond Trustee to notify all Covered Bondholders of any Issuer Event of Default of which it has actual knowledge; and
- the right of each Covered Bondholder to receive payments of principal and interest on a Covered Bond on or after the respective due dates expressed in the Covered Bond, or to bring suit for enforcement of any such payment on or after such respective dates.

Further, in compliance with Section 315(d) of the Trust Indenture Act, the Trust Deed provides that nothing in the Trust Deed will, in any case in which the Bond Trustee has failed to show the degree of care and diligence required of it as Bond Trustee having regard to the provisions of the Trust Deed conferring on the Bond Trustee any powers, authorities or any discretion, exempt the Bond Trustee from or indemnify the Bond Trustee against any liability for breach of trust. The Trust Deed will be discharged with respect to the Covered Bond Guarantee and collateral securing such Covered Bond Guarantee upon the delivery to the

Bond Trustee for cancellation of all the Covered Bonds or, with certain limitations, upon deposit with the Bond Trustee of funds sufficient for the payment in full of all Covered Bonds outstanding.

### ***Trust Indenture Act Prevails***

The Trust Deed contains a stipulation that, if any provision of the Trust Deed limits, qualifies or conflicts with another provision which is required to be included in the Trust Deed by, and is not subject to a contractual waiver under, the Trust Indenture Act, the required provision of the Trust Indenture Act will be deemed to be incorporated into the Trust Deed and prevail; provided that all provisions relating to the Trust Indenture Act will only apply to U.S. Registered Covered Bonds.

### ***Covered Bond Guarantee***

Under the terms of the Covered Bond Guarantee, if the Bank defaults in the payment on the due date of any moneys due and payable under or pursuant to the Trust Deed or the Covered Bonds, or if any other Issuer Event of Default occurs (other than by reason of non-payment), and, in either case, if the Bond Trustee has served an Issuer Acceleration Notice, the Guarantor has agreed (subject as described below) to pay or procure to be paid (following service of a Notice to Pay) unconditionally and irrevocably to or to the order of the Bond Trustee (for the benefit of the Covered Bondholders) an amount equal to that portion of the Guaranteed Amounts which will become Due for Payment but would otherwise be unpaid, as of any Original Due for Payment Date or, if applicable, the Extended Due for Payment Date, by the Bank. Payment by the Guarantor of the Guaranteed Amounts pursuant to the Covered Bond Guarantee will be made on the later of (a) the day which is two Toronto Business Days following service of a Notice to Pay on the Guarantor, and (b) the day on which the Guaranteed Amounts are otherwise Due for Payment (the **Guaranteed Amounts Due Date**). In addition, the Guarantor will, to the extent it has funds available to it, make payments in respect of the unpaid portion of the Final Redemption Amount on any Original Due for Payment Date up until the Extended Due for Payment Date. The Bond Trustee will be required to serve a Notice to Pay following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default and service of an Issuer Acceleration Notice.

Under the Covered Bond Guarantee, the Guaranteed Amounts will also become due and payable on any earlier date on which, following the occurrence of a Guarantor Event of Default, a Guarantor Acceleration Notice is served in accordance with Condition 9.2 (Guarantor Events of Default). Following service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice, the Covered Bonds will (if an Issuer Acceleration Notice has not already been served) become immediately due and payable as against the Bank and the obligations of the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee will be accelerated.

All payments of Guaranteed Amounts by or on behalf of the Guarantor will be made without withholding or deduction for, or on account of, any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or other governmental charges of whatever nature, unless the withholding or deduction of such taxes, assessments or other governmental charges are required by law or regulation or administrative practice of Canada or any political subdivision thereof or any authority therein or thereof having the power to tax. If any such withholding or deduction is required, the Guarantor will pay the Guaranteed Amounts net of such withholding or deduction and will account to the appropriate tax authority for the amount required to be withheld or deducted. The Guarantor will not be obliged to pay any amount to the Bond Trustee or any holder of Covered Bonds in respect of the amount of such withholding or deduction: see *Certain Tax Legislation Affecting the Covered Bonds—Payments by the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee*.

Under the terms of the Covered Bond Guarantee, the Guarantor has agreed that its obligations under the Covered Bond Guarantee will be as guarantor and will be absolute and unconditional (subject to a Notice to Pay being given), irrespective of, and unaffected by, any invalidity, irregularity or unenforceability of, or defect in, any provisions of the Trust Deed or the Covered Bonds or Coupons or the absence of any action to enforce the same or the waiver, modification or consent by the Bond Trustee or any of the Covered Bondholders or Couponholders in respect of any provisions of the same or the obtaining of any judgment or

decree against the Bank or any action to enforce the same or any other circumstances which might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge or defense of a guarantor.

As consideration for providing the Covered Bond Guarantee, the Guarantor will be entitled to receive guarantee fees from the Bank as agreed between the Bank and the Guarantor from time to time in accordance with the Trust Deed. Any failure on the part of the Bank to pay all or any part of the guarantee fees will not affect the obligations of the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee.

Subject to the grace period specified in Condition 9.2(a), failure by the Guarantor to pay the Guaranteed Amounts which are Due for Payment on the relevant Guaranteed Amounts Due Date will result in a Guarantor Event of Default.

The Trust Deed provides that any Excess Proceeds will be paid by the Bond Trustee on behalf of the Covered Bondholders of the relevant Series to the Guarantor for its own account, as soon as practicable, and will be held by the Guarantor in the GDA Account and the Excess Proceeds will thereafter form part of the Security and will be used by the Guarantor in the same manner as all other moneys from time to time standing to the credit of the GDA Account.

By subscribing for or purchasing a Covered Bond, each Covered Bondholder will be deemed to have irrevocably directed the Bond Trustee to pay the Excess Proceeds to the Guarantor in the manner as described above.

#### ***Exchange Rate Indemnity***

Pursuant to the terms of the Trust Deed, each of the Bank and, following the occurrence of a Covered Bond Guarantee Activation Event, the Guarantor, will jointly and severally indemnify the Bond Trustee and the Covered Bondholders and keep them indemnified against:

- (a) any liability incurred by any of them arising from the non-payment by the Bank or the Guarantor of any amount due to the Bond Trustee or the Covered Bondholders hereunder by reason of any variation in the rates of exchange between those used for the purposes of calculating the amount due under a judgment or order in respect thereof and those prevailing at the date of actual payment by the Bank or the Guarantor; and
- (b) any deficiency arising or resulting from any variation in rates of exchange between (i) the date as of which the local currency equivalent of the amounts due or contingently due under the Trust Deed is calculated for the purposes of any bankruptcy, insolvency or liquidation of the Bank or, as the case may be, the Guarantor; and (ii) the final date for ascertaining the amount of claims in such bankruptcy, insolvency or liquidation. The amount of such deficiency will be deemed not to be reduced by any variation in rates of exchange occurring between the said final date and the date of any distribution of assets in connection with any such bankruptcy, insolvency or liquidation.

Such indemnities will constitute obligations of the Bank and the Guarantor separate and independent from their other obligations under the other provisions under the Trust Deed and will apply irrespective of any indulgence granted by the Bond Trustee or the Covered Bondholders or the Couponholders from time to time and will continue in full force and effect notwithstanding the judgment or filing of any proof or proofs in any bankruptcy, insolvency or liquidation of the Bank or, as the case may be, the Guarantor for a liquidated sum or sums in respect of amounts due under the Trust Deed. Any deficiency will be deemed to constitute a loss suffered by the Covered Bondholders and the Couponholders and no proof or evidence of any actual loss will be required by the Bank or the Guarantor or its or their liquidator or liquidators.

The Trust Deed, including the provisions of the Covered Bond Guarantee, is governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario and federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

## **Intercompany Loan Agreement**

The Intercompany Loan Agreement between the Bank, the Guarantor and the Bond Trustee as amended and/or restated and/or supplemented from time to time, is the governing agreement with respect to the Intercompany Loan.

Under the Intercompany Loan Agreement, the Bank represents and warrants to, and covenants with, the Guarantor and the Bond Trustee that as of the date of the Intercompany Loan Agreement and for so long as it remains a party to the Intercompany Loan Agreement: (i) it possesses the necessary experience, qualifications, facilities and other resources to perform its responsibilities in relation to its duties and obligations thereunder and under the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party; (ii) it is and will continue to be in good standing with OSFI; (iii) it is and will continue to be in regulatory good standing and in material compliance with and under all laws applicable to its duties and obligations thereunder and under the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party; and (iv) it is and will continue to be in material compliance with its internal policies and procedures (including risk management policies) relevant to its duties and obligations thereunder and under the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party.

Under the terms of the Intercompany Loan Agreement, prior to the issuance of the first Series of Covered Bonds, the Bank will make available to the Guarantor an interest-bearing Intercompany Loan, comprised of a Guarantee Loan and a revolving Demand Loan, in an initial combined aggregate amount equal to the Total Credit Commitment, subject to increases and decreases as described below. The Initial Advance on the Intercompany Loan will be an amount sufficient to acquire the Initial Portfolio. The Intercompany Loan is denominated in Canadian Dollars. The interest rate on the Intercompany Loan will be a Canadian Dollar floating rate determined by the Bank from time to time, subject to a maximum of (i) prior to the Interest Rate Swap Effective Date, the yield on the Portfolio and (ii) following the Interest Rate Swap Effective Date, the amount received by the Guarantor pursuant to the Interest Rate Swap Agreement, and, in each case, less a minimum spread and an amount for certain expenses of the Guarantor.

The Guarantee Loan will be in an amount equal to the balance of outstanding Covered Bonds at any relevant time plus that portion of the Portfolio required to collateralize the Covered Bonds to ensure that the Asset Coverage Test is met (see *–Guarantor Agreement—Asset Coverage Test*). The Demand Loan is a revolving credit facility, the outstanding balance of which will be equal to the difference between the balance of the Intercompany Loan and the balance of the Guarantee Loan at any relevant time. The balance of the Guarantee Loan and the Demand Loan will fluctuate with the issuances and redemptions of Covered Bonds and the requirements of the Asset Coverage Test.

At any time prior to a Demand Loan Repayment Event, the Guarantor may re-borrow any amount repaid by the Guarantor under the Intercompany Loan for a permitted purpose provided, among other things: (i) such drawing does not result in the Intercompany Loan exceeding the Total Credit Commitment; and (ii) no Issuer Event of Default or Guarantor Event of Default has occurred and is continuing. Unless otherwise agreed to by the Bank and subject to satisfaction of the Rating Agency Condition, no further advances will be made to the Guarantor under the Intercompany Loan following the occurrence of a Demand Loan Repayment Event.

To the extent the Portfolio increases or is required to be increased to meet the Asset Coverage Test, the Bank may increase the Total Credit Commitment to enable the Guarantor to acquire Loans and their Related Security from the Seller.

The Demand Loan or any portion thereof will be repayable no later than the first Toronto Business Day following 60 days after a demand therefor is served to the Guarantor unless: (i) a Demand Loan Repayment Event has occurred and is continuing (see below in respect of the repayment of the Demand Loan in such circumstance); or (ii) the Asset Coverage Test will not be satisfied on the date of repayment after giving effect to such repayment. At any time the Guarantor makes a repayment on the Demand Loan, in whole or in part, the Cash Manager will calculate the Asset Coverage Test, as of the date of repayment, to confirm the

then outstanding balance on the Demand Loan and that the Asset Coverage Test will be met on the date of repayment after giving effect to such repayment.

If:

- (a) the Bank is required to assign the Interest Rate Swap Agreement to a third party (due to a failure by the Bank to meet the ratings levels specified in the Interest Rate Swap Agreement or as otherwise required by the Interest Rate Swap Agreement);
- (b) a Notice to Pay has been served to the Guarantor;
- (c) the Intercompany Loan Agreement is terminated; or
- (d) to the extent Fitch is a Rating Agency, if the Bank is assigned (i) a short-term issuer default rating by Fitch of less than F2, or (ii) a long-term issuer default rating by Fitch of less than BBB+;

(each of (a), (b), (c) and (d) above, a **Demand Loan Repayment Event**), the Guarantor will, subject to the applicable Priorities of Payments, be required to repay any amount of the Demand Loan that exceeds the Demand Loan Contingent Amount on the first Guarantor Payment Date following 60 days after the occurrence of such Demand Loan Repayment Event. Following such Demand Loan Repayment Event, the Guarantor will be required to repay the full amount of the then outstanding Demand Loan on the date on which the Asset Percentage is calculated (whether or not such calculation is a scheduled calculation or a calculation made at the request of the Bank). provided that the Asset Coverage Test will be met on the date of repayment after giving effect to such repayment. For the purposes of the foregoing, the **Demand Loan Contingent Amount** will be equal to the lesser of:

- (i) the aggregate amount of the Intercompany Loan then outstanding, minus the aggregate amount of the Guarantee Loan then outstanding (as determined by an Asset Coverage Test run on the relevant repayment date); and
- (ii) one percent. of the amount of the Guarantee Loan then outstanding (as determined by an Asset Coverage Test calculated on the relevant repayment date),

*provided*, for greater certainty, that in calculating the amount of the Guarantee Loan and the Demand Loan for purposes of determining the Demand Loan Contingent Amount, no credit will be given to the Guarantor in the Asset Coverage Test for any Excess Proceeds received by the Guarantor from the Bond Trustee.

The Guarantor may repay the principal on the Intercompany Loan in accordance with the applicable Priority of Payments and the terms of the Intercompany Loan Agreement, using (a) funds being held for the account of the Guarantor by its service providers and/or funds in the Guarantor Accounts (other than any amount in the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Ledger); and/or (b) proceeds from the sale of Substitute Assets; and/or (c) proceeds from the sale, pursuant to the Guarantor Agreement, of Portfolio assets to the Seller or to another person subject to a right of pre-emption on the part of the Seller; and/or (d) by selling, transferring and assigning to the Seller all of the Guarantor's right, title and interest in and to Loans and their Related Security (a **Payment in Kind**).

The Guarantor is restricted from paying the Demand Loan in the manner described in clause (c) in the preceding paragraph if the proceeds of such sale are less than the True Loan Balance of the Loans and their Related Security included in the Portfolio. Upon any Payment in Kind, the outstanding amount of the Demand Loan will be reduced by the Fair Market Value of such Loans determined as of the date of the Payment in Kind, less an amount equal to the collections received by or on behalf of the Guarantor after the date of the notice of the Payment in Kind and prior to the date of the Payment in Kind in respect of the Loans listed in the notice of the Payment in Kind. In addition, if the Payment in Kind occurs on or after a Covered

Bond Guarantee Activation Event and the Intercompany Loan Provider is the Limited Partner, the Limited Partner shall be deemed to have made a Capital Contribution to the Guarantor on the date of the Payment in Kind in an amount equal to the excess, if any of the True Loan Balance of the Loans and their Related Security applied towards the Payment in Kind over the aggregate Fair Market Value of such Loans and their Related Security, and such Capital Contribution shall be deemed to have been applied by the Guarantor against the Demand Loan, such that the outstanding amount of the Demand Loan will be reduced by the greater of (i) the True Loan Balance of such Loans, and (ii) the Fair Market Value of such Loans. See *Cashflows*.

The Guarantor will be entitled to set off amounts paid by the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee first against any amounts (other than interest and principal) owing by the Guarantor to the Bank in respect of the Intercompany Loan Agreement, then against interest due under the Intercompany Loan, and then against the outstanding principal balance owing on the Intercompany Loan.

The Guarantor will use advances under the Intercompany Loan (i) to purchase Loans and their Related Security pursuant to the terms of the Mortgage Sale Agreement; and/or (ii) to invest in Substitute Assets in an amount not exceeding the prescribed limit under the CMHC Guide; and/or (iii) subject to complying with the Asset Coverage Test, to make Capital Distributions to the Limited Partner; and/or (iv) to make deposits of the proceeds in the Guarantor Accounts (including, without limitation, to Fund the Reserve Fund and the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Ledger, in each case to an amount not exceeding the prescribed limit).

The Intercompany Loan Agreement is governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

## **Mortgage Sale Agreement**

### ***The Seller***

Loans and their Related Security will be sold to the Guarantor from time to time on a fully serviced basis pursuant to the terms of the Mortgage Sale Agreement between the Bank (in its capacity as Seller), the Guarantor, the Custodian and the Bond Trustee.

### ***Sale by the Seller of the Loans and Related Security***

The Loans included in the Portfolio will be residential mortgages which are not insured by a Prohibited Insurer and which otherwise meet the Eligibility Criteria and with respect to which each of the Loan Representations and Warranties are correct as at the related Transfer Date. The types of Loans forming the Portfolio will vary over time *provided* that the Loan Representations and Warranties are met on the relevant Transfer Date. Accordingly, the Portfolio may, at any time, include Loans originated by different originators, Loans with different characteristics from Loans that were included in the Portfolio or being offered to borrowers on previous Transfer Dates.

The Guarantor may from time to time acquire Loans and their Related Security from the Seller as described below.

- (a) the Guarantor will use the proceeds of an advance under the Intercompany Loans (which may be applied in whole or in part by the Guarantor) and/or Available Principal Receipts to acquire Loans and their Related Security from the Seller. As consideration for the sale of the Loans and their Related Security to the Guarantor, the Seller will receive a cash payment or deemed cash payment equal to the fair market value of those Loans sold by it as at the relevant Transfer Date; and
- (b) the Guarantor may receive Capital Contributions in Kind in accordance with the Guarantor Agreement. As consideration for the sale by way of Capital Contributions of the Loans and their Related Security to the Guarantor, the Seller will receive an additional interest in the capital of the

Guarantor equal to the fair market value of those Loans sold by it as at the relevant Transfer Date minus any cash considerations received by the Seller described in paragraph (a).

If Selected Loans are sold by or on behalf of the Guarantor as described below under *Guarantor Agreement—Sale of Selected Loans at any time an Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice is outstanding or a Notice to Pay has been served to the Guarantor*, the obligations of the Seller insofar as they relate to those Selected Loans will cease to apply.

The Seller will also be required to repurchase Loans and their Related Security sold to the Guarantor in the circumstances described below under *—Repurchase of Loans*.

See *—Loan Representations and Warranties* below for Loan Representations and Warranties relating Loans and their Related Security and *—Servicing Agreement—Undertakings of the Servicer* below regarding undertakings of the Servicer in respect of the Loans comprised in the Portfolio.

Pursuant to the terms of the Mortgage Sale Agreement, the Seller will provide to the Custodian, on each Transfer Date, the Eligible Loan Details with respect to the Loans and Related Security to be sold to the Guarantor by the Seller on such Transfer Date. The Seller will also be required to provide updated Eligible Loan Details with respect to the Loans included in the Portfolio to the Custodian on a quarterly basis and forthwith upon the occurrence of a Registered Title Event. The **Eligible Loan Details** are as follows with respect to each Loan:

- (a) the Seller's loan number;
- (b) the mortgagor(s) full name;
- (c) the mortgaged property address (street number, city/town, province, postal code);
- (d) the principal balance amount;
- (e) the authorized loan amount (at origination or last renewal);
- (f) the interest adjustment date (at origination or last renewal);
- (g) the mortgage maturity date; and
- (h) the mortgage lender on title (if other than the Seller).

The Custodian is required to provide access to such Eligible Loan Details to CMHC in order to allow CMHC to ensure compliance by the Guarantor and the Seller with the CMHC Guide and the Transaction Documents. The Seller shall pay to the Custodian such fees as may be agreed between the Seller and the Custodian from time to time. If the Seller breaches its obligation to pay such fees, the Custodian will be paid such fees by the Guarantor in accordance with the applicable Priorities of Payments.

### ***Scotia Total Equity Plan and STEP Loans***

The Bank expects that the Portfolio will from time to time include STEP Loans. Under the terms of the STEP Plan, a STEP Borrower may obtain one or more separate STEP Accounts from the Seller within certain specified categories, being mortgage loans, lines of credit, credit cards, term loans and/or overdraft protection. The STEP Plan provides that the indebtedness extended by the Seller to a STEP Borrower under each STEP Account will be secured by the same STEP Collateral Mortgage on the related Mortgaged Property, and contains cross-default provisions indicating that a default with respect to any one STEP Account will constitute a default in respect of all of the STEP Accounts under the same STEP Plan with the related Borrower.

Each STEP Account which constitutes a mortgage loan or (if approved by the Rating Agencies as a New Loan Type) a home equity line of credit and which otherwise satisfies the Eligibility Criteria and other requirements of the Transaction Documents may be sold as a Loan by the Seller to the Guarantor from time to time pursuant to the Mortgage Sale Agreement. No STEP Accounts other than mortgage loans (such other STEP Accounts being referred to herein as Other STEP Products) extended by the Seller to any STEP Borrower pursuant to a STEP Plan will be eligible for sale to the Guarantor as a Loan pursuant to the Mortgage Sale Agreement, *provided* that if lines of credit are subsequently approved as a New Loan Type by the Rating Agencies, then such home equity lines of credit subject to the STEP Plan may be eligible to be sold as Loans to the Guarantor under the Mortgage Sale Agreement and will cease to be Other STEP Products.

Prior to a default by a STEP Borrower under any STEP Account, the Transaction Documents will require the Servicer to follow a STEP Borrower's instructions as to the allocation of payments between each of its STEP Accounts with such STEP Borrower. Following a default by a STEP Borrower under any STEP Account, the Transaction Documents will require the Servicer to allocate all funds received by it from such STEP Borrower and all amounts realized from the enforcement of security held for all of such STEP Borrower's STEP Accounts, after the payment of related costs, first to pay all indebtedness owing under any mortgage loan(s) made to such STEP Borrower pursuant to the STEP Plan that are owned by the Guarantor, second to pay all indebtedness owing under any mortgage loan(s) made to such STEP Borrower pursuant to the STEP Plan that are owned by the Seller and third to pay indebtedness owing under any line of credit extended to such STEP Borrower that is a STEP Account and which is maintained under the name "Scotialine" or a successor designation, before applying any remaining amounts to the indebtedness owing in respect of the Other STEP Products.

The Seller may from time to time sell interests in Other STEP Products to a third party purchaser, together with the benefit of a corresponding interest in the related STEP Collateral Mortgage and other Related Security provided that such purchaser will have no interest in the related STEP Collateral Mortgage and other Related Security unless it enters into a Security Sharing Agreement, executes a Release of Security and agrees to be bound by the provisions of the Mortgage Sale Agreement and the Servicing Agreement relating to STEP Accounts and to assign all of its right, title and interest in the STEP Collateral Mortgage and other Related Security to the Guarantor, in each case in accordance with the provisions of the Mortgage Sale Agreement.

The Seller will act as the servicer of each STEP Account that is the subject of a Security Sharing Agreement and will allocate funds received under all of the related STEP Accounts with the same borrower, and otherwise realized from the enforcement of the security held for all such related STEP Accounts to the indebtedness owing under such STEP Accounts in accordance with the same priority arrangement as is set out in the Mortgage Sale Agreement, including the allocation of such funds to indebtedness owing under each STEP Loan owned by the Guarantor in priority to all STEP Loans owned by the Seller and all Other STEP Products with the same borrower.

Concurrently with the first sale by the Seller of a STEP Loan to a particular STEP Borrower under the STEP Plan to the Guarantor (the **First STEP Loan**), the Seller will transfer and convey all of its right, title and interest in the Related Security (including its interest in the related STEP Collateral Mortgage (or, in the case of a STEP Loan located in the Province of Québec, an interest in the related STEP Collateral Mortgage to the extent of the First STEP Loan that is sold to the Guarantor). The Guarantor will hold the Related Security in respect of each STEP Loan sold to the Guarantor as follows:

- (a) an undivided interest in such Related Security for its own sole and absolute account and benefit, to the extent of all outstanding indebtedness owing under all STEP Loans owned by it in respect of the same STEP Borrower from time to time, which undivided interest shall have full priority over all other rights, claims and interests (other than costs of mortgage enforcement); and



- (b) subject to the Guarantor's priority described in item (a) above but only to the extent that any such Related Security also secures or otherwise relates to any Additional STEP Loans or Other STEP Products owned by the Seller and/or Other STEP Creditor, an undivided interest in such Related Security, as agent, nominee and bare trustee for the related Seller and any Other STEP Creditor from time to time, as their interests may appear, to the extent of all outstanding indebtedness owing under any Additional STEP Loans and Other STEP Products owned by the Seller or Other STEP Creditor from time to time, *provided that*, for STEP Loans in the Province of Québec, the Seller will transfer and convey and the Guarantor will solely hold an interest in the Related Security in respect of each STEP Loan sold to the extent of all outstanding indebtedness owing under all STEP Loans owned by the Guarantor in respect of the same STEP Borrower from time to time, which interest will have full priority over all other rights, claims and interests (other than costs of mortgage enforcement). As well, for STEP Loans in the Province of Québec, the relevant Seller and each of the Other STEP Creditors will be entitled to an undivided interest in the STEP Collateral Mortgage to the extent of any outstanding indebtedness owing under any related STEP Accounts. All Additional STEP Loans made by the Seller to a STEP Borrower are required to be sold to the Guarantor within a time period specified in the Mortgage Sale Agreement. Any failure by the Seller to convey the Additional STEP Loans with respect to a particular STEP Borrower to the Guarantor in accordance with the Mortgage Sale Agreement (including satisfying the Loan Representation and Warranties) will require the Seller to repurchase all related STEP Loans owned by the Guarantor which have been made to the same STEP Borrower, together with the Guarantor's interest in all Related Security. Prior to the sale of such Additional STEP Loans to the Guarantor, the Seller's right to receive distributions on an Additional STEP Loans owned by it, following default, will at all times be junior, subject and subordinated to the Guarantor's right to receive distributions with respect to any Additional STEP Loans made to the same borrower and which are owned by the Guarantor, and the right of the Seller or any Other STEP Creditor to receive distributions on an Other STEP Product shall at all times be junior, subject and subordinated to (i) the Guarantor's right to receive distributions with respect to the STEP Loan owned by the Guarantor, and (ii) the Seller's right to receive distributions with respect to any STEP Loans made to the same borrower and which are owned by the Seller, *provided*, however, that at no time shall the Seller or any Other STEP Creditor have a right to be registered on title with respect to the related Mortgaged Property, notwithstanding their interest in the STEP Collateral Mortgage and other Related Security.

The Transaction Documents will provide that the Guarantor or the Servicer on its behalf (prior to the occurrence of a Guarantor Event of Default and the service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice on the Guarantor), or the Bond Trustee (following the occurrence of a Guarantor Event of Default and the service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice on the Guarantor), will (a) have the sole right to take all enforcement actions and make all servicing decisions with respect to the Related Security (including under the related STEP Collateral Mortgage and other Related Security); and (b) allocate any funds received by it and otherwise realized from the enforcement of the security for all of the related STEP Accounts with the same STEP Borrower in accordance with the priority arrangement described above, including the allocation of such funds to all indebtedness owing under each related STEP Loan owned by the Guarantor in priority to all Other STEP Products.

### ***Eligibility Criteria***

The sale of Loans and their Related Security to the Guarantor will be subject to various conditions (the **Eligibility Criteria**) being satisfied on the relevant Transfer Date. These are as follows:

- (a) there has been neither an Issuer Event of Default and service of an Issuer Acceleration Notice nor a Guarantor Event of Default and service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice as at the relevant Transfer Date;

- (b) the Guarantor, acting on the advice of the Cash Manager, is not aware, and could not reasonably be expected to be aware, that the proposed purchase by the Guarantor of the Loans and their Related Security on the relevant Transfer Date does not satisfy the Rating Agency Condition;
- (c) no Loan that is proposed to be sold to the Guarantor on the relevant Transfer Date has an Outstanding Principal Balance of more than \$3,000,000 or in the case of any STEP Loans, all such STEP Loans made to the same STEP Borrower from time to time, whether or not sold to the Guarantor, shall not have an Outstanding Principal Balance of more than \$3,000,000 in the aggregate;
- (d) if the Loans that are proposed to be sold constitute a New Loan Type the Rating Agency Condition has been satisfied in accordance with the terms of the Mortgage Sale Agreement with respect to the sale of such Loans to the Guarantor;
- (e) such Loan is not secured by a Mortgage that also secures one or more other loans or, in the case of a STEP Loan, also secures any Other STEP Product, which in either case has the benefit of insurance from any Prohibited Insurer;
- (f) if the Loan is extended or advanced upon the security of a Mortgage that also secures (or is capable of securing) Retained Loans, the Loan and all Related Retained Loans have the benefit of cross-default provisions (whether contained in the terms and conditions of the Loan and Related Retained Loans, the Mortgage securing the Loan and Related Retained Loans or other documentation applicable to the Loan and Related Retained Loans, and enforceable against the Borrower) such that a default under the Loan or a Related Retained Loan will constitute a default under the Loan and all Related Retained Loans or, in the case of a Loan or Related Retained Loan not having the benefit of cross-default provisions but repayable on demand, the Guarantor or the Seller (and each mortgage lender as may be on title) have covenanted in writing to demand repayment of the Loan or such Related Retained Loan upon a default under the Loan or the Related Retained Loan, as the case may be;
- (g) at the time of transfer to the Guarantor, no payments of principal or interest thereunder are in arrears;
- (h) the first payment due in respect of such Loan has been paid by the relevant borrower;
- (i) the related Mortgage constitutes a valid first mortgage lien or a valid first-ranking hypothecary lien over the related Mortgaged Property under which no claims have been made and subject to certain permitted security interests;
- (j) at the time of transfer, the Guarantor will acquire the entire legal and beneficial ownership interest of the Seller in the applicable Loans and their Related Security, excluding registered title therein, free and clear of any encumbrances or ownership interests, other than (i) certain permitted security interests, and (ii) those which are reflected in a Security Sharing Agreement and the subject of a Release of Security delivered by the Seller, any mortgage lender on title, or any other party that has an interest in the Related Security to the Custodian in trust upon and subject to the provisions of the Mortgage Sale Agreement and in compliance with the CMHC Guide;
- (k) as at the Transfer Date, the Loan is not subject to any dispute proceeding, set-off, counterclaim or defense whatsoever;
- (l) to the extent the Loan is extended, advanced or renewed on or after 1 July 2014 (which for greater certainty will not include further advances under an existing non-amortizing Loan unless amended), an express waiver of set-off rights on the part of the borrower is included in the terms and conditions of the Loan and all Related Retained Loans, the Mortgage securing the Loan and all Related

Retained Loans or other documentation applicable to the Loan and all Related Retained Loans, and enforceable against the borrower;

- (m) neither the Mortgage Terms for the Loan nor the terms of any other documentation applicable to the Loan and enforceable by the borrower expressly affords the borrower a right of set-off;
- (n) prior to the making of each advance under such Loan, the Lending Criteria and all preconditions to the making of that Loan were satisfied; and
- (o) such Loan is an "Eligible Loan" as defined in the CMHC Guide from time to time.

The CMHC Guide currently defines an "Eligible Loan" as a loan (i) which is made on the security of residential property that is located in Canada and consists of not more than four residential units, (ii) which, together with the amount outstanding of any mortgage or hypothecary loan having an equal or prior claim against the property, does not exceed 80 percent of the value of the related property at the time of the loan, and (iii) which must, at a minimum, meet the following requirements or qualifications:

- (a) a loan will not qualify as an Eligible Loan if, at the time of transfer to the Guarantor, one or more payments of principal or interest payable thereunder are in arrears;
- (b) a loan will not qualify as an Eligible Loan until one or more payments of principal or interest (or blended payment(s) of principal and interest) have been made in accordance with the terms of the Loan;
- (c) a loan will not qualify as an Eligible Loan for so long as the mortgage or other hypothecary instrument charging the mortgaged property securing such loan does not represent a first priority perfected security interest (subject to encumbrances or claims customarily permitted by a prudent lender);
- (d) a loan will not qualify as an Eligible Loan (i) unless, at the time of transfer to the Guarantor, the loan, the Mortgage securing the Loan and (in the case of a loan extended or advanced upon the security of a mortgage or hypothecary instrument also securing Retained Loans) all Retained Loans are beneficially owned (or owned) by the Seller (disregarding, for such purposes, nominee title holders) and (ii) for so long as the loan, all sums derived from the loan (whether on account of principal, interest or otherwise and whether received from the borrower or a guarantor thereof) and the Mortgage charging the Mortgaged Property securing the loan are not clear of any ownership interests, security interests, encumbrances or other claims other than (A) encumbrances or claims customarily permitted by a prudent lender or that will cease to apply to such loan, sums and Mortgage upon the purchase by or contribution to the Guarantor of the loan, (B) those of the Guarantor, (C) those in favor of Covered Bondholders (or the Bond Trustee on behalf of such holders) or in favor of other Secured Creditors (in each case to secure the payment of amounts owing to them by the Guarantor) and (D) those which may be reflected in a Security Sharing Agreement and are the subject of a Release of Security delivered by each lender to the Custodian in trust upon and subject to the provisions of the Security Sharing Agreement or are otherwise provided for (in compliance with the requirements of the CMHC Guide) under the Transaction Documents;
- (e) a loan will not qualify as an Eligible Loan if one or more other loans advanced under the same Mortgage have been insured by a Prohibited Insurer;
- (f) a loan extended or advanced upon the security of a Mortgage also securing (or capable of securing) Retained Loans will not qualify as an Eligible Loan unless it and all Related Retained Loans have the benefit of cross-default provisions (whether contained in the terms and conditions of the loan and Related Retained Loans, the Mortgage securing the loan and Related Retained Loans or other documentation applicable to the loan and Related Retained Loans, and enforceable against the

borrower) such that a default under the loan or a Related Retained Loan will constitute a default under the loan and all Related Retained Loans or, in the case of a loan or Related Retained Loan not having the benefit of cross-default provisions but repayable on demand, the Guarantor or the Seller (and each mortgage lender as may be on title) have covenanted in writing to demand repayment of the loan or such Related Retained Loan upon a default under the loan or the Related Retained Loan, as the case may be;

- (g) a loan will not qualify as an Eligible Loan if, at the time of transfer to the Guarantor, it is the subject of any dispute proceeding, set-off, counterclaim or defense whatsoever;
- (h) a loan will not qualify as an Eligible Loan if its terms and conditions or the provisions of the Mortgage securing the loan or other documentation applicable to the loan and enforceable by the borrower expressly afford the borrower a right of set-off;
- (i) a loan extended, advanced or renewed on or after 1 July 2014 (which for greater certainty will not include further advances under an existing non-amortizing loan unless amended) will not qualify as an Eligible Loan unless an express waiver of set-off rights on the part of the borrower is included in the terms and conditions of the loan and all Related Retained Loans, the Mortgage securing the loan and all Related Retained Loans or other documentation applicable to the loan and all Related Retained Loans, and enforceable against the borrower; and
- (j) a loan will not qualify as an Eligible Loan unless it was originated or otherwise complies with the Seller's approved underwriting policies (in effect or otherwise applicable at the time the loan was originated).

On the relevant Transfer Date, the Loan Representations and Warranties (described below in —*Loan Representations and Warranties*) will be given by the Seller in respect of the Loans and their Related Security sold by the Seller to the Guarantor.

If the Seller accepts an application from, or makes an offer (which is accepted) to, a borrower for a Product Switch which constitutes an unconditional obligation on the part of such Seller to make such Product Switch, then such Seller will be obligated to repurchase the relevant Loan and the Related Security to which the Product Switch relates.

### ***Security Sharing Agreements and Releases of Security***

As noted above, any Other STEP Creditor that acquires an interest in the STEP Collateral Mortgage and other Related Security relating to STEP Loan owned by the Guarantor, and any other registered title holder will be required to execute and deliver a Release of Security to the Custodian in trust, and to enter into a Security Sharing Agreement, which agreement must conform with the requirements of the CMHC Guide and the provisions of the Mortgage Sale Agreement. Any such Security Sharing Agreement will include terms governing the rights, duties and entitlements of such Other STEP Creditor with respect to the Other STEP Products acquired by such Other STEP Creditor and its interests in the related STEP Collateral Mortgages and other Related Security that are substantially similar to those set forth in the Mortgage Sale Agreement, including the requirement that the Servicer service the related Other STEP Products for so long as such Other STEP Products are subject to the Security Sharing Agreement.

A Release of Security, once exercised, releases any and all interest or right that the party delivering such Release of Security may have in the related STEP Collateral Mortgages and other Related Security. A Release of Security delivered by the Seller or any Other STEP Creditor will be held by the Custodian in trust and cannot be exercised with respect to any particular STEP Collateral Mortgage and the other Related Security unless a Security Sharing Agreement Breach has occurred with respect to the related Other STEP Product or STEP Collateral Mortgage and other Related Security, and a party to the Security Sharing Agreement other than the party who has made such breach requests that the Custodian exercise such Release

of Security. As a condition precedent to such delivery, the Custodian will be required to obtain a legal opinion from legal counsel that is independent from the parties to the Security Sharing Agreement confirming that a Security Sharing Agreement Breach has occurred and that the conditions to the exercise of such Release of Security have been met. Upon the exercise of a Release of Security, all interest or right of the breaching party in the related STEP Collateral Mortgages and other Related Security will be relinquished as of the date of such delivery and all dealings with Other STEP Products no longer secured by the STEP Collateral Mortgages will be separate from dealings with STEP Loans owned by the Guarantor.

**A Security Sharing Agreement Breach** includes any of the following events:

- (a) a failure by the Seller or Other STEP Creditor to comply with the provisions of the Security Sharing Agreement with respect to the allocation of distributions under the related STEP Account, the servicing of the related STEP Account and certain other restrictions on the dealings by such party with the Other STEP Product, which failure has not been cured within 60 days (or after an Issuer Event of Default, 10 Toronto Business Days) after the breaching party has received notice of the breach;
- (b) a disposition of an Other STEP Product to a purchaser that has not also acquired all related STEP Loans then owned by the Guarantor unless such purchaser has assumed the obligations of the Seller or Other STEP Creditor under the Security Sharing Agreement, or entered into a new Security Sharing Agreement which complies with the CMHC Guide, and delivered a Release of Security to the Custodian in trust and, where applicable, the requisite opinion of legal counsel has been obtained; and
- (c) a challenge by the Seller or Other STEP Creditor of the validity, legality or enforceability of certain provisions of the applicable Security Sharing Agreement.

#### ***Transfer of Title to the Loans to the Guarantor***

Loans sold, transferred and assigned by the Seller to the Guarantor pursuant to the Mortgage Sale Agreement will have legal title to the related Mortgages remain registered in the name of the Seller and notice of the sale, transfer and assignment will not be given to the borrowers or, in respect of the Related Security, any relevant guarantor of any borrower. Such notice and, where appropriate, the registration or recording in the appropriate land registry or land titles offices of the transfer by the relevant Seller to the Guarantor of legal title to the Mortgages will be deferred and will only take place in the circumstances described below.

On each Transfer Date, the Seller will agree to (a) hold registered title to the related Loans and their Related Security as agent, bare trustee and nominee in trust for and on behalf of the Guarantor (and also, in the case of any STEP Loan, for and on behalf of the Seller and any Other STEP Creditor having an interest therein as described in —*Scotia Total Equity Plan and STEP Loans*) and (b) deliver such agreements and take all actions with respect to the Loans and their Related Security as the Guarantor may direct in accordance with the Mortgage Sale Agreement and the Servicing Agreement. On the First Transfer Date, the Seller delivered registrable powers of attorney appointing the Guarantor and the Bond Trustee, as its true and lawful attorney and agent, with full power of substitution, to execute, sign, seal and deliver, in the name of the Seller all conveyances, assignments, transfers, documents and instruments necessary to record the sale, assignment and transfer to the Guarantor, or any other Person as the Guarantor and the Bond Trustee may direct, of all Loans and their Related Security (including all documents comprising the Customer Files) in all applicable land registry or land titles offices, including directions to Borrowers directing them to remit all payments under their related Loans to the Guarantor (or as the Guarantor may otherwise direct), and to register and record all such sales, assignments, transfers, documents and instruments in such land registry or land titles offices. The powers of attorney will not be exercisable by the Guarantor or the Bond Trustee (or such other Person) until the occurrence of a Registered Title Event.

Upon the occurrence of a Registered Title Event, the Seller will do or will cause to be done on its behalf the following:

- (a) give notice of the Guarantor's ownership interest in the relevant Loans and Related Security to each Borrower thereunder, which notice will direct that payments be made directly to the Guarantor or its designee, and upon such instruction from the Guarantor, the Seller will give such notice at the expense of the Seller; *provided*, that if the Seller fails to so notify each such Borrower, the Guarantor may so notify such Borrowers at the expense of the Seller;
- (b) direct the Borrowers or any guarantor of such Borrowers to pay all amounts payable under the relevant Loans included in the Portfolio directly to the Guarantor or a nominee on its behalf;
- (c) cause Registrable Transfers for each of the Loans and their Related Security to be prepared, executed and delivered by the Seller to the Guarantor and registered in the appropriate land registry or land titles office; and
- (d)
  - (i) assemble all of the records then in its possession (including Customer Files, computer records and files) and which are necessary or desirable to collect the related Loans and make the same available to the Guarantor or its designee at a place selected by the Guarantor;
  - (ii) segregate all cash, checks and other instruments received by it from time to time constituting payments with respect to the relevant Loans in a manner acceptable to the Guarantor and, promptly upon receipt, remit all such cash, checks and instruments, duly endorsed or with duly executed instruments of transfer, to the Guarantor or its designee; and
  - (iii) name the Guarantor (or its designee) as loss payee on any applicable related insurance policies maintained by the Seller in respect of the Loans sold to the Guarantor in place of the Seller.

The duty of the Seller in paragraph (c) above will be fulfilled no later than the 60th day, and the duties in paragraphs (a), (b) and (d) will be fulfilled by the Guarantor no later than 20 Toronto Business Days, following the day on which the Registered Title Event occurs. The Seller will be liable for all costs and expenses associated with such duties. The Seller will co-operate fully to do all such further acts and things and execute any further documents that may be necessary or desirable by the Guarantor (or the Bond Trustee) to give full effect to such duties.

**A Registered Title Event** means the occurrence of the earliest of any of the following:

- (a) a Servicer Event of Default that has not been remedied within 30 days or such shorter period permitted by the Servicing Agreement;
- (b) an Issuer Event of Default (other than an actual or impending Insolvency Event with respect to the Bank) that has not been remedied within 30 days or such shorter period permitted by Condition 9.1 (Issuer Events of Default);
- (c) an Insolvency Event with respect to the Seller (without regard for the parenthetical language in clause (a) of such definition);
- (d) the acceptance by an applicable purchaser of any offer by the Guarantor to sell Loans and their Related Security (only in respect of the Loans being sold and their Related Security) to any such purchaser other than the Seller, unless otherwise agreed by such purchaser and the

Guarantor, with the consent of the Bond Trustee, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld;

- (e) the Seller and/or the Guarantor being required to Perfect legal title to the Mortgages by:
  - (i) law;
  - (ii) an order of a court of competent jurisdiction; or
  - (iii) any regulatory authority which has jurisdiction over the Seller or the Guarantor to effect such perfection; and
- (f) the date on which the Bank ceases to be assigned a long-term, unsecured, unsubordinated unguaranteed debt obligation rating or issuer default rating by Moody's of at least A3 or by Fitch of at least BBB- or by DBRS of at least BBB (low) or R-1 (middle).

Notwithstanding the occurrence of any event or circumstance described in paragraphs (a) through (f) immediately above, none of the steps relating to a Registered Title Event are required to be taken if (A) the Rating Agency Condition has been satisfied with respect to the Seller not fulfilling such requirements, and (B) satisfactory assurances are provided to the Guarantor and the Bond Trustee by OSFI or such other supervisory authority having jurisdiction over the Seller permitting registered title to the Mortgages to remain with the Seller until such time as (i) the Loans and their Related Security are to be sold or otherwise disposed of by the Guarantor or the Bond Trustee in the performance of their respective obligations under the Transaction Documents, or (ii) the Guarantor or the Bond Trustee is required to take actions to enforce or otherwise deal with the Loans and their Related Security.

If the Seller fails to co-operate in the performance of any of the foregoing duties, the Guarantor will use the powers of attorney to transfer registered or recorded title to the Mortgages evidencing and securing the Loans sold by the Seller and their Related Security into its name or the name of a nominee on its behalf or, for STEP Loans in Quebec, to record an assignment of the STEP Collateral Mortgages to the extent of the Guarantor's interest therein.

The Seller will undertake in the Mortgage Sale Agreement to meet the cost associated with the transfer of registered title or recorded title to the Loans.

The Seller will be required to provide updated powers of attorney to the Custodian from time to time under the Mortgage Sale Agreement, together with related opinions of counsel, in order to ensure the continued effectiveness of such powers of attorney.

### ***Seller Representations and Warranties***

Under the Mortgage Sale Agreement, the Seller makes the following representations and warranties (in addition to the Loan Representations and Warranties described below) in favor of the Guarantor on each Transfer Date:

- (a) it is a Canadian chartered bank under the Bank Act and has, in all material respects, full power and authority to own its properties and conduct its business as presently owned or conducted, and to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under the Mortgage Sale Agreement;
- (b) it is duly qualified to do business, is in good standing and has obtained all necessary licenses and approvals, in each jurisdiction in which failure to so qualify or to obtain such licenses and approvals would render any Mortgage unenforceable by it, the Guarantor, the Bond Trustee or a Purchaser, as applicable, or would have a material adverse effect on the Guarantor's rights thereunder;

- (c) the execution and delivery of the Mortgage Sale Agreement and each of the documents, agreements or instruments to be executed and delivered thereunder by the Seller, and the performance by the Seller of its obligations thereunder, have been duly authorized by the Seller by all necessary corporate action on the part of the Seller and are enforceable against the Seller in accordance with their terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws, now or hereafter in effect, affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights in general and except as such enforceability may be limited by general principles of equity (whether considered in a suit at law or in equity);
- (d) the execution and delivery by the Seller of the Mortgage Sale Agreement and each of the documents, agreements or instruments to be executed and delivered thereunder, the performance of the transactions contemplated thereunder, and the fulfillment of the terms thereof applicable to the Seller, will not (i) conflict with or violate the documents or by-laws of the Seller, any resolution of the board of directors (or any committee thereof) or, to the knowledge of the Seller, the shareholders of the Seller or any law applicable to the Seller or (ii) conflict with, or result in any breach of any of the terms and provisions of, or constitute (with or without notice or lapse of time or both) a default under, any indenture, contract, agreement, mortgage, deed of trust or other instrument to which the Seller is a party or by which it or its properties are bound, in any such case in a manner that would have a material adverse effect on the Guarantor's rights thereunder or would materially and adversely affect the validity or enforceability of the Mortgage Sale Agreement;
- (e) there are no proceedings or investigations, to the best knowledge of the Seller, pending or threatened against the Seller before any governmental authority: (i) asserting the invalidity of the Mortgage Sale Agreement, (ii) seeking to prevent the consummation of any of the transactions contemplated by the Mortgage Sale Agreement, (iii) seeking any determination or ruling that, in the reasonable judgment of the Seller, would materially and adversely affect the performance by the Seller of its obligations under the Mortgage Sale Agreement, or (iv) seeking any determination or ruling that would materially and adversely affect the validity or enforceability of the Mortgage Sale Agreement;
- (f) all authorizations, consents, orders or approvals of or registrations or declarations with any governmental authority required to be obtained, effected or given by the Seller in connection with the execution and delivery by the Seller of the Mortgage Sale Agreement and the performance of the transactions contemplated by the Mortgage Sale Agreement have been duly obtained, effected or given and are in full force and effect, other than any such authorizations, consents, orders or approvals of or registrations or declarations the absence of which would not materially and adversely affect the validity or enforceability of the Mortgage Sale Agreement or any Mortgage;
- (g) it is not a non-resident of Canada for purposes of the ITA;
- (h) the Seller is a member of the Scotiabank Group, and
- (i) none of the transactions contemplated under the Mortgage Sale Agreement require compliance with any applicable bulk sales legislation.

### ***Loan Representations and Warranties***

The Guarantor and the Bond Trustee will not undertake any investigations, searches or other actions on any Loan or its Related Security and will rely instead on the Loan Representations and Warranties given in the Mortgage Sale Agreement by the Seller in respect of the Loans sold by such Seller to the Guarantor. The parties to the Mortgage Sale Agreement may, with the prior written consent of the Bond Trustee, waive, amend or modify the Loan Representations and Warranties or include new Loan Representations and Warranties, in each case, including, without limitation, modifications or additions to accommodate the sale of New Loan Types to the Guarantor *provided that* any material amendments shall be subject to satisfaction of the Rating Agency Condition. The Loan Representations and Warranties as of the date of this Prospectus



include the following and are given as of the following dates (a) the Transfer Date in respect of the Loans and Related Security to be sold to the Guarantor on such First Transfer Date, (b) on the relevant Transfer Date in respect of the Loans and Related Security to be sold to the Guarantor on such Transfer Date, and (c) on the Calculation Date following the making of any Product Switch in respect of the Loans to which the Product Switch relates:

- the Seller is the legal and beneficial owner of the Loans and their Related Security to be sold to the Guarantor;
- each Loan was originated by the Seller in the ordinary course of business (and kept on the Seller's books for a minimum of one month prior to the Cut-off Date);
- each loan satisfies the Eligibility Criteria and is an "Eligible Loan" as defined in the CMHC Guide from time to time;
- the Mortgage Terms for the Loan expressly permit its assignment without the consent of the borrower;
- no Loan has a remaining amortization period of more than 50 years as of the relevant Cut-off Date;
- the Lending Criteria are consistent with the criteria that would be used by reasonable and prudent institutional mortgage lenders in the Seller's market;
- all of the Borrowers are individuals or have guarantees from individuals for the Loans (which guarantees and any security related to such guarantees are assignable and will be sold, transferred and assigned to the Guarantor as Related Security for the Loans in accordance with the terms of the Mortgage Sale Agreement);
- the Outstanding Principal Balance on each Loan is secured by a Mortgage over residential property;
- the Outstanding Principal Balance on each Loan constitutes a legal, valid, binding and enforceable debt due to the Seller from the relevant Borrower and, if applicable, the Guarantor and the terms of each Loan and its related Mortgage constitute valid and binding obligations of the relevant Borrower and, if applicable, the Guarantor, enforceable in accordance with their terms except as enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally or by general principles of equity;
- other than (a) registrations in the appropriate land registry or land titles offices in respect of the sale, transfer and assignment of the relevant Loans from a Seller to the Guarantor effected by the Mortgage Sale Agreement, (b) the provision to Borrowers under the related Loans or the obligors under their Related Security of actual notice of the sale, transfer and assignment thereof to the Guarantor, and (c) certain notices provided in the Civil Code of Quebec for Mortgaged Properties located in the Province of Quebec, all material filings, recordings, notifications, registrations or other actions under all applicable laws have been made or taken in each jurisdiction where necessary or appropriate (and where permitted by applicable law) to preserve, perfect and protect the Guarantor's legal and beneficial ownership interest in and rights to collect any and all of the related Loans being purchased on the relevant Transfer Date, including the right to service and enforce such Loans and their Related Security;
- there is no requirement in order for a sale, transfer and assignment of the Loans and their Related Security to be effective to obtain the consent of a Borrower or any other Person to such sale, transfer or assignment and such sale, transfer and assignment will not give rise to any claim by a Borrower against the Guarantor, the Bond Trustee or any of their successors in title or assigns;

- all of the Mortgaged Properties are situated in Canada;
- not more than 12 months (or such longer period as would be acceptable to reasonable and prudent institutional mortgage lenders in the Seller's market) prior to the granting of each Loan (or in the case of any STEP Loan, prior to the granting of the related First STEP Loan), the relevant Seller obtained information on the relevant Mortgaged Property from an independently maintained valuation model that would be acceptable to reasonable and prudent institutional mortgage lenders in the Seller's market, or received a Valuation Report on the relevant Mortgaged Property that would be, and the contents or confirmation, as applicable, of which would be acceptable to reasonable and prudent institutional mortgage lenders in the Seller's market or obtained such other form of valuation of the relevant Mortgaged Property with respect to which the Rating Agency Condition has been satisfied;
- prior to the taking of Related Security in respect of each Loan, the relevant Seller either instructed lawyers to conduct a search of title to the relevant Mortgaged Property and to undertake such other searches, investigations, enquiries and actions on behalf of such Seller as would be acceptable to reasonable and prudent institutional mortgage lenders in the Seller's market (and the Seller was satisfied with the results of same) or the relevant Borrower was required as a condition to granting the relevant Loan to obtain a lender's title insurance policy in respect of the relevant Mortgaged Property from an insurer as would be acceptable to reasonable and prudent institutional mortgage lenders in the Seller's market;
- each Loan contains a requirement that the relevant Mortgaged Property be covered by insurance that would be acceptable to reasonable and prudent institutional mortgage lenders in the Seller's market;
- all of the Mortgaged Properties are covered by an insurance policy maintained by the Seller covering all risks of physical loss or damage which applies when a Borrower fails to maintain such an insurance policy on the relevant Mortgaged Property that would be acceptable to reasonable and prudent institutional mortgage lenders in the Seller's market and, so long as such policy (or equivalent replacement policy) is maintained by the Seller, such policy (or replacement policy) will apply to the Mortgaged Properties following the sale of the related Loan to the Guarantor;
- except as otherwise approved by the Rating Agencies in connection with the approval of a New Loan Type, the principal amount of each Loan is fully advanced and there is no requirement for future advances thereunder;
- as a warranty only, there are no claims under applicable laws of any person having supplied work or materials to a Mortgaged Property that would have a material and adverse effect on the priority of the related Mortgage;
- the Seller has, since the making of each Loan, kept or procured the keeping of full and proper accounts, books and records showing clearly all transactions, payments, receipts, proceedings and notices relating to such Loans;
- there are no governmental authorizations, approvals, licenses or consents required for the Seller to enter into or to perform their obligations under the Mortgage Sale Agreement or to make the Mortgage Sale Agreement legal, valid, binding and enforceable against the Seller and admissible in evidence;
- if such Loan is not an Additional STEP Loan, as at the Transfer Date immediately prior to the transfer by the Seller to the Guarantor of such Loan and the Related Security for such Loan, such Loan and each other loan (including any Other STEP Product) secured by the same mortgage, if any, are owned by the Seller; and

- no documentation relating to such Loan or Related Security is missing or incomplete in any material respect that has a material adverse impact on the realizable value of the relevant Mortgaged Property.

If New Loan Types are proposed to be sold to the Guarantor, then the Loan Representations and Warranties and Eligibility Criteria in the Mortgage Sale Agreement may be modified as required, with the prior consent of the Bond Trustee and subject to satisfaction of the Rating Agency Condition with respect to the sale of such New Loan Types, to accommodate these New Loan Types. The prior consent of the Covered Bondholders to the requisite amendments will not be required to be obtained.

### ***Repurchase of Loans***

In the event of a material breach of any of the Loan Representations and Warranties in respect of any Loan and/or its Related Security or if any of those Loan Representations and Warranties proves to be untrue in any material respect in the case of the Initial Portfolio, as at the First Transfer Date or, in the case of any Loans, as at the relevant Transfer Date or, in the case of any Product Switch in respect of any Loan, as at the Calculation Date following the making of such Product Switch, and *provided* that the Guarantor has given the Seller not less than 20 Toronto Business Days' notice of such breach or untruth in writing and such breach or untruth, is not remedied to the reasonable satisfaction of the Bond Trustee within the 20 Toronto Business Day period (or such longer period as the Bond Trustee may in its absolute discretion direct the Guarantor in writing) then the Seller will be required to repurchase the relevant Loan and its Related Security (and any other Loan secured or intended to be secured by that Related Security or any part of it whether or not there has been any breach of a Loan Representation and Warranty in respect of such other Loan). Any breach of the Loan Representations and Warranties with respect to a Loan meeting the Eligibility Criteria will be deemed to be material and incapable of being cured.

In the event that either the Seller accepts a request from a Borrower for a Product Switch in respect of any Loan in the Portfolio, then if such Product Switch results in any of the Loan Representations and Warranties not being satisfied in respect of any Loan on the next Calculation Date, or if subsequent to the sale of a First STEP Loan to the Guarantor the origination of any related Additional STEP Loan by the Seller results in any of the Loan Representations and Warranties not being satisfied in respect of any related STEP Loan owned by the Guarantor, or if any Product Switch would give rise to an increased tax liability to the Guarantor, and *provided* that the Guarantor has given the Seller not less than 20 Toronto Business Days' notice of such breach or untruth in writing and such breach or untruth, is not remedied to the reasonable satisfaction of the Bond Trustee within the 20 Toronto Business Day period (or such longer period as the Bond Trustee may in its absolute discretion direct the Guarantor in writing), or the Seller accepts a request from a borrower for a Loan advance in respect of any Loan in the Portfolio, then in either case the Guarantor shall serve upon the Seller a Loan Repurchase Notice requiring the Seller to repurchase the relevant Loan and its Related Security (and any other Loan secured or intended to be secured by that Related Security or any part of it whether or not there has been any breach of a Loan Representation and Warranty in respect of such other Loan). With regard to a Product Switch, the Seller will use reasonable commercial efforts to identify and repurchase any Loans that might give rise to increased tax liability before completion of such Product Switch, but if the Seller does not repurchase the relevant Loan and its Related Security before such Product Switch gives rise to an increased tax liability to the Guarantor, the Seller will hold the Guarantor harmless against any such increased liability and will indemnify the Guarantor for any costs, expenses, losses or other claims that may arise in connection therewith.

In addition, if the Seller fails to sell Additional STEP Loans to the Guarantor within the time period specified in the Mortgage Sale Agreement, the Guarantor will be entitled to serve upon the Seller a Loan Repurchase Notice requiring such Seller to repurchase the related STEP Loans owned by the Guarantor and the Related Security for such STEP Loans at the Repurchase Amount for such STEP Loans owned by the Guarantor.

Upon receipt of a Loan Repurchase Notice duly signed on behalf of the Guarantor, the Seller will sign and return three copies and will thereby repurchase from the Guarantor, and the Guarantor will thereby re-assign or re-transfer to such Seller the relevant Loan and its Related Security, and upon execution of such Loan

Repurchase Notice by the Bond Trustee, on its own behalf and on behalf of any Other STEP Creditors, such Loan and its Related Security will be re-assigned or re-transferred to the Seller free from the Security created by or pursuant to the Security Agreement and all related rights of the Bond Trustee, the Guarantor and any Other STEP Creditor in respect thereof, without the need for any further action. Completion of such repurchase will take place on the Calculation Date after receipt by the Seller of such Loan Repurchase Notice or such other date as the Guarantor may direct in the Loan Repurchase Notice (*provided* that the date so specified by the Guarantor will not be later than 90 days after receipt by the Seller of such notice) when such Seller will pay to the GDA Account (or as the Guarantor will direct) an amount equal to the aggregate Repurchase Amount of all such Loans.

Since the Guarantor is an affiliate of the Seller, and so long as the Seller or its affiliates indirectly control the Guarantor, there are conflicts of interest associated with the exercise and/or enforcement of the Guarantor's rights and remedies following any breach of the Loan Representation and Warranties by the Seller; and as a result of such conflicts, the Guarantor's ability to detect or timely detect such breaches may be limited. See *Risk Factors – Reliance on certain transaction parties*.

### ***General Ability of Seller to Repurchase Loans***

Prior to the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default and service of an Issuer Acceleration Notice or a Guarantor Event of Default and service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice, the Seller may from time to time offer to repurchase any Loan (including a Non-Performing Eligible Loan) and its Related Security from the Portfolio for a purchase price equal to the fair market value of such Loan. For such purposes, all STEP Loans made to the same STEP Borrower which are owned by the Guarantor will be considered to be a single Loan. The Guarantor may accept such offer at its sole discretion. If an Issuer Event of Default has occurred and is continuing but no liquidator or Person with similar powers has been appointed to the Seller, any such repurchase will be conditional upon the delivery by the Seller of a solvency certificate to the Guarantor and the Bond Trustee and the Asset Coverage Test, calculated on the next Calculation Date immediately prior to such repurchase, being met upon the completion of such repurchase. Amounts paid by such Seller pursuant to such option will be deposited into the GDA Account.

### ***Defaulted Loans***

The Cash Manager will identify any Loans that are Non-Performing Eligible Loans in the Portfolio and upon identification serve a notice of Non-Performing Eligible Loans on the Bank and the Servicer. Non-Performing Eligible Loans will be given no credit in the Asset Coverage Test or the Amortization Test, as applicable.

Since both the Seller and the Cash Manager will be the Bank (or an affiliate), there are conflicts of interest associated with the Cash Manager's performance of its role in identifying Loans that are Non-Performing Eligible Loans in the Portfolio. See *Risk Factors – Reliance on certain transaction parties*.

### ***Maturing Loans***

Without prejudice to the Seller's general ability to repurchase, the Seller (or an Affiliate of the Seller designated by the Seller) may, upon request and subject to the agreement of the Guarantor, at any time prior to the date which is 90 days prior to the date of maturity of a Loan, and from time to time, repurchase any Loan from the Portfolio on the maturity date of such Loan at the greater of (a) the fair market value of such Loan at such maturity date, and (b) the Repurchase Amount of such Loan at such maturity date. For such purposes, all STEP Loans made to the same STEP Borrower which are owned by the Guarantor will be considered to be a single Loan. If the Seller does not deliver to the Guarantor on or before the required date a written notice specifying the Loans in respect of which it will not exercise such right and the Seller does not inform the Guarantor in writing that it cannot repurchase any such Loan, the Seller will repurchase, subject to the agreement of the Guarantor, each such Loan in the Portfolio on the Calculation Date next following the applicable maturity date of such Loan at the greater of (i) the fair market value of such Loan at

such maturity date, and (ii) the Repurchase Amount of such Loan at such maturity date; *provided, however*, that the Seller will not repurchase and will not be required to repurchase any Loan which (A) is or becomes a Non-Performing Eligible Loan on its maturity date, or (B) is repaid in full on its maturity date from funding provided to the Borrower under such Loan by a Person other than the Seller. On the Calculation Date next following the maturity date on which the Seller purchases such Loan, the Seller will pay to the GDA Account an amount equal to the greater of (I) the fair market value of such Loan at such maturity date, and (II) the Repurchase Amount of such Loan at such maturity date.

### ***Right of Pre-emption***

Under the terms of the Mortgage Sale Agreement, the Seller has a right of pre-emption in respect of any sale, in whole or in part, of Selected Loans, *provided, however*, that such right will not be available at any time during which such Seller is in default of any of its obligations under the Transaction Documents.

If, (a) following service of an Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice (which has not been revoked), (b) following service of a Notice to Pay, (c) following a breach of the Pre-Maturity Test or (d) prior to the service of an Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice or a Notice to Pay, a Demand Loan Repayment Event has occurred or the Bank has demanded that the Demand Loan be repaid, the Guarantor may be required to sell Selected Loans, and in certain circumstances may elect to sell certain Selected Loans, in accordance with the Guarantor Agreement, and *provided* that the Seller is not in default of any of its obligations in the Mortgage Sale Agreement or under any other Transaction Document to which it is a party, the Guarantor will by serving on the Seller a Selected Loan Offer Notice, prior to the Guarantor making any offer to sell Selected Loans to other Purchasers, offer immediately to sell to the Seller those Selected Loans in accordance with the Guarantor Agreement for an offer price equal to the amount specified in the Guarantor Agreement. See *Guarantor Agreement—Method of sale of Portfolio assets* below.

If the Seller accepts the Guarantor's offer to sell the relevant Selected Loans by signing the Selected Loan Offer Notice in a manner indicating acceptance and delivering it to the Guarantor with a copy to the Bond Trustee within ten Toronto Business Days from and including the date of the Selected Loan Offer Notice and *provided* that (if an Issuer Event of Default has occurred and is continuing) the Seller has provided a solvency certificate in a form acceptable to the Guarantor and the Bond Trustee (each acting reasonably), the Guarantor will within three Toronto Business Days of receipt of such acceptance serve a notice accepting the offer set out in the Selected Loan Offer Notice (a **Selected Loan Repurchase Notice**) on the Seller.

The Guarantor will offer for sale the Selected Loans in respect of which the Seller rejects or fails within the requisite time limit to accept the Guarantor's offer to sell to Purchasers in the manner and on the terms set out in the Guarantor Agreement: see *Guarantor Agreement—Sale of Selected Loans at any time an Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice is outstanding or a Notice to Pay has been served to the Guarantor*.

Upon receipt of the Selected Loan Repurchase Notice duly signed on behalf of the Guarantor, the Seller will promptly sign and return three copies of the Selected Loan Repurchase Notice and will repurchase from the Guarantor, and the Guarantor will re-assign or re-transfer to the Seller the Selected Loans (and any other Loan secured or intended to be secured by that Related Security or any part of it) referred to in the relevant Selected Loan Repurchase Notice and, subject to the Security Agreement, upon execution of the Selected Loan Repurchase Notice by the Bond Trustee, on its own behalf and on behalf of any Other STEP Creditors, such Selected Loans will be re-assigned or re-transferred to the Seller free from the Security created by and pursuant to the Security Agreement and all related rights of the Bond Trustee, Guarantor and any Other STEP Creditor in respect thereof, without the need for any further action. Completion of such repurchase will take place on the Guarantor Payment Date next occurring after receipt by the Seller of such Selected Loan Repurchase Notice or such other date as the Guarantor may direct in the Selected Loan Repurchase Notice (*provided* that, where a Notice to Pay has been served, such date is not to be later than the earlier to occur of the date which is (a) ten Toronto Business Days after receipt by the Guarantor of the returned Selected Loan Repurchase Notice, or (b) the Final Maturity Date of as applicable, the Hard Bullet Covered Bonds or the Earliest Maturing Covered Bonds) and the Seller will pay to the GDA Account (or as the

Guarantor will direct) an amount in cash equal to the offer price specified in the relevant Selected Loan Repurchase Notice.

Any time there is no Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice outstanding and no Notice to Pay or Guarantor Acceleration Notice has been served on the Guarantor, it will be a condition to the Guarantor's right to sell Loans and their Related Security that the Asset Coverage Test will be met on the next Calculation Date prior to such sale after giving effect to the sale and taking into account amounts that will be paid or provided for on the next Guarantor Payment Date in accordance with the Priorities of Payments.

### *New Sellers*

In the future, New Sellers (which are members of the Scotiabank Group) may accede to the Program and sell Loans and their Related Security to the Guarantor. Any such New Sellers will accede to, inter alia, the Mortgage Sale Agreement. The sale of Loans and their Related Security by New Sellers to the Guarantor will be subject to certain conditions, including the following:

- each New Seller accedes to the terms of the Guarantor Agreement as a Limited Partner (with such subsequent amendments as may be agreed by the parties thereto) so that it has, in relation to those Loans and their Related Security to be sold by the relevant New Seller, substantially the same rights and obligations as the Seller had in relation to those Loans and their Related Security previously sold into the Portfolio under the Guarantor Agreement;
- each New Seller accedes to such Transaction Documents and enters into such other documents as may be required by the Bond Trustee, the Guarantor and/or the Cash Manager (in each case acting reasonably) to give effect to the addition of a New Seller to the transactions contemplated under the Program;
- each New Seller accedes to the terms of the Mortgage Sale Agreement (with such subsequent amendments as may be agreed by the parties thereto) or New Mortgage Sale Agreement, so that it has, in relation to those Loans and their Related Security to be sold by the relevant New Seller, substantially the same rights and obligations as the Seller had in relation to those Loans and their Related Security included in the Initial Portfolio under the Mortgage Sale Agreement;
- any Loans and their Related Security sold by a New Seller to the Guarantor will be subject to the Loan Representations and Warranties and repurchase obligations set out in the Mortgage Sale Agreement;
- either (a) the Servicer services the Loans and their Related Security sold by such New Seller to the Guarantor on the terms set out in the Servicing Agreement (with such subsequent amendments as may be agreed by the parties thereto) or (b) each New Seller enters into a servicing agreement with the Guarantor and the Bond Trustee which sets out the servicing obligations of such New Seller in relation to the Loans and their Related Security sold by such New Seller to the Guarantor and which is on terms substantially similar to the terms set out in the Servicing Agreement (*provided* that the fees payable to the Servicer or such New Seller acting as servicer of such Loans and their Related Security would be determined on or around the date of the accession of such New Seller to the Program);
- the Bond Trustee is satisfied that any accession of a New Seller to the Program will not prejudice the Asset Coverage Test; and
- the Bond Trustee is satisfied that any modifications to the Transaction Documents in order to accommodate the accession of a New Seller to the Program will not be materially prejudicial to the interests of any of the Covered Bondholders.

If the above conditions are met, the consent of Covered Bondholders will not be required in relation to the accession of a New Seller to the Program.

### ***Termination of Custodian***

The Guarantor may, at any time, but subject to the prior written consent of the Bond Trustee (if the Custodian is not the Bond Trustee), terminate the appointment of the Custodian upon providing the Custodian with at least 60 days' prior written notice, *provided that*, subject to the following sentence, such termination may not be effected unless and until a replacement approved by the Bond Trustee, acting reasonably, has been found by the Guarantor which agrees to perform the duties (or substantially similar duties) of the Custodian set out in the Mortgage Sale Agreement. In the event that there is a breach by the Custodian of certain representations and warranties or a failure by the Custodian to perform certain covenants made by it under the Mortgage Sale Agreement, the Guarantor will have the right to terminate the Custodian and appoint a replacement Custodian, without the need for a replacement having been appointed upon such termination.

The Mortgage Sale Agreement is governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

### **Servicing Agreement**

#### ***Servicing***

Pursuant to the terms of the Servicing Agreement, the Servicer (who will initially be the Bank) will provide services, on behalf of the Guarantor in relation to the Loans and their Related Security comprised in the Portfolio.

The Servicer will administer the Loans and their Related Security comprised in the Portfolio in accordance with the applicable law, the Servicing Agreement and the other Transaction Documents and with reasonable care and diligence, using that degree of skill and attention that they exercise in managing, servicing, administering, collecting on and performing similar functions relating to comparable loans that it services for itself.

With respect to STEP Loans, the Servicing Agreement will give the Servicer the sole and exclusive right to service all STEP Loans made to a particular STEP Borrower that are secured by the same STEP Collateral Mortgage and other Related Security, whether or not owned by the Guarantor. The Transaction Documents will further require all STEP Loans and Other STEP Products to be serviced by the Servicer in a manner consistent with the respective rights, interests and priorities of the Guarantor, the Seller and any Other STEP Creditor as described in —*Mortgage Sale Agreement—Scotia Total Equity Plan and STEP Loans*, but in all cases giving due consideration to the priority of the STEP Loans owned by the Guarantor. The Bank will initially service all STEP Loans and Other STEP Products.

The Servicer will, subject to the terms and conditions of the Servicing Agreement, the terms of the Loans and their Related Security (including, if applicable, the STEP Plan), the Mortgage Sale Agreement and the Security Agreement, have the full power, authority and right to do or cause to be done any and all things, not inconsistent with the sale, transfer and assignment of the Loans and their Related Security to the Guarantor, which it reasonably considers necessary, convenient or incidental to the servicing of the Loans and their Related Security or the exercise of such rights, powers and discretions.

#### ***Right of delegation by the Servicer***

The Servicer may, under certain terms and conditions, sub-contract or delegate the performance of all or any of its powers and obligations under the Servicing Agreement. Notwithstanding any sub-contracting or delegation of the performance of its obligations under the Servicing Agreement, the Servicer will not be

released or discharged from any liability and will remain responsible for the performance of all of its obligations under the Servicing Agreement, and the performance or non-performance or the manner of performance by any sub-contractor or delegate of any of the services will not affect the Servicer's obligations under the Servicing Agreement and any breach in the performance of the services by such sub-contractor or delegate will, subject to the Servicer being entitled for a period of 20 Toronto Business Days from receipt of any notice of the breach to remedy such breach by any sub-contractor or delegate, be treated as a breach of the Servicing Agreement by the Servicer.

### ***Undertakings of the Servicer***

Pursuant to the terms of the Servicing Agreement, the Servicer will in relation to those Loans and their Related Security in the Portfolio that it is servicing, inter alia:

- keep and maintain records and books of account in respect of the Portfolio for the purposes of identifying amounts paid by the related Borrower, any amount due from such Borrower and the Outstanding Principal Balance of the Loans and such other records as would be kept by reasonable and prudent institutional mortgage lenders in the Servicer's market;
- provide the Guarantor and the Bond Trustee with access to the Customer Files and other records relating to the administration of the Loans and their Related Security in its possession;
- assist the Cash Manager in the preparation of the Investor Report;
- give timely notice to the Borrower of each Loan of any default in payment or other default thereunder, or under any related agreements;
- investigate all delinquencies and defaults under the Loans;
- hold as trust property for and on behalf of the Guarantor, free of any adverse claim, all collections received in respect of the Loans and their Related Security in the Portfolio and Customer Files with respect to the Loans;
- take such enforcement actions and proceedings in respect of the Loans and their Related Security in the Portfolio as it would be reasonable to expect reasonable and prudent institutional mortgage lenders in the Servicer's market to take in administering their loans and their related security; and
- take all other action and do all other things which would be reasonable to expect reasonable and prudent institutional mortgage lenders in the Servicer's market to do in administering their loans and their related security

### ***Remuneration***

The Seller will perform the duties and obligations of the Servicer pursuant to the terms of the Servicing Agreement at no additional cost to the Guarantor, in consideration for the purchase price received by it for the Loans and their Related Security sold by it to the Guarantor pursuant to the Mortgage Sale Agreement. The Servicer will not be entitled to any additional compensation for the performance of its obligations under the Servicing Agreement or any reimbursement for the costs and expenses incurred by it in connection therewith, it being acknowledged that the Loans, the Related Security and the other assets comprised in the Portfolio have been sold pursuant to the Mortgage Sale Agreement on a fully serviced basis. In the event the Servicer is replaced in accordance with the terms of the Servicing Agreement by a Person other than an Affiliate of the Bank, unless otherwise agreed by the parties to the Servicing Agreement, the Guarantor will on each Guarantor Payment Date reimburse such Person, in accordance with the applicable Priority of Payments, for all costs, expenses, disbursements, charges and fees (together with any applicable Taxes due thereon) properly incurred by such Person in the performance of its services as successor Servicer.



### ***Representations and Warranties of the Servicer***

Under the Servicing Agreement, the Servicer represents and warrants to the Guarantor, the Seller, the Cash Manager and the Bond Trustee that (i) it possesses the necessary experience, qualifications, facilities and other resources to perform its responsibilities in relation to its duties and obligations thereunder; (ii) it is and will continue to be in good standing with OSFI; (iii) it is and will continue to be in regulatory good standing and in material compliance with and under all laws applicable to its duties and obligations thereunder and under the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party; (iv) the unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations (or in the case of Fitch, the issuer default ratings) of the Servicer are rated by each of the Rating Agencies at ratings that are at or above the threshold ratings of (x) Baa2 (in respect of Moody's), (y) F2 (in respect of Fitch), and (z) either BBB (low) or R-1 (middle) (in respect of DBRS) as applicable (the **Servicer Replacement Ratings**); and (v) it is and will continue to be in material compliance with its internal policies and procedures (including risk management policies) relevant to its duties and obligations thereunder.

### ***Removal or resignation of the Servicer***

The Guarantor and the Bond Trustee may, upon written notice to the Servicer, terminate the Servicer's rights and obligations (unless otherwise specified below) if any of the following events (each a **Servicer Termination Event** and each of the first three events and the last event set out below, a **Servicer Event of Default**) occurs:

- one or more Rating Agencies downgrade the Servicer's unsecured, unguaranteed and unsubordinated debt obligations, or its issuer default ratings, below the Servicer Replacement Ratings;
- the Servicer defaults in the payment of any amount due to the Guarantor under the Servicing Agreement and fails to remedy that default for a period of three Toronto Business Days after the earlier of the Servicer becoming aware of the default and receipt by the Servicer of written notice from the Bond Trustee or the Guarantor requiring the same be remedied;
- default is made by the Servicer (or any delegate thereof) in the performance of its obligations under the Servicing Agreement at any time that one or more Rating Agencies has downgraded the Servicer's unsecured, unguaranteed and unsubordinated debt obligations, or its issuer default ratings, below the Servicer Deposit Threshold Ratings, and such default continues unremedied for a period of one Toronto Business Day after the earlier of the Servicer becoming aware of such default and receipt by the Servicer of written notice from the Bond Trustee or the Guarantor requiring the same to be remedied;
- the Guarantor resolves, after due consideration and acting reasonably, that the appointment of the Servicer should be terminated provided that a substitute servicer has entered into a servicing agreement with the parties hereto (excluding the Servicer) on terms and conditions substantially similar to the terms and conditions contained herein, and with respect to which the Rating Agency Condition has been satisfied;
- an Insolvency Event occurs in relation to the Servicer;
- there is a breach by the Servicer of certain representations and warranties or a failure by the Servicer to perform certain covenants made by it under the Servicing Agreement;
- if the Servicer is the Bank or an affiliate of the Bank, an Issuer Event of Default (i) occurs and is continuing, or (ii) previously occurred and is continuing, at any time that the Guarantor is not Independently Controlled and Governed; or

- the Servicer fails to comply with any of its other covenants and obligations under the Servicing Agreement which failure in the reasonable opinion of the Bond Trustee is materially prejudicial to the interests of the Covered Bondholders and does not remedy such failure within the earlier of 30 Toronto Business Days after becoming aware of the failure and receipt by the Servicer of written notice from the Bond Trustee or the Guarantor requiring the same to be remedied.

In the case of the occurrence of the first Servicer Termination Event described above, at any time that the Guarantor is not Independently Controlled and Governed, the Guarantor will by notice in writing to the Servicer terminate its appointment as Servicer with effect from a date (not earlier than the date of the notice) specified in the notice.

Any resolution to terminate the Servicer's appointment under the Servicing Agreement will be notified to the Rating Agencies. Any such termination will become effective upon the appointment of a successor Servicer in place of the Servicer.

Subject to the fulfillment of a number of conditions, a Servicer may resign and terminate its appointment as a Servicer upon the expiry of not less than 12 months' written notice to the Bond Trustee, the Guarantor and each Rating Agency, *provided* that:

- if the Servicer who wishes to terminate its appointment is the Bank, the Guarantor and the Bond Trustee consent in writing to such termination;
- one or more new servicer(s) or successor Servicer(s) will be appointed, with such appointment to be effective no later than the date of such resignation and the Servicer who wished to terminate its appointment notifies the Rating Agencies in writing of the identity of such new servicer(s) or successor servicer(s);
- each new servicer(s) or successor Servicer(s) is qualified to act as such under applicable laws;
- each new servicer(s) or successor Servicer(s) enters into an agreement substantially on the same terms as the relevant provisions of the Servicing Agreement with the Guarantor and the Bond Trustee (which agreement may, for the avoidance of doubt, provide for the payment of such fees, costs and expenses of the new servicer(s) as the Guarantor and Bond Trustee may deem appropriate in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Servicing Agreement) and the Servicer will not be released from its obligations under the relevant provisions of the Servicing Agreement until such new servicer(s) or successor Servicer(s) has entered into such new agreement;
- each new servicer(s) or successor servicer(s) agrees to service the STEP Loans and any related Other STEP Products in the manner contemplated in the relevant provisions of the Servicing Agreement; and
- the Rating Agency Condition has been satisfied with respect to such resignation and appointment of the new servicer(s) or successor Servicer(s), unless the resignation is otherwise agreed to by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Covered Bondholders.

If the appointment of the Servicer is terminated, the Servicer must promptly deliver the Customer Files relating to the Loans comprised in the Portfolio in its possession to, or at the direction of, the Guarantor.

The Servicing Agreement will terminate at such time as the Guarantor has no further interest in any of the Loans or their Related Security serviced under the Servicing Agreement that have been comprised in the Portfolio.

The Bond Trustee is not obliged to act as Servicer in any circumstances.

The Servicing Agreement is governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

### **Cover Pool Monitor Agreement**

Under the terms of the Cover Pool Monitor Agreement entered into on the Program Date between the Cover Pool Monitor, the Guarantor, the Bank, the Cash Manager and the Bond Trustee, the Cover Pool Monitor has agreed, subject to due receipt of the information to be provided by the Cash Manager to the Cover Pool Monitor, to carry out arithmetic testing of, and report on the arithmetic accuracy of the calculations performed by the Cash Manager once each year and more frequently in certain circumstances as required by the terms of the Cover Pool Monitor Agreement with a view to confirming that the Asset Coverage Test or the Amortization Test, as applicable, is met on each applicable Calculation Date, and confirming the accuracy of the Valuation Calculation.

If the arithmetic testing conducted by the Cover Pool Monitor reveals any errors in the calculations performed by the Cash Manager, the Cover Pool Monitor will be required to conduct such arithmetic tests and report on such arithmetic accuracy for (a) the last Calculation Period of each calendar quarter of the preceding year, (b) each Calculation Period of the current year until such arithmetic testing demonstrates no arithmetical inaccuracy for three consecutive Calculation Periods, and (c) thereafter, the last Calculation Period of each remaining calendar quarter of the current year.

In addition to the arithmetic testing described above, the Cover Pool Monitor will also perform certain specified procedures in relation to the Portfolio and verify compliance by the Bank, the Guarantor and the Program with certain aspects of the Legislative Framework and the CMHC Guide.

The Cover Pool Monitor is entitled, in the absence of manifest error, to assume that all information provided to it by the Cash Manager for the purpose of performing its duties under the Cover Pool Monitor Agreement is true and correct and not misleading, and is not required to report as such or otherwise take steps to verify the accuracy of any such information. Each report of the Cover Pool Monitor delivered in accordance with the terms of the Cover Pool Monitor Agreement will be delivered to the Cash Manager, the Guarantor, the Bank, the Bond Trustee and CMHC.

The Guarantor will pay to the Cover Pool Monitor a fee per report (exclusive of applicable taxes), equal to the amount set out in the Cover Pool Monitor Agreement from time to time, for the reports to be performed by the Cover Pool Monitor.

The Guarantor may, at any time, but subject to the prior written consent of the Bond Trustee, terminate the appointment of the Cover Pool Monitor by giving at least 60 days' prior written notice to the Cover Pool Monitor (unless the Cover Pool Monitor defaults in the performance or observance of certain of its covenants or breaches certain of its representations and warranties made, respectively, under the Cover Pool Monitor Agreement, in which case such consent will not be required), *provided* that such termination may not be effected unless and until a replacement Cover Pool Monitor has been appointed by the Guarantor (such replacement to be approved by the Bond Trustee (such approval to be given if the replacement is an accountancy firm of national standing in Canada)) which agrees to perform the duties of the Cover Pool Monitor set out in the Cover Pool Monitor Agreement (or substantially similar duties).

The Cover Pool Monitor may, at any time, resign by giving at least 60 days' prior written notice to the Guarantor (or the Cash Manager on its behalf) and the Bond Trustee. The Cover Pool Monitor may resign immediately by giving written notice if any action taken by a recipient of a report delivered by the Cover Pool Monitor causes a professional conflict of interest for the Cover Pool Monitor under the rules of the professional and/or regulatory bodies regulating the activities of the Cover Pool Monitor. The Cover Pool Monitor will inform the recipients of its report as soon as reasonably practicable of any action of which the Cover Pool Monitor is aware that may cause a professional conflict of interest for the Cover Pool Monitor which could result in its resignation.

If the Guarantor has not, using all commercially reasonable endeavors, appointed a replacement Cover Pool Monitor (such replacement to be approved by the Bond Trustee) within 60 days of the giving of notice of resignation or termination or by the date which is 30 days prior to the date when tests are to be carried out in accordance with the terms of the Cover Pool Monitor Agreement, then the Guarantor will use all commercially reasonable endeavors to appoint an accountancy firm of national standing in Canada which meets the requirements of a cover pool monitor in the CMHC Guide to carry out the duties of the Cover Pool Monitor set out in the Cover Pool Monitor Agreement on a one-off basis, *provided* that such appointment is approved by the Bond Trustee, acting reasonably.

The Bond Trustee will not be obliged to act as Cover Pool Monitor under any circumstances.

The Cover Pool Monitor Agreement is governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

### **Guarantor Agreement**

The general and limited partners of the Guarantor operate the business of the Guarantor in accordance with the terms of the Guarantor Agreement between the Managing GP, as managing general partner, the Liquidation GP, as liquidation general partner, the Bank, as Limited Partner and the Bond Trustee, together with such other persons as may become partners of the Guarantor. Any Partner must be a resident of Canada for purposes of the ITA.

#### ***General Partner and Limited Partners of the Guarantor***

The Managing GP is the initial managing general partner and the Liquidation GP is the initial liquidation general partner and the Bank is currently the sole limited partner of the Guarantor. The Partners have the duties and obligations, rights, powers and privileges specified in the *Limited Partnership Act* (Ontario) and pursuant to the terms of the Guarantor Agreement.

No new limited partner may be otherwise appointed, and no new general partner may be added or general partner replaced without, among other requirements, (i) the consent of the Partners and, while there are Covered Bonds outstanding, the Bond Trustee, and (ii) satisfaction of the Rating Agency Condition.

Under the Guarantor Agreement, the Limited Partner represents and warrants to the other Partners that (i) it is a validly created chartered bank under the laws of Canada and is validly subsisting under such laws; (ii) it has taken all necessary action to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of the Guarantor Agreement; (iii) it has the capacity and corporate authority to enter into and perform its obligations under the Guarantor Agreement and such obligations do not conflict with nor do they result in a breach of any of its documents or by-laws or any material agreement by which it is bound or any applicable law the breach of which would have a material effect; (iv) no authorization, consent or approval of, or filing with or notice to, any person is required in connection with the execution, delivery or performance of the Guarantor Agreement by the Limited Partner, other than whose which have been obtained; (v) it is not a non-resident of Canada for purposes of the ITA and will retain such status during the term of the partnership governed by the Guarantor Agreement; (vi) it will not transfer any interest it holds in the Guarantor to a non-resident of Canada for purposes of the ITA; (vii) it will at all times comply with the CMHC Guide; and (viii) it will at all times comply with, and perform its obligations under, the provisions of the Guarantor Agreement and each other Transaction Document to which it is a party in any capacity.

#### ***Capital Contributions***

The Managing GP and the Liquidation GP hold 99 percent. and 1 percent. respectively of the 0.05 percent. general partner interest. The Limited Partner holds the substantial economic interest in the Guarantor (approximately 99.95 percent.). The Limited Partner may from time to time make additional Capital Contributions. Such Capital Contributions may be Cash Capital Contributions or Capital Contributions in

Kind. In the case of the latter, the Limited Partner will have an additional interest in the capital of the Guarantor equal to the fair market value of those Loans contributed by it as at the Transfer Date recorded in the Capital Account Ledger.

### ***New Limited Partners***

In the future, any person that wishes to become a new Limited Partner will, subject to the following paragraph, require the consent of the Limited Partner and, while there are Covered Bonds outstanding, the Bond Trustee, and be required to accede to the Mortgage Sale Agreement and any other Transaction Documents to which the Limited Partner is a party and deliver such other agreements and provide such other assurances as may be required by the Guarantor and/or the Bond Trustee (acting reasonably). Subject to compliance with the foregoing, the consent of the Covered Bondholders will not be required to the accession of a new Limited Partner to the Guarantor. The admission of a new Limited Partner will also be subject to satisfaction of the Rating Agency Condition.

Subject to the satisfaction of the Rating Agency Condition, the Limited Partner may assign all or some portion of its interest in the Guarantor to any subsidiary by giving written notice of such assignment to the CMHC, each of the Managing GP and the Liquidation GP, and the Bond Trustee, and the assignee of such interest acceding to the Guarantor Agreement. Any such assignment shall not require the consent of the general partners, Bond Trustee, the Covered Bondholders or, if applicable, any other Limited Partner.

### ***Capital Distributions***

Provided the Asset Coverage Test will be met after giving effect to any Capital Distribution, the Managing GP, may from time to time, in its discretion, make Capital Distributions to the Partners in accordance with the Guarantor Agreement, and *provided that* such Capital Distributions are permitted under the applicable Priorities of Payments and the Security Agreement. Pursuant to the terms of the Guarantor Agreement distributions to the Liquidation GP will be limited to an amount which may be less than the Liquidation GP's *pro rata* interest in the Guarantor.

### ***Asset Coverage Test***

Under the terms of the Guarantor Agreement, the Guarantor is required to ensure that, as of each Calculation Date, the ACT Asset Value (as defined below) is in an amount at least equal to the ACT Liability Value (as defined below) as calculated as of the relevant Calculation Date.

If as of any Calculation Date the ACT Asset Value (as defined below) is less than the ACT Liability Value (as defined below) as of the relevant Calculation Date, then the Managing GP (or the Cash Manager on its behalf) will notify the Guarantor, CMHC, the Partners and the Bond Trustee thereof. In such circumstances, the Partners (other than the Liquidation GP) shall use all reasonable efforts to ensure that the Guarantor satisfies the Asset Coverage Test prior to the next Calculation Date. If the ACT Asset Value is less than the ACT Liability Value as of the next following Calculation Date, the Asset Coverage Test will be breached and the Managing GP (or the Cash Manager on its behalf) will serve an Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice on the Guarantor, the Partners and the Bond Trustee in accordance with the Guarantor Agreement. Under the Guarantor Agreement, the Managing GP (or the Cash Manager on its behalf), the Bond Trustee will revoke an Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice if, as of any Calculation Date falling on or prior to the Guarantor Payment Date immediately following the Calculation Date after the service of an Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice, the Asset Coverage Test is subsequently satisfied and neither a Notice to Pay nor a Guarantor Acceleration Notice has been served. In such circumstances where the Asset Coverage Test is not satisfied, the Limited Partner shall use all reasonable efforts to, in its sole discretion, (i) make advances under the Intercompany Loan, (ii) sell Loans and their Related Security to the Guarantor, or (iii) make a Capital Contribution in cash or in kind, in any case on or before the next Calculation Date in amounts sufficient to ensure that the Guarantor is in compliance with the Asset Coverage Test prior to the next following Calculation Date.

Following service of an Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice (which has not been revoked):

- (i) the Guarantor may be required to sell Selected Loans (as described further under *Sale of Selected Loans at any time an Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice is outstanding or a Notice to Pay has been served to the Guarantor* below); and
- (ii) prior to the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default and service of an Issuer Acceleration Notice or, if earlier, the occurrence of a Guarantor Event of Default and service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice, the Pre-Acceleration Revenue Priority of Payments and the Pre-Acceleration Principal Priorities of Payments will be modified as more particularly described in *Cashflows—Allocation and distribution of Available Revenue Receipts and Available Principal Receipts when an Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice is outstanding but no Covered Bond Guarantee Activation Event has occurred* below.

If an Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice has been served and not revoked on or before the Guarantor Payment Date immediately following the Calculation Date after service of such Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice, then an Issuer Event of Default will occur and the Bond Trustee will be entitled (and, in certain circumstances may be required) to serve an Issuer Acceleration Notice. Following service of an Issuer Acceleration Notice, the Bond Trustee will be required to serve a Notice to Pay on the Guarantor.

For the purposes hereof:

**"Asset Coverage Test" = ACT Asset Value—ACT Liability Value**

**"ACT Asset Value" = A + B + C + D + E—F**

where:

A = the lower of (1) and (2):

- (1) the sum of the LTV Adjusted Loan Balance of each Loan in the Portfolio, net of Adjustments; and
- (2) the sum of the Asset Percentage Adjusted Loan Balance of each Loan in the Portfolio, net of Adjustments

B = Principal Receipts up to the related Calculation Date not otherwise applied on such Calculation Date

C = the aggregate cash capital contributions made by Partners or proceeds advanced under the Intercompany Loan Agreement or proceeds from any sale of Eligible Loans or other cash exclusive of Revenue Receipts up to the related Calculation Date

D = the outstanding principal amount of any Substitute Assets

E = the amount credited to the Reserve Fund balance and/or amount credited to the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Ledger, as applicable

F = the product of:

- (1) the weighted average remaining maturity of all outstanding Covered Bonds (in years and, where less than a year, deemed to be a year);
- (2) the Principal Amount Outstanding of all Covered Bonds; and
- (3) the Negative Carry Factor

**"LTV Adjusted Loan Balance"** = the lower of (1) and (2):

- (1) the True Loan Balance of the relevant Loan; and
- (2) if such Loan is a Performing Eligible Loan, 80 percent of the Market Value of the related Mortgaged Property or, if such loan is a Non-Performing Eligible Loan, zero

**"Asset Percentage Adjusted Loan Balance"** = the Asset Percentage x the lower of (1) and (2):

- (1) the True Loan Balance of the relevant Loan; and
- (2) if such Loan is a Performing Eligible Loan, the Market Value of the related Mortgaged Property or, if such loan is a Non-Performing Eligible Loan, zero

**"Performing Eligible Loans"** = Eligible Loans that are less than three months in arrears

**"Adjustments"** = the sum of:

- (1) the LTV Adjusted Loan Balance or Asset Percentage Adjusted Loan Balance (as the case may be) of any Performing Eligible Loan in breach of the Loan Representations and Warranties or otherwise subject to the Seller's repurchase obligation (but yet to be repurchased) under the Mortgage Sale Agreement; and
- (2) financial losses (yet to be recompensed) resulting from any breach by the Seller of any other material warranty in the Mortgage Sale Agreement or from any breach by the Servicer of a material term of the Servicing Agreement

**"True Loan Balance"** = the sum of:

- (1) the outstanding loan balance of the relevant Loan; and
- (2) all arrears of interest and accrued interest in respect of the relevant Loan

**"Asset Percentage"** = as determined below

**"Negative Carry Factor"** =

- (1) if the weighted average margin of the interest rate payable on the outstanding Covered Bonds relative to the interest rate receivable on the Portfolio is less than or equal to 0.1 percent per annum, then 0.5 percent; and
- (2) if the weighted average margin of the interest rate payable on the outstanding Covered Bonds relative to the interest rate receivable on the Portfolio is greater than 0.1 percent per annum, then the sum of (x) 0.5 percent and (y) the weighted average margin of the interest rate payable on the outstanding Covered Bonds less 0.1 percent,

unless the interest rate risk represented by the weighted average margin of the interest rate payable on the outstanding Covered Bonds relative to the interest rate receivable on the Portfolio is addressed or mitigated by the Interest Rate Swap Agreement, whereupon the Negative Carry Factor will be nil.

**"ACT Liability Value"** = the nominal amount of Covered Bond liabilities in Canadian Dollars (with currency transaction undertaken using or at foreign exchange rates reflected in the related Covered Bond Swap Agreement)

The "**Asset Percentage**" will be determined as follows:

On or prior to the Guarantor Payment Date immediately following the Calculation Date falling in February, May, August and November of each year, and on such other date as the Limited Partner may request following the date on which the Limited Partner is required to assign the Interest Rate Swap Agreement to a third party (each such date a **Cash Flow Model Calculation Date**), the Managing GP (or the Cash Manager on its behalf) will determine the percentage figure selected by it as the Asset Percentage based on such methodologies as the Rating Agencies may prescribe from time to time (to ensure sufficient credit enhancement for the Covered Bond Guarantee will be maintained) for the Portfolio based on the value of the Loans and their Related Security in the Portfolio as at the Calculation Date immediately preceding the Cash Flow Model Calculation Date as a whole or on the basis of a sample of Randomly Selected Loans (as described below) in the Portfolio, such calculations to be made on the same basis throughout unless the Rating Agency Condition has been satisfied in respect thereof.

The Asset Percentage will from time to time be adjusted in accordance with the various methodologies of the Rating Agencies to ensure that sufficient credit enhancement for the Covered Bond Guarantee will be maintained.

The Managing GP (or the Cash Manager on its behalf) will, or will use all reasonable efforts to cause one or more Rating Agencies to, determine the Asset Percentage at least two days prior to the Guarantor Payment Date following the Cash Flow Model Calculation Date and the Asset Percentage so determined will be the lowest percentage so determined by any of the Rating Agencies in the manner set forth above and will apply to any calculations in respect of the Calculation Period ending on such Cash Flow Model Calculation Date and each Calculation Period thereafter to but excluding the last day of the following Calculation Period ending on a Cash Flow Model Calculation Date. To the extent a Rating Agency does not respond to a request for a newly-determined Asset Percentage, the Asset Percentage last determined by such Rating Agency will continue to be the applicable percentage with respect to such Rating Agency.

The Asset Percentage will at all times be less than or equal to 95 percent, as determined in accordance with the Guarantor Agreement, provided that the Asset Percentage will not be less than 80 percent unless otherwise agreed by the Bank (and following an Issuer Event of Default, the Guarantor for the purposes of making certain determinations in respect of the Intercompany Loan). Any increase in the maximum Asset Percentage will be deemed to be a material amendment to the Trust Deed and will require satisfaction of the Rating Agency Condition.

**"Randomly Selected Loans"** means Loans and, if applicable, their Related Security, in the Portfolio, selected in accordance with the terms of the Guarantor Agreement on a basis that (i) such Loans would not, or would not reasonably be expected to, adversely affect the interests of the Covered Bondholders, and (ii) such Loans are not designed to favor the selection of any identifiable class or type or quality of Loans and their Related Security over all Loans and their Related Security in the Portfolio, provided that for such purpose, all STEP Loans made to the same STEP Borrower that are owned by the Guarantor will be considered as a single Loan.

#### **Amortization Test**

The Guarantor must ensure that as of each Calculation Date following an Issuer Event of Default that is continuing, the Amortization Asset Value will be in an amount at least equal to the Amortization Liability Value as calculated as of the relevant Calculation Date.

If on any Calculation Date following an Issuer Event of Default that is continuing, the Amortization Asset Value is less than the Amortization Liability Value as calculated as of the relevant Calculation Date, then the Amortization Test will be deemed to be breached and a Guarantor Event of Default will occur. The Guarantor or the Cash Manager, as the case may be, will immediately notify the Partners, CMHC and the Bond Trustee of any breach of the Amortization Test.



**"Amortization Test" = Amortization Asset Value—Amortization Liability Value**

**"Amortization Asset Value" = A + B + C—D**

where:

A = the aggregate Amortization True Loan Balance of each Loan in the Portfolio:

B = the amount of any cash standing to the GDA Account (exclusive of any Revenue Receipts up to the Calculation Date not otherwise applied)

C = the outstanding principal amount of any Substitute Assets

D = the product of:

- (1) the weighted average remaining maturity of all outstanding Covered Bonds (in years and, where less than a year, deemed to be a year);
- (2) the Principal Amount Outstanding of all Covered Bonds; and
- (3) the Negative Carry Factor

**"Amortization True Loan Balance" = the lower of (1) and (2)**

- (1) the True Loan Balance of the relevant Loan; and
- (2) if such Loan is a Performing Eligible Loan, 80 percent of the Market Value of the related Mortgaged Property, or if such Loan is a Non-Performing Eligible Loan, zero

**"Negative Carry Factor" =**

- (1) if the weighted average margin of the interest rate payable on the outstanding Covered Bonds relative to the interest rate receivable on the Portfolio is less than or equal to 0.1 percent per annum, then 0.5 percent; and
- (2) if the weighted average margin of the interest rate payable on the outstanding Covered Bonds relative to the interest rate receivable on the Portfolio is greater than 0.1 percent per annum, then the sum of (x) 0.5 percent and (y) the weighted average margin of the interest rate payable on the outstanding Covered Bonds less 0.1 percent,

unless the interest rate risk represented by the weighted average margin of the interest rate payable on the outstanding Covered Bonds relative to the interest rate receivable on the Portfolio is addressed or mitigated by the Interest Rate Swap Agreement, and the "Effective Date" thereunder has occurred, whereupon the Negative Carry Factor will be nil

**"Amortization Liability Value" =** the nominal amount of Covered Bond liabilities in Canadian Dollars (with currency translations undertaken using or at foregoing exchange rates reflected in the related Covered Bond Swap Agreement or, to the extent the foreign exchange risk of a non-Canadian Dollar denominated Covered Bond liability is not or no longer the subject of (or otherwise addressed or mitigated by) a Covered Bond Swap Agreement (by reason of termination or otherwise) end of day spot foreign exchange rates).

### ***Valuation Calculation***

The **Valuation Calculation** is equal to the VC Asset Value (as defined below) minus the Canadian Dollar Equivalent of the Trading Value of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds as

calculated on the relevant Calculation Date. For greater certainty, references in this Schedule to immediately preceding Calculation Date and previous Calculation Date are to the Calculation Period ending on the Calculation Date.

For the purposes of the Valuation Calculation, the **VC Asset Value** means the amount calculated as at each Calculation Date as follows:

$$A + B + C + D + E + F$$

where:

A = the aggregate **LTV Adjusted Loan Present Value** of (i) each Loan that is a Performing Eligible Loan, which shall be the lower of (1) the Present Value of the relevant Loan on such Calculation Date, and (2) 80 percent multiplied by the Latest Valuation relating to that Loan, and (ii) each Loan that is a Non-Performing Eligible Loan, which shall be equal to zero

*minus*

the aggregate sum of the following deemed reductions to the aggregate LTV Adjusted Loan Present Value of the Loans in the Portfolio if any of the following occurred during the previous Calculation Period:

- (1) a Loan or its Related Security was, in the immediately preceding Calculation Period, in breach of the Loan Representations and Warranties contained in the Mortgage Sale Agreement or subject to any other obligation of the Seller to repurchase the relevant Loan and its Related Security, and in each case the Seller has not repurchased the Loan or Loans of the relevant borrower and its or their Related Security to the extent required by the terms of the Mortgage Sale Agreement. In this event, the aggregate LTV Adjusted Loan Present Value of the Loans in the Portfolio on such Calculation Date will be deemed to be reduced by an amount equal to the LTV Adjusted Loan Present Value of the relevant Loan or Loans on such Calculation Date of the relevant borrower; and/or
- (2) the Seller, in any preceding Calculation Period, was in breach of any other material warranty under the Mortgage Sale Agreement and/or the Servicer was, in any preceding Calculation Period, in breach of a material term of the Servicing Agreement. In this event, the aggregate LTV Adjusted Loan Present Value of the Loans in the Portfolio on such Calculation Date will be deemed to be reduced by an amount equal to the resulting financial loss incurred by the Guarantor in the immediately preceding Calculation Period (such financial loss to be calculated by the Cash Manager without double counting and to be reduced by any amount paid (in cash or in kind) to the Guarantor by the Seller to indemnify the Guarantor for such financial loss);

B = the aggregate amount of any Principal Receipts on the Loans and their Related Security up to such Calculation Date (as recorded in the Principal Ledger) which have not been applied as at such Calculation Date to acquire further Loans and their Related Security or otherwise applied in accordance with the Priorities of Payments of the Guarantor Agreement and/or the other Transaction Documents;

C = the aggregate amount of (i) any Cash Capital Contributions made by the Partners (as recorded in the Capital Account Ledger for each Partner of the Guarantor), (ii) proceeds advanced under the Intercompany Loan Agreement or (iii) proceeds from any sale of Selected Loans which, in each case, have not been applied as at such Calculation Date to acquire further Loans and their Related Security or otherwise applied in accordance with the Priorities of Payments and/or the other Transaction Documents;

- D = the Trading Value of any Substitute Assets;
- E = the balance, if any, of the Reserve Fund and the amounts credited to the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Ledger, as applicable; and
- F = the Trading Value of the Swap Collateral, if applicable.

**Trading Value** = The value determined with reference to one of the methods set forth in (a) through (f) below which can reasonably be considered the most accurate indicator of institutional market value in the circumstances:

- (a) the last selling price;
- (b) the average of the high and low selling price on the calculation date;
- (c) the average selling price over a given period of days (not exceeding 30) preceding the calculation date;
- (d) the close of day bid price on the calculation date (in the case of an asset);
- (e) the close of day ask price on the calculation date (in the case of a liability);
- (f) such other value as may be indicated by at least two actionable quotes obtained from appropriate market participants instructed to have regard for the nature of the asset or liability, its liquidity and the current interest rate environment,

plus accrued return where applicable (with currency translations undertaken using or at the average close of day foreign exchange rates posted on the Bank of Canada website for the month in relation to which the calculation is made), *provided that*, in each case, the methodology selected, the reasons therefor and the determination of value pursuant to such selected methodology shall be duly documented.

***Sale of Selected Loans following a breach of the Pre-Maturity Test***

The Pre-Maturity Test will be breached if one or more Rating Agencies downgrades the Bank's unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations or issuer default rating, as applicable, below the Pre-Maturity Required Ratings and a Hard Bullet Covered Bond is due for repayment within a specified period of time thereafter. See *Credit Structure—Pre-Maturity Test*. If the Pre-Maturity Test is breached, the Guarantor will offer to sell Selected Loans pursuant to the terms of the Guarantor Agreement (see —*Method of sale of Portfolio assets* below), subject to:

- (a) any right of pre-emption of the Seller pursuant to the terms of the Mortgage Sale Agreement;
- (b) a Capital Contribution in Kind made by one or more of the Partners (as recorded in the Capital Account Ledger for such Partners) of certain Substitute Assets in accordance with the Guarantor Agreement with an aggregate principal amount up to the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Required Amount (which will be a credit to the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Ledger); or
- (c) Cash Capital Contributions made by one or more of the Partners (as recorded in the Capital Account Ledger for each applicable Partner) or proceeds advanced under the Intercompany Loan Agreement which have not been applied to acquire further Portfolio assets or otherwise applied in accordance with the Guarantor Agreement and/or the other Transaction Documents with an aggregate principal amount up to the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Required Amount (which will be a credit to the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Ledger).

If the Bank fails to repay any Series of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds on the Final Maturity Date thereof, then following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default and service of a Notice to Pay on the Guarantor, funds standing to the credit of the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Ledger will be applied to repay the relevant Series of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds. Otherwise, the proceeds will be applied as set out in *Credit Structure—Pre-Maturity Test* above.

***Sale of Selected Loans after a Demand Loan Repayment Event has occurred or the Bank has otherwise demanded that the Demand Loan be repaid***

If, prior to the service of an Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice or a Notice to Pay, a Demand Loan Repayment Event has occurred or the Bank has demanded that the Demand Loan be repaid, the Guarantor may (a) sell Selected Loans in accordance with the Guarantor Agreement (see —*Method of sale of Portfolio assets* below), subject to the rights of pre-emption enjoyed by the Seller to purchase the Portfolio assets pursuant to the terms of the Mortgage Sale Agreement, or (b) make a Payment in Kind in accordance with the terms of the Intercompany Loan Agreement. Any such sale will be subject to the condition that the Asset Coverage Test is satisfied after the receipt of the proceeds of such sale and repayment, after giving effect to such repayment.

***Sale of Selected Loans at any time an Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice is outstanding or a Notice to Pay has been served to the Guarantor***

At any time an Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice is outstanding or a Notice to Pay has been served to the Guarantor, but prior to service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice on the Guarantor, the Guarantor will be obliged to sell Selected Loans in accordance with the Guarantor Agreement (see —*Method of sale of Portfolio assets* below), subject to the rights of pre-emption enjoyed by the Seller to buy the Portfolio assets pursuant to the terms of the Mortgage Sale Agreement and subject to additional advances on the Intercompany Loan and any Cash Capital Contribution made by the Limited Partner. The proceeds from any such sale or refinancing will be credited to the GDA Account and applied as set out in the Priorities of Payments (see *Cashflows* below).

***Method of sale of Portfolio assets***

If the Guarantor is required to sell Selected Loans to Purchasers following a breach of the Pre-Maturity Test, the occurrence of a Demand Loan Repayment Event, the Demand Loan being demanded by the Bank, the service of an Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice (if not revoked) or a Notice to Pay on the Guarantor, the Guarantor will be required to ensure that before offering Selected Loans for sale:

- (a) the Loans being sold are Randomly Selected Loans (as described above); and
- (b) the Selected Loans have an aggregate True Loan Balance in an amount that is as close as possible to the amount calculated as follows:
  - (i) following a Demand Loan Repayment Event or the Demand Loan being demanded by the Bank but prior to service of an Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice, such amount that would ensure that, if the Selected Loans were sold at their True Loan Balance, the Demand Loan as calculated on the date of the demand could be repaid, subject to satisfaction of the Asset Coverage Test; or
  - (ii) following the service of an Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice (but prior to service of a Notice to Pay on the Guarantor), such amount that would ensure that, if the Selected Loans were sold at their True Loan Balance, the Asset Coverage Test would be satisfied as at the next Calculation Date taking into account the payment obligations of the Guarantor on the Guarantor Payment Date following that Calculation Date (assuming for this purpose that the Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice is not revoked on the next Calculation Date); or

(iii) following a breach of the Pre-Maturity Test or service of a Notice to Pay on the Guarantor:

$$N \times A/B$$

where:

N is an amount equal to

- (x) in respect of Selected Loans being sold following a breach of the Pre-Maturity Test, the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Required Amount less amounts standing to the credit of the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Ledger; or
- (y) in respect of Selected Loans being sold following service of a Notice to Pay, the Canadian Dollar Equivalent of the Required Redemption Amount of the Earliest Maturing Covered Bonds less amounts standing to the credit of the Guarantor Accounts and the principal amount of any Substitute Assets (excluding all amounts to be applied on the next following Guarantor Payment Date to repay higher ranking amounts in the Guarantee Priority of Payments and those amounts that are required to repay any Series of Covered Bonds which mature prior to or on the same date as the relevant Series of Covered Bonds);

A is an amount equal to the True Loan Balance of all the Loans and their Related Security in the Portfolio; and

B is an amount equal to the Canadian Dollar Equivalent of the Required Redemption Amount in respect of each Series of Covered Bonds then outstanding less the Canadian Dollar Equivalent of the Required Redemption Amount in respect of each Series of Covered Bonds then outstanding which has been provided for in cash.

**Required Redemption Amount** is an amount, in respect of a Series of Covered Bonds, equal to the *product of (i) the Principal Amount Outstanding of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds multiplied by (ii) the sum of 1 plus the Negative Carry Factor multiplied by (iii) the quotient of the number of days to maturity of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds divided by 365.*

The Guarantor will offer the Selected Loans for sale to Purchasers for the best price reasonably available but in any event:

- (a) following (i) a Demand Loan Repayment Event, the Demand Loan being demanded by the Bank or (ii) the service of an Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice (but prior to the service of a Notice to Pay on the Guarantor), in each case, for an amount not less than the True Loan Balance of the Loans;
- (b) following a breach of the Pre-Maturity Test or service of a Notice to Pay on the Guarantor, for an amount not less than the Adjusted Required Redemption Amount; and
- (c) at any other time, for an amount not less than the fair market value of such Selected Loans.

Following the service of a Notice to Pay on the Guarantor, if the Selected Loans have not been sold (in whole or in part) in an amount equal to the Adjusted Required Redemption Amount by the date which is six months prior to, as applicable, if the Covered Bonds are not subject to an Extended Due for Payment Date in respect of the Covered Bond Guarantee, the Final Maturity Date or, if the Covered Bonds are subject to an Extended Due for Payment Date in respect of the Covered Bond Guarantee, the Extended Due for Payment Date in respect of the Earliest Maturing Covered Bonds (after taking into account all payments, provisions and credits to be made in priority thereto), or the Final Maturity Date of the relevant Series of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds in respect of a sale in connection with the Pre-Maturity Test, then the Guarantor will offer

the Selected Loans for sale for the best price reasonably available notwithstanding that such amount may be less than the Adjusted Required Redemption Amount.

The Guarantor will through a tender process appoint a portfolio manager of recognized standing on a basis intended to incentivize the portfolio manager to achieve the best price for the sale of the Portfolio assets (if such terms are commercially available in the market) and to advise it in relation to the sale of the Portfolio assets to Purchasers (except where the Seller is buying the Portfolio assets in accordance with its right of pre-emption in the Mortgage Sale Agreement). The terms of the agreement giving effect to the appointment in accordance with such tender will be approved by the Bond Trustee.

In respect of any sale or refinancing (as applicable) of Selected Loans at any time an Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice is outstanding, there has been a breach of the Pre-Maturity Test, or a Notice to Pay has been served to the Guarantor, the Guarantor will instruct the portfolio manager to use all reasonable efforts to procure that Selected Loans are sold or refinanced (as applicable) as quickly as reasonably practicable (in accordance with the recommendations of the portfolio manager) taking into account the market conditions at that time and the scheduled repayment dates of the Covered Bonds and the terms of the Guarantor Agreement.

The terms of any sale and purchase agreement with respect to the sale of Selected Loans (which will give effect to the recommendations of the portfolio manager) will be subject to the prior written approval of the Bond Trustee. The Bond Trustee will not be required to release the Loans and their Related Security from the Security unless the conditions relating to the release of the Security (as described under *Security Agreement—Release of Security*, below) are satisfied.

Any such sale will not include any Loan Representations and Warranties from the Guarantor or the Seller in respect of the Portfolio assets unless expressly agreed by the Bond Trustee and unless otherwise agreed with the Seller.

Following the service of a Notice to Pay on the Guarantor, if Purchasers accept the offer or offers from the Guarantor so that some or all of the Selected Loans will be sold prior to the next following Final Maturity Date or, if the Covered Bonds are subject to an Extended Due for Payment Date in respect of the Covered Bond Guarantee, the next following Extended Due for Payment Date in respect of the Earliest Maturing Covered Bonds, then the Guarantor will, subject to the foregoing paragraph, enter into a sale and purchase agreement with the relevant Purchasers which will require among other things a cash payment from the relevant Purchasers.

#### ***Covenants of the General Partner and Limited Partner of the Guarantor***

Each of the Partners covenants that, subject to the terms of the Transaction Documents, it will not sell, transfer, convey, create or permit to arise any security interest on, create any beneficial interest in or otherwise dispose of its interest in the Guarantor without the prior written consent of the Managing GP and, while the Covered Bonds are outstanding, the Bond Trustee.

The Guarantor covenants that it will not, save with the prior written consent of the Limited Partner (and, for so long as any Covered Bonds are outstanding, the consent of the Bond Trustee) or as envisaged by the Transaction Documents:

- (a) have an interest in a bank account;
- (b) have any employees, premises or subsidiaries;
- (c) acquire any material assets;

- (d) sell, exchange, deal with or grant any option, present or future right to acquire any of the assets or undertakings of the Guarantor or any interest therein or thereto;
- (e) enter into any contracts, agreements or other undertakings;
- (f) incur any indebtedness or give any guarantee or indemnity in respect of any such indebtedness;
- (g) create or permit to subsist any security interest over the whole or any part of the assets or undertakings, present or future of the Guarantor;
- (h) change the name or business of the Guarantor or do any act in contravention of, or make any amendment to, the Guarantor Agreement;
- (i) do any act which makes it impossible to carry on the ordinary business of the Guarantor, including winding up the Guarantor;
- (j) compromise, compound or release any debt due to it;
- (k) commence, defend, consent to a judgment, settle or compromise any litigation or other claims relating to it or any of its assets;
- (l) permit a person to become a general or limited partner (except in accordance with the terms of the Guarantor Agreement); or
- (m) consolidate or merge with another person or convey or transfer its properties or assets substantially as an entirety to any other person.

***Limit on investing in Substitute Assets***

At any time that no Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice is outstanding and prior to a Notice to Pay having been served to the Guarantor, the Guarantor will be permitted to hold Substitute Assets provided that the aggregate value of the Substitute Assets does not at any time exceed an amount equal to 10 percent of the aggregate value of (i) the aggregate loan balance of the Loans in the Portfolio, (ii) the face value of the Substitute Assets in the Portfolio, and (iii) all cash held by the Guarantor (subject to the Prescribed Cash Limitation), and provided that investments in Substitute Assets are made in accordance with the terms of the Cash Management Agreement and subject to the applicable Priority of Payments.

At any time an Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice is outstanding or a Covered Bond Guarantee Activation Event has occurred, the Substitute Assets held by or on behalf of the Guarantor must be sold as quickly as reasonably practicable with proceeds credited to the GDA Account, subject at all times to the Prescribed Cash Limitation.

The Guarantor may not hold cash in excess of (such limitation, the **Prescribed Cash Limitation**) (i) the amount necessary to meet its payment obligations for the immediately succeeding six months pursuant to the terms of the Transaction Documents, or (ii) such greater amount as CMHC may at its discretion permit in accordance with the Legislative Framework and the CMHC Guide; provided that to the extent that cash receipts of the Guarantor cause it to hold cash in excess of the amount in clause (i), the Guarantor will not be in breach of this covenant if it uses such excess amount to (x) purchase Loans and their Related Security for the Portfolio pursuant to the terms of the Mortgage Sale Agreement; and/or (y) to invest in Substitute Assets in an amount not exceeding the prescribed limit under the CMHC Guide; and/or (z) subject to complying with the Asset Coverage Test, to make Capital Distributions to the Limited Partner, in each case, within 31 days of receipt.

For greater certainty, amounts standing to the credit of the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Ledger and the Reserve Fund (other than, in each case, those amounts that constitute Substitute Assets) constitute cash and are subject to the Prescribed Cash Limitation. In the event that the Guarantor is required to fund the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Ledger and/or the Reserve Fund in accordance with the Transaction Documents and such funding would cause the Guarantor to hold cash in excess of the Prescribed Cash Limitation, any cash held by the Guarantor in excess of such cash standing to the credit of the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Ledger and the Reserve Fund will be used by the Guarantor in accordance with clauses (x), (y) and (z) in the immediately preceding paragraph above to ensure that the Guarantor is not in breach of the Prescribed Cash Limitation. In the event that (i) the Guarantor is in breach of the Prescribed Cash Limitation and it does not hold any cash other than the amounts it is required to hold in order to fund the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Ledger and the Reserve Fund in accordance with the Transaction Documents or (ii) a Notice to Pay has been served to the Guarantor, the Guarantor will request that CMHC, in accordance with the discretion granted to it under the Legislative Framework and the CMHC Guide, permit the Guarantor to hold such amount of cash in excess of the Prescribed Cash Limitation as may be required to allow it to comply with the Transaction Documents in the circumstances.

The Guarantor Agreement provides that, upon the occurrence of any of the following events:

- (a) the passing of any resolution of the directors or the shareholder of the Managing GP requiring or approving the bankruptcy, dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the Managing GP;
- (b) the making of any assignment for the benefit of creditors of the Managing GP, or upon the appointment of a receiver of the assets and undertaking of the Managing GP;
- (c) the appointment of a receiver of the assets and undertaking of the Managing GP; or
- (d) the occurrence of a Covered Bond Guarantee Activation Event,

(each a **Managing GP Default Event**), the initial Managing GP (being Scotiabank Covered Bond GP Inc.) will cease to be the Managing GP of the Guarantor, and the Liquidation GP will be automatically appointed the new Managing GP without the need for consent on the part of any person.

### ***Other Provisions***

The allocation and distribution of Revenue Receipts, Principal Receipts and all other amounts received by the Guarantor is described under *Cashflows* below.

For so long as any Covered Bonds are outstanding, each of the Partners has agreed that it will not terminate or purport to terminate the Guarantor or institute any winding-up, administration, insolvency or other similar proceedings against the Guarantor or any of its general partners. Furthermore, each of the Partners has agreed, among other things, except as otherwise specifically provided in the Transaction Documents not to demand or receive payment of any amounts payable to such Partners by the Guarantor (or the Cash Manager on its behalf) or the Bond Trustee unless all amounts then due and payable by the Guarantor to all other creditors ranking higher in the relevant Priorities of Payments have been paid in full.

Each of the Partners will be responsible for the payment of its own tax liabilities and will be required to indemnify the other from any liabilities which they incur as a result of the relevant partner's non-payment.

Following the appointment of a liquidator or receiver to any partner, any decisions of the Guarantor that are reserved to the Partners or a unanimous decision of the Partners in the Guarantor Agreement will be made by the Partner(s) not in liquidation or receivership only.

The Guarantor Agreement is governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.



## Cash Management Agreement

The Cash Manager (initially the Bank) will provide certain cash management services to the Guarantor pursuant to the terms of the Cash Management Agreement between the Guarantor, the Cash Manager, GDA Provider, Seller and Servicer and the Bond Trustee.

The Cash Manager's services include but are not limited to:

- (a) maintaining the Ledgers on behalf of the Guarantor;
- (b) distributing the Revenue Receipts and the Principal Receipts in accordance with the Priorities of Payments described under *Cashflows* below;
- (c) determining whether the Asset Coverage Test is satisfied as of each Calculation Date in accordance with the Guarantor Agreement, as more fully described under *Credit Structure—Asset Coverage Test* below;
- (d) determining whether the Amortization Test is satisfied as of each Calculation Date and the service of a Notice to Pay in accordance with the Guarantor Agreement, as more fully described under *Credit Structure—Amortization Test*;
- (e) preparation of Investor Reports for the Covered Bondholders, the Rating Agencies and the Bond Trustee; and
- (f) on each Toronto Business Day, determining whether the Pre-Maturity Test for each Series of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds, if any, is satisfied as more fully described under *Credit Structure—Pre-Maturity Test* below.

Under the Cash Management Agreement, the Cash Manager represents and warrants to the Guarantor and the Bond Trustee that (i) it possesses the necessary experience, qualifications, facilities and other resources to perform its responsibilities under the Cash Management Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party and it will devote all due skill, care and diligence to the performance of its obligations and the exercise of its discretions thereunder; (ii) it is rated at or above each of the Cash Manager Required Ratings by each of the Rating Agencies; (iii) it is and will continue to be in regulatory good standing; (iv) it is and will continue to be in material compliance with its internal policies and procedures relevant to the services to be provided by it pursuant to the Cash Management Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to which it is party; and (v) it is and will continue to be in material compliance with all laws, regulations and rules applicable to it in relation to the services provided by it pursuant to the Cash Management Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party.

In the event of a Rating Agency withdrawing or downgrading the unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations or issuer default rating of the Cash Manager by one or more Rating Agency below any of the Cash Management Deposit Ratings, the Cash Manager will be required to direct the Servicer to deposit all Revenue Receipts and Principal Receipts received by the Servicer directly into the GDA Account.

In the event of a Rating Agency withdrawing or downgrading the unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations or issuer default rating of the Cash Manager below any of the Cash Manager Required Ratings, the Guarantor and the Bond Trustee will, in certain circumstances, each have the right to terminate the appointment of the Cash Manager, and shall be obligated to terminate the appointment of the Cash Manager if its ratings fall below the Cash Manager Required Ratings at any time that the Guarantor is not Independently Controlled and Governed. Upon any such termination, the Guarantor will appoint a substitute (the identity of which will be subject to the Bond Trustee's written approval). Any substitute cash

manager will have substantially the same rights and obligations as the Cash Manager (although the fee payable to the substitute cash manager may be higher).

Pursuant to the Cash Management Agreement, for so long as the Bank or an affiliate of the Bank is the Cash Manager no fee shall be payable to the Cash Manager for its services thereunder. Any substitute Cash Manager that is not an affiliate of the Bank will be entitled to such fee as may be agreed between such substitute Cash Manager and the Guarantor, which fee will be paid by the Guarantor pursuant to the applicable Priorities of Payments.

The Cash Management Agreement is governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

### **Interest Rate Swap Agreement**

To provide a hedge against possible variances in the rates of interest payable on the Portfolio assets and related amounts in the Portfolio (which may, for instance, include variable rates of interest or fixed rates of interest) and the interest amounts payable on the Intercompany Loan and (following the Covered Bond Swap Effective Date) the Covered Bond Swap Agreement, the Guarantor will enter into the Interest Rate Swap Agreement with the Interest Rate Swap Provider (initially the Bank). The Guarantor and the Interest Rate Swap Provider will agree to swap the amount of interest received by the Guarantor from borrowers and related amounts in the Portfolio in exchange for an amount sufficient to pay the interest payable on the Intercompany Loan plus a certain amount for expenses. Amounts payable under the Interest Rate Swap Agreement will be in Canadian dollars. No cash flows will be exchanged under the Interest Rate Swap Agreement unless and until the Interest Rate Swap Effective Date has occurred.

The Interest Rate Swap Agreement will terminate (unless terminated earlier by an Interest Rate Swap Early Termination Event) on the date on which the notional amount thereunder is reduced to zero.

The Interest Rate Swap Agreement may also be terminated, in certain other circumstances (each referred to as an **Interest Rate Swap Early Termination Event**), including:

- at the option of any party to the Interest Rate Swap Agreement, if there is a failure by the other party to pay any amounts due under the Interest Rate Swap Agreement (however, no such failure to pay by the Guarantor will entitle the Interest Rate Swap Provider to terminate the Interest Rate Swap Agreement, if such failure is due to the assets available at such time to the Guarantor being insufficient to make the required payment in full);
- at the option of the Guarantor, if the Interest Rate Swap Provider is the Bank and an Issuer Event of Default has occurred which has resulted in the Covered Bonds becoming due and payable under their respective terms;
- at the option of the Guarantor, in the event that (i) the short-term unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations or, respectively, the long-term unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations of the Interest Rate Swap Provider or any credit support provider, as applicable, cease to be rated at least P-1 or A2, respectively, by Moody's, or, if the short-term unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations of any such person do not have a rating assigned by Moody's, the long-term unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations of such person cease to be rated at least A1 by Moody's, (ii) the short-term issuer default rating and the long-term issuer default rating of the Interest Rate Swap Provider or any credit support provider, as applicable, cease to be rated at least F1 and A, respectively, by Fitch, or (iii) the short-term unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations or, respectively, the long-term unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations of the Interest Rate Swap Provider or any credit support provider, as applicable, cease to be rated at least R-1 (middle) or A (high), respectively, by DBRS, (each such event, an **Initial Downgrade Trigger Event**) and the Interest

Rate Swap Provider does not provide credit support to the Guarantor within 10 Toronto Business Days of the occurrence of such Initial Downgrade Trigger Event pursuant to the terms of the applicable credit support annex, or arrange for its obligations under the Interest Rate Swap Agreement to be guaranteed by, or transferred to, an entity with rating(s) required by the relevant Rating Agencies;

- at the option of the Guarantor, in the event that (i) the short-term unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations or, respectively, the long-term unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations of the Interest Rate Swap Provider or any credit support provider, as applicable, cease to be rated at least P-2 or A3, respectively, by Moody's, (ii) the short-term issuer default rating and the long-term issuer default rating of the Interest Rate Swap Provider or any credit support provider, as applicable, cease to be rated at least F3 and BBB-, respectively, by Fitch, or (iii) the short-term unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations or, respectively, the long-term unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations of the Interest Rate Swap Provider or any credit support provider, as applicable, cease to be rated at least R-2 (high) or BBB (high), respectively, by DBRS, (each such event, a **Subsequent Downgrade Trigger Event**, and together with the Initial Downgrade Trigger Events, the **Downgrade Trigger Events**) and the Interest Rate Swap Provider does not arrange for its obligations under the Interest Rate Swap Agreement to be guaranteed by, or transferred to, an entity with rating(s) required by the relevant Rating Agencies, and does not provide additional credit support to the Guarantor within 10 Toronto Business Days of the occurrence of such Subsequent Downgrade Trigger Event pursuant to the terms of the applicable credit support annex; and
- upon the occurrence of the insolvency of the Interest Rate Swap Provider, or any credit support provider, and certain insolvency-related events in respect of the Guarantor, or the merger of the Interest Rate Swap Provider without an assumption of the obligations under the Interest Rate Swap Agreement,

*provided*, however, that if at any time, the Guarantor (a) is Independently Controlled and Governed, the Guarantor has the discretion, but is not required to, (i) waive any requirement of the Interest Rate Swap Provider to provide credit support, obtain an eligible guarantee or replace itself upon the occurrence of a Downgrade Trigger Event, and (ii) refrain from forthwith terminating the Interest Rate Swap Agreement or finding a replacement Interest Rate Swap Provider, in each case, upon the occurrence of an event of default or additional termination event caused solely by the Interest Rate Swap Provider, and (b) is not Independently Controlled and Governed, the Guarantor will not have the rights set out under clause (a)(i) and (a)(ii) of this paragraph.

Upon the termination of the Interest Rate Swap Agreement pursuant to an Interest Rate Swap Early Termination Event, the Guarantor or the Interest Rate Swap Provider may be liable to make a termination payment to the other in accordance with the provisions of the Interest Rate Swap Agreement.

Swap Collateral Excluded Amounts, if applicable, will be paid to the Interest Rate Swap Provider directly and not via the Priorities of Payments.

The notional amount of the Interest Rate Swap Agreement will generally be equal to the aggregate value of the Portfolio, and will be adjusted to correspond to any sale of Portfolio assets following each of a Demand Loan Repayment Event, the Demand Loan being demanded by the Bank, breach of the Pre-Maturity Test, service of an Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice and service of a Notice to Pay and swap termination payments may be due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Interest Rate Swap Agreement as a consequence thereof.

If withholding taxes are imposed on payments made by the Interest Rate Swap Provider under the Interest Rate Swap Agreement, the Interest Rate Swap Provider will always be obliged to gross-up these payments.

If withholding taxes are imposed on payments made by the Guarantor to the Interest Rate Swap Provider under the Interest Rate Swap Agreement, the Guarantor will not be obliged to gross-up those payments.

All of the interest and obligations of the Interest Rate Swap Provider under the Interest Rate Swap Agreement may be transferred by it to a replacement swap counterparty upon the Interest Rate Swap Provider providing five Toronto Business Days' prior written notice to Guarantor and the Bond Trustee, provided that (i) such replacement swap counterparty has the rating(s) required by the relevant Rating Agencies (or the obligations of such replacement swap counterparty under the Interest Rate Swap Agreement are guaranteed by an entity having the rating(s) required by the relevant Rating Agencies), (ii) as of the date of such transfer, such replacement swap counterparty will not be required to withhold or deduct any taxes under the Interest Rate Swap Agreement as a result of such transfer, (iii) no termination event or event of default will occur under the Interest Rate Swap Agreement as a result of such transfer, (iv) no additional amount will be payable by the Guarantor under the Interest Rate Swap Agreement as a result of such transfer, (v) the Rating Agency Condition will have been satisfied, and (vi) such replacement swap counterparty enters into documentation substantially identical to the Interest Rate Swap Agreement.

The Interest Rate Swap Agreement will be in the form of an ISDA Master Agreement, including a schedule and confirmation thereto and credit support annex. Under the Interest Rate Swap Agreement, the Guarantor makes the following representations with respect to itself and/or the Interest Rate Swap Agreement, as applicable, and the Interest Rate Swap Provider makes the following representations (other than those in (x) to (xii)) with respect to itself and/or the Interest Rate Swap Agreement: (i) that it is duly organized and validly existing, (ii) that it has the power and authority to enter into the Interest Rate Swap Agreement, (iii) that it is not in violation or conflict with any applicable law, its constitutional documents, any court order or judgment or any contractual restriction, (iv) it has obtained all necessary consents, (v) its obligations under the Interest Rate Swap Agreement are valid and binding, (vi) no event of default, potential event of default or termination event has occurred and is continuing under the Interest Rate Swap Agreement, (vii) there is no pending or, to its knowledge, any threatened litigation which is likely to affect its ability to perform under the Interest Rate Swap Agreement, (viii) all information furnished in writing is true, accurate and complete in every material respect, (ix) all payments will be made without any withholding and deduction, (x) that it is a "Canadian partnership" under the ITA and a limited partnership organized under the laws of the Province of Ontario, (xi) that it is entering into the agreement as principal and not as agent, and (xii) that it is not relying on the other party for any investment advice, that is capable of assessing the merits of and understanding the risks of entering into the relevant transaction and that the Interest Rate Swap Provider is not acting as fiduciary to it.

Under the Interest Rate Swap Agreement, the Guarantor's obligations will be limited in recourse to the Portfolio.

The Interest Rate Swap Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

### **Covered Bond Swap Agreement**

To provide a hedge against currency risks in respect of amounts received by the Guarantor under the Interest Rate Swap Agreement and amounts payable in respect of its obligations under the Covered Bond Guarantee, the Guarantor will enter into the Covered Bond Swap Agreement with the Covered Bond Swap Provider (initially the Bank), and may enter into a new ISDA Master Agreement, schedule and confirmation(s) and credit support annex, if applicable, for each Tranche and/or Series of Covered Bonds issued at the time such Covered Bonds are issued. The Covered Bond Swap Provider and the Guarantor will agree to swap Canadian Dollar floating rate amounts received by the Guarantor under the Interest Rate Swap Agreement (described above) into the exchange rate specified in the Covered Bond Swap Agreement relating to the relevant Tranche or Series of Covered Bonds to hedge certain currency risks in respect of amounts received by the Guarantor under the Interest Rate Swap Agreement and amounts payable or that may become payable

in respect of its obligations under the Covered Bond Guarantee. No cash flows will be exchanged under the Covered Bond Swap Agreement unless and until the Covered Bond Swap Effective Date has occurred.

If prior to (a) the Final Maturity Date in respect of the relevant Series or Tranche of Covered Bonds, or (b) any Interest Payment Date or the Extended Due for Payment Date following a deferral of the Original Due for Payment Date to the Extended Due for Payment Date by the Guarantor pursuant to Condition 6.1 (Final redemption) (if an Extended Due for Payment Date is specified as applicable in the Final Terms Document or the Pricing Supplement for a Series of Covered Bonds and the payment of the Final Redemption Amount or any part of it by the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee is deferred pursuant to Condition 6.1 (Final redemption)), the Guarantor notifies the Covered Bond Swap Provider (pursuant to the terms of the Covered Bond Swap Agreement) of the amount in the Specified Currency to be paid by the Covered Bond Swap Provider on such Final Maturity Date or Interest Payment Date thereafter (such amount being equal to the Final Redemption Amount or the relevant portion thereof payable by the Guarantor on such Final Maturity Date or Interest Payment Date under the Covered Bond Guarantee in respect of the relevant Series or Tranche of Covered Bonds), then the Covered Bond Swap Provider will pay the Guarantor such amount and the Guarantor will pay the Covered Bond Swap Provider the Canadian Dollar Equivalent of such amount. Further, if on any day an Early Redemption Amount is payable pursuant to Condition 9.2 (Guarantor Events of Default), the Covered Bond Swap Provider will pay the Guarantor such Early Redemption Amount (or the relevant portion thereof) and the Guarantor will pay the Covered Bond Swap Provider the Canadian Dollar Equivalent thereof, following which the notional amount of the Covered Bond Swap Agreement will reduce accordingly.

The Covered Bond Swap Agreement will (unless terminated earlier by a Covered Bond Swap Early Termination Event) terminate in respect of any relevant Tranche or Series of Covered Bonds, on the earlier of:

- (a) the Final Maturity Date for, or if earlier, the date of redemption in whole of such Series of Covered Bonds or, if the Guarantor notifies the Covered Bond Swap Provider, prior to the Final Maturity Date for such Tranche or Series of Covered Bonds, of the inability of the Guarantor to pay in full Guaranteed Amounts corresponding to the Final Redemption Amount in respect of such Tranche or Series of Covered Bonds, the final Interest Payment Date on which an amount representing the Final Redemption Amount for such Tranche or Series of Covered Bonds is paid (but in any event not later than the Extended Due for Payment Date for such Tranche or Series of Covered Bonds); and
- (b) the date designated therefor by the Bond Trustee and notified to the Covered Bond Swap Provider and the Guarantor for purposes of realizing the Security in accordance with the Security Agreement and distributing the proceeds therefrom in accordance with the Post-Enforcement Priority of Payments following the enforcement of the Security pursuant to Condition 9.3 (Enforcement).

The Covered Bond Swap Agreement may also be terminated in certain other circumstances (each referred to as a **Covered Bond Swap Early Termination Event**), including:

- at the option of any party to the Covered Bond Swap Agreement, if there is a failure by the other party to pay any amounts due under the Covered Bond Swap Agreement (however, no such failure to pay by the Guarantor will entitle the Covered Bond Swap Provider to terminate the Covered Bond Swap Agreement, if such failure is due to the assets available at such time to the Guarantor being insufficient to make the required payment in full);
- at the option of the Guarantor, if the Covered Bond Swap Provider is the Bank and an Issuer Event of Default has occurred which has resulted in the Covered Bonds becoming due and payable under their respective terms;
- an Initial Downgrade Trigger Event has occurred and the Covered Bond Swap Provider does not provide credit support to the Guarantor within 10 Toronto Business Days of the occurrence of such

Initial Downgrade Trigger Event pursuant to the terms of the applicable credit support annex, or arrange for its obligations under the Covered Bond Swap Agreement to be guaranteed by, or transferred to, an entity with rating(s) required by the relevant Rating Agencies;

- at the option of the Guarantor, a Subsequent Downgrade Trigger Event has occurred and the Covered Bond Swap Provider does not arrange for its obligations under the Covered Bond Swap Agreement to be guaranteed by, or transferred to, an entity with rating(s) required by the relevant Rating Agencies, and does not provide additional credit support to the Guarantor within 10 Toronto Business Days of the occurrence of such Subsequent Downgrade Trigger Event pursuant to the terms of the applicable credit support annex; and
- upon the occurrence of the insolvency of the Covered Bond Swap Provider, or any credit support provider, and certain insolvency-related events in respect of the Guarantor, or the merger of the Covered Bond Swap Provider without an assumption of the obligations under the Covered Bond Swap Agreement.

*Provided, however,* that if, at any time, the Guarantor (a) is Independently Controlled and Governed, the Guarantor has the discretion, but is not required to, (i) waive any requirement of the Covered Bond Swap Provider to provide credit support, obtain an eligible guarantee or replace itself upon the occurrence of a Downgrade Trigger Event, and (ii) refrain from forthwith terminating the Covered Bond Swap Agreement or finding a replacement Covered Bond Swap Provider, in each case, upon the occurrence of an event of default or additional termination event caused solely by the Covered Bond Swap Provider, and (b) is not Independently Controlled and Governed, the Guarantor will not have the rights set out under clause (a)(i) and (a)(ii) of this paragraph.

Upon the termination of the Covered Bond Swap Agreement pursuant to a Covered Bond Swap Early Termination Event, the Guarantor or the Covered Bond Swap Provider may be liable to make a termination payment to the other in accordance with the provisions of the Covered Bond Swap Agreement.

Any termination payment made by the Covered Bond Swap Provider to the Guarantor in respect of the Covered Bond Swap Agreement will first be used to the extent necessary (prior to the occurrence of a Guarantor Event of Default and service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice) to pay a replacement Covered Bond Swap Provider to enter into a replacement Covered Bond Swap Agreement with the Guarantor, unless a replacement Covered Bond Swap Agreement has already been entered into on behalf of the Guarantor. Any premium received by the Guarantor from a replacement Covered Bond Swap Provider entering into a Covered Bond Swap Agreement will first be used to make any termination payment due and payable by the Guarantor with respect to the Covered Bond Swap Agreement, unless such termination payment has already been made on behalf of the Guarantor.

Swap Collateral Excluded Amounts, if applicable, will be paid to the Covered Bond Swap Provider directly and not via the Priorities of Payments.

All of the interest and obligations of the Covered Bond Swap Provider under the Covered Bond Swap Agreement may be transferred by it to a replacement swap counterparty upon the Covered Bond Swap Provider providing five Toronto Business Days' prior written notice to Guarantor and the Bond Trustee, provided that (i) such replacement swap counterparty has the rating(s) required by the relevant Rating Agencies (or the obligations of such replacement swap counterparty under the Covered Bond Swap Agreement are guaranteed by an entity having the rating(s) required by the relevant Rating Agencies), (ii) as of the date of such transfer, such replacement swap counterparty will not be required to withhold or deduct any taxes under the Covered Bond Swap Agreement as a result of such transfer, (iii) no termination event or event of default will occur under the Covered Bond Swap Agreement as a result of such transfer, (iv) no additional amount will be payable by the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Swap Agreement as a result of such transfer, (v) the Rating Agency Condition will have been satisfied, and (vi) such replacement swap counterparty enters into documentation substantially identical to the Covered Bond Swap Agreement.

If withholding taxes are imposed on payments made by the Covered Bond Swap Provider to the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Swap Agreement, the Covered Bond Swap Provider will always be obliged to gross-up those payments. If withholding taxes are imposed on payments made by the Guarantor to the Covered Bond Swap Provider under the Covered Bond Swap Agreement, the Guarantor will not be obliged to gross-up those payments.

The Covered Bond Swap Agreement will be in the form of an ISDA Master Agreement, including a schedule and confirmation and credit support annex, if applicable, in relation to each particular Tranche or Series of Covered Bonds, as the case may be. Under the Covered Bond Swap Agreement, the Guarantor makes the following representations with respect to itself and/or the Covered Bond Swap Agreement, as applicable, and the Covered Bond Swap Provider makes the following representations (other than those in (x) to (xii)) with respect to itself and/or the Covered Bond Swap Agreement: (i) that it is duly organized and validly existing, (ii) that it has the power and authority to enter into the Covered Bond Swap Agreement, (iii) that it is not in violation or conflict with any applicable law, its constitutional documents, any court order or judgment or any contractual restriction, (iv) it has obtained all necessary consents, (v) its obligations under the Covered Bond Swap Agreement are valid and binding, (vi) no event of default, potential event of default or termination event has occurred and is continuing under the Covered Bond Swap Agreement, (vii) there is no pending or, to its knowledge, any threatened litigation which is likely to affect its ability to perform under the Covered Bond Swap Agreement, (viii) all information furnished in writing is true, accurate and complete in every material respect, (ix) all payments will be made without any withholding and deduction, (x) that it is a "Canadian partnership" under the ITA and a limited partnership organized under the laws of the Province of Ontario, (xi) that it is entering into the agreement as principal and not as agent, and (xii) that it is not relying on the other party for any investment advice, that is capable of assessing the merits of and understanding the risks of entering into the relevant transaction and that the Covered Bond Swap Provider is not acting as fiduciary to it.

Under the Covered Bond Swap Agreement, the Guarantor's obligations will be limited in recourse to the Portfolio.

The Covered Bond Swap Agreement will be governed by, and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

### **Bank Account Agreement**

Pursuant to the terms of the Bank Account Agreement between the Guarantor, the Account Bank (initially, the Bank), the GDA Provider (initially the Bank), the Cash Manager (initially the Bank) and the Bond Trustee, the Guarantor will maintain with the Account Bank the Transaction Account (to the extent maintained), into which amounts may be deposited by the Guarantor prior to their transfer to the GDA Account. Funds standing to the credit of the Transaction Account will be transferred to the GDA Account on each Guarantor Payment Date and applied by the Cash Manager in accordance with the Priorities of Payments described below under *Cashflows*. The Transaction Account will be operated in accordance with the Cash Management Agreement, the Guarantor Agreement, and the Security Agreement.

Under the Bank Account Agreement, the Account Bank represents and warrants to the Cash Manager, the GDA Provider, the Guarantor and the Bond Trustee on the Program Date and on each date on which an amount is credited to the Guarantor Accounts and on each Guarantor Payment Date that: (i) it is a bank listed in Schedule I to the Bank Act and duly qualified to do business in every jurisdiction where the nature of its business requires it to be so qualified, (ii) the execution, delivery and performance by it of the Bank Account Agreement (x) are within its corporate powers, (y) have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action, and (z) do not contravene or result in a default under or conflict with (A) its charter or by-laws, (B) any law, rule or regulation applicable to it, or (C) any order, writ, judgment, award, injunction, decree or contractual obligation binding on or affecting it or its property, (iii) it is not a non-resident of Canada for purposes of the ITA, (iv) it possesses the necessary experience, qualifications, facilities and other resources to perform its responsibilities under the Transaction Documents to which it is a party, (v) it is rated at or

above the Account Bank Required Ratings by each of the Rating Agencies, (vi) it is and will continue to be in good standing with OSFI, (vii) it is and will continue to be in material compliance with its internal policies and procedures (including risk management policies) relevant to the services to be provided by it pursuant to the Bank Account Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to which it is party, (viii) it will exercise reasonable skill and care in the performance of its obligations hereunder and the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party, and (ix) it will comply with the CMHC Guide and all Transaction Documents to which it is a party and all material legal and regulatory requirements applicable to the conduct of its business so that it can lawfully attend to the performance of its obligations under the Bank Account Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party.

If one or more Rating Agencies downgrade the unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations of the Account Bank below the Account Bank Required Ratings (as defined below), or if certain other events occur and the Account Bank is terminated, then the GDA Account and the Transaction Account (to the extent maintained) will be required to be closed and all amounts standing to the credit thereof transferred to accounts held with the Standby Account Bank.

**Account Bank Required Ratings** means the threshold ratings of (i) P-1 (in respect of Moody's), (ii) A and F1 (in respect of Fitch), and (iii) AA (low) or R-1(middle) (in respect of DBRS), as applicable, of the unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations (or, in the case of Fitch, the issuer default rating) of the Account Bank by the Rating Agencies.

In addition to the requirement that the Guarantor Accounts be moved to the Standby Account Bank if the Account Bank breaches the Account Bank Required Ratings as described above, the Guarantor may (in the case of (i) through (iii) below) or will (in the case of (iv) through (vii) below) (in the case of each of the events below other than (vii), with the prior consent of the Bond Trustee, which consent shall not be withheld unless the Bond Trustee determines that the termination of the Bank Account Agreement would be materially prejudicial to the Covered Bondholders) terminate the Bank Account Agreement and move the Guarantor Accounts to the Standby Account Bank if: (i) a deduction or withholding for or on account of any taxes is imposed or is likely to be imposed in respect of the interest payable on any Guarantor Account, (ii) there is a breach by the Account Bank of certain representations and warranties or a failure by the Account Bank to perform certain covenants made by it under the Bank Account Agreement, (iii) the Account Bank fails to comply with any of its other covenants and obligations under the Bank Account Agreement, which failure in the reasonable opinion of the Bond Trustee is materially prejudicial to the interests of the Covered Bondholders and such failure is not remedied within 30 days of the earlier of the Account Bank becoming aware of the failure and receipt by the Account Bank of notice from the Bond Trustee requiring the same to be remedied, (iv) the Account Bank ceases or threatens to cease carrying on the business of the Account Bank, (v) an order is made for the winding up of the Account Bank, (vi) an Insolvency Event occurs with respect to the Account Bank, or (vii) if the Account Bank is the Bank or an affiliate thereof, an Issuer Event of Default has occurred and is continuing.

The Bank Account Agreement is governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

### **Standby Bank Account Agreement**

Pursuant to the terms of a standby bank account agreement (the **Standby Bank Account Agreement**) between the Guarantor, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (the **Standby Account Bank**), the Standby GDA Provider, the Cash Manager, the Bank and the Bond Trustee (as amended and/or restated and/or supplemented from time to time) the Standby Account Bank will open and maintain a standby GDA account (the **Standby GDA Account**) and standby transaction account (the **Standby Transaction Account**) in the name of the Guarantor following delivery by the Guarantor (or the Cash Manager on its behalf) of a standby account bank notice (the **Standby Account Bank Notice**) to the Standby Account Bank.



Pursuant to the terms of the Cash Management Agreement, the Cash Manager will deliver a Standby Account Bank Notice to the Standby Account Bank if the funds held in the GDA Account and the Transaction Account (to the extent maintained) are required to be transferred to the Standby Account Bank pursuant to the terms of the Bank Account Agreement or the Bank Account Agreement is terminated for any reason.

The Standby Bank Account Agreement provides that the Standby GDA Account and the Standby Transaction Account, when opened, will be subject to the security interest in favor of the Bond Trustee (for itself and on behalf of the other Secured Creditors) granted under the Security Agreement and that payments of amounts owing to the Standby Account Bank in respect of fees or otherwise will be subject to the relevant Priorities of Payments set out in the Guarantor Agreement and the Security Agreement.

Under the Standby Bank Account Agreement, the Standby Account Bank represents and warrants to the Guarantor and the Bond Trustee on the Program Date and on each date on which an amount is credited to any Guarantor Account that is held with the Standby Account Bank and on each Guarantor Payment Date that: (i) it is a bank listed in Schedule I to the Bank Act and duly qualified to do business in every jurisdiction where the nature of its business requires it to be so qualified, (ii) the execution, delivery and performance by it of the Standby Bank Account Agreement (x) are within its corporate powers, (y) have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action, and (z) do not contravene or result in a default under or conflict with (A) its charter or by-laws, (B) any law, rule or regulation applicable to it, or (C) any order, writ, judgment, award, injunction, decree or contractual obligation binding on or affecting it or its property, (iii) it is not a non-resident of Canada for purposes of the ITA, (iv) it possesses the necessary experience, qualifications, facilities and other resources to perform its responsibilities under the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party, (v) it is rated at or above the Account Bank Required Ratings by each of the Rating Agencies, (vi) it is and will continue to be in good standing with OSFI, (vii) it is and will continue to be in material compliance with its internal policies and procedures (including risk management policies) relevant to the services to be provided by it pursuant to the Standby Bank Account Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to which it is party, (viii) it will exercise reasonable skill and care in the performance of its obligations hereunder and the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party, (ix) it will comply with the CMHC Guide and all Transaction Documents to which it is a party and all material legal and regulatory requirements applicable to the conduct of its business so that it can lawfully attend to the performance of its obligations under the Standby Bank Account Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party.

The Standby Bank Account Agreement further provides that if one or more Rating Agencies downgrades or withdraws the ratings of the unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations, or issuer default rating, as applicable, of the Standby Account Bank below the Standby Account Bank Required Ratings, then the Standby GDA Account and the Standby Transaction Account (to the extent maintained) will be required to be closed and all amounts standing to the credit thereof transferred to accounts held with a bank having the Standby Bank Account Required Ratings.

**Standby Account Bank Required Ratings** means the threshold ratings of (i) P-1 with respect to the short-term unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations of the Standby Account Bank by Moody's, (ii) F1 with respect to the short-term issuer default rating of the Standby Account Bank by Fitch, (iii) A with respect to long-term issuer default rating of the Standby Account Bank by Fitch; and (iv) either (A) R-1 (middle) with respect to the short-term unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations of the Standby Account Bank by DBRS, or (B) A (low) with respect to the long-term unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations of the Standby Account Bank by DBRS.

In addition to the requirement that the Guarantor Accounts be moved from the Standby Account Bank to a bank having the Standby Bank Account Required Ratings if one or more Rating Agencies downgrades or withdraws the ratings of the unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations of the Standby Account Bank, or the issuer default rating of the Standby Account Bank, as applicable, below the Standby Account Bank Required Ratings as described above, the Guarantor may (in the case of (i) through (iii)

below) or will (in the case of (iv) through (vi) below) (in the case of each of the events below other than (vii), with the prior consent of the Bond Trustee, which consent shall not be withheld unless the Bond Trustee determines that the termination of the Standby Bank Account Agreement would be materially prejudicial to the Covered Bondholders) terminate the Standby Bank Account Agreement and move the Guarantor Accounts from the Standby Account Bank to a bank having the Standby Bank Account Required Ratings if: (i) a deduction or withholding for or on account of any taxes is imposed or is likely to be imposed in respect of the interest payable on any Guarantor Account, (ii) there is a breach by the Standby Account Bank of certain representations and warranties or a failure by the Standby Account Bank to perform certain covenants made by it under the Standby Bank Account Agreement, (iii) the Standby Account Bank materially breaches any of its other covenants and obligations under the Standby Bank Account Agreement or the Standby Guaranteed Deposit Account Contract, (iv) the Standby Account Bank ceases or threatens to cease carrying on the business of the Standby Account Bank, (v) an order is made for the winding up of the Standby Account Bank, or (vi) an Insolvency Event occurs with respect to the Standby Account Bank.

References herein to the GDA Account or the Transaction Account include, unless otherwise stated, references to the Standby GDA Account or the Standby Transaction Account when the Standby GDA Account and the Standby Transaction Account become operative.

The Standby Bank Account Agreement is governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

#### **Guaranteed Deposit Account Contract**

The Guarantor has entered into a guaranteed deposit account contract (**Guaranteed Deposit Account Contract** or **GDA**) with the GDA Provider, the Cash Manager and the Bond Trustee pursuant to which the GDA Provider has agreed to pay interest on the moneys standing to the credit thereof at the GDA Rate. Under the Guaranteed Deposit Account Contract, the GDA Provider makes the same representations and warranties to the Cash Manager, the Guarantor and the Bond Trustee on the Program Date and on each date on which an amount is credited to the GDA Account and on each Guarantor Payment Date as are made by the Account Bank and which are described under *Bank Account Agreement* above.

The Guaranteed Deposit Account Contract is governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

#### **Standby Guaranteed Deposit Account Contract**

The Guarantor has entered into a standby guaranteed deposit account contract with Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (the **Standby GDA Provider**), the Cash Manager, and the Bond Trustee on the Program Date (as amended and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the **Standby Guaranteed Deposit Account Contract**), pursuant to which the Standby GDA Provider has agreed to pay interest on the Standby GDA Account at the Standby GDA Rate. Under the Standby Guaranteed Deposit Account Contract, the Standby GDA Provider makes the same representations and warranties to the Guarantor and the Bond Trustee on the Program Date and on each date on which an amount is credited to the Standby GDA Account and on each Guarantor Payment Date as are made by the Standby Account Bank and which are described under —*Standby Bank Account Agreement* above.

Funds on deposit in the GDA Account and the Transaction Account (to the extent maintained) will be transferred to the Standby GDA Account if the Cash Manager has delivered a Standby Account Bank Notice to the Standby Account Bank that such funds are required to be transferred to the Standby Account Bank pursuant to the terms of the Bank Account Agreement or the Bank Account Agreement is terminated for any reason, and funds that were previously required to be deposited to the GDA Account and the Transaction Account (to the extent maintained) pursuant to the terms of the Transaction Documents will thereafter be deposited only to the Standby GDA Account.

The Standby Guaranteed Deposit Account Contract is governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

### **Security Agreement**

Pursuant to the terms of the Security Agreement entered into on the Program Date by the Guarantor, the Bond Trustee and other Secured Creditors, the secured obligations of the Guarantor and all other obligations of the Guarantor under or pursuant to the Transaction Documents to which it is a party owed to the Bond Trustee and the other Secured Creditors are secured by a first ranking security interest (the **Security**) over all present and future assets of the Guarantor, including the Portfolio, certain contractual rights and any Excess Proceeds, subject to the right of the Guarantor to sell such Portfolio assets pursuant to and in accordance with the Transaction Documents.

#### *Representations and Warranties of the Guarantor*

Under the Security Agreement, the Guarantor represents and warrants to the Bond Trustee and the other Secured Creditors that it has taken all necessary steps to grant the Security in accordance with the Security Agreement, and that it has taken no action or steps to prejudice its right, title and interest in and to the assets that are subject to the Security.

#### *Release of Security*

In the event of any sale of Loans (including Selected Loans) and their Related Security by the Guarantor, pursuant to and in accordance with the Transaction Documents, the Bond Trustee will (subject to the written request of the Guarantor) release those Loans from the Security created by and pursuant to the Security Agreement on the date of such sale but only if (i) the Bond Trustee provides its prior written consent to the terms of such sale in accordance with the Guarantor Agreement, and (ii) the Guarantor provides a certificate to the Bond Trustee that such sale of Loans and their Related Security has been made in accordance with the terms of the Transaction Documents.

In the event of the repurchase of a Loan and its Related Security by the Seller pursuant to and in accordance with the Transaction Documents, the Bond Trustee will release that Loan from the Security created by and pursuant to the Security Agreement on or prior to the date of the repurchase.

#### *Enforcement*

If a Guarantor Event of Default occurs and a Guarantor Acceleration Notice is served to the Bank and the Guarantor, the Bond Trustee will be entitled to appoint a Receiver, and/or enforce the Security constituted by the Security Agreement (including selling the Portfolio), and/or take such steps as it will deem necessary, subject in each case to being indemnified and/or secured to its satisfaction. All proceeds (other than any Third Party Amount or Swap Collateral Excluded Amounts) received by the Bond Trustee from the enforcement of the Security will be applied in accordance with the Post-Enforcement Priority of Payments described under *Cashflows*.

The Security Agreement is governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein (other than certain other provisions relating to real property located outside of the Province of Ontario which will be governed by the law of the jurisdiction in which such property is located).

#### *Issuer-ICSDs Agreement*

Prior to the issuance of any NGCBs, the Bank will enter into an Issuer-ICSDs Agreement with Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. and Clearstream Banking SA (the **ICSDs**) in respect of any Covered Bonds issued in NGCB form. The Issuer-ICSDs Agreement provides that the ICSDs will, in respect of any such NGCBs, maintain their respective portion of the issue outstanding amount through their records.

The Issuer-ICSDs Agreement will be governed by English law.

### **Corporate Services Agreement**

Pursuant to the terms of a corporate services agreement (such corporate services agreement as amended and/or restated and/or supplemented from time to time, the **Corporate Services Agreement**) by and among the Corporate Services Provider, the Liquidation GP, the Bank and the Guarantor, the Corporate Services Provider will provide corporate services to the Liquidation GP.

The Corporate Services Agreement is governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

### **Agency Agreement**

Under the terms of the Agency Agreement between the Agents, the Bank, the Guarantor and the Bond Trustee, the Agents have been appointed by the Bank and the Guarantor to carry out various issuing and paying agency, exchange agency, transfer agency, calculation agency and registrar duties in respect of the Covered Bonds. Such duties include, but are not limited to, dealing with any applicable stock exchanges and clearing systems on behalf of the Bank and the Guarantor in connection with an issuance of Covered Bonds and making payments of interest and principal in respect of the Covered Bonds upon receipt of such amounts from the Bank or the Guarantor, as applicable.

Upon the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, Potential Issuer Event of Default, a Guarantor Event of Default or Potential Guarantor Event of Default, as applicable, the Bond Trustee may, by notice in writing to the Bank, the Guarantor and the Agents, require the Agents to thereafter act as agents of the Bond Trustee.

Any Agent or Calculation Agent may resign its appointment under the Agency Agreement and/or in relation to any Series of Covered Bonds upon 60 days' notice to the Bank, the Guarantor and the Bond Trustee, provided that any such resignation by the Principal Paying Agent, the Registrar or any Calculation Agent will not be effective unless a successor has been appointed.

The Bank or the Guarantor may, with the prior written consent of the Bond Trustee, revoke its appointment of any Agent or Calculation Agent under the Agency Agreement and/or in relation to any Series of Covered Bonds upon 45 days' notice to such Agent or Calculation Agent, provided that in certain circumstances, such revocation will not be effective unless a successor has been appointed. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Guarantor may revoke the appointment of any Agent or Calculation Agent in the event that there is a breach by such Agent or Calculation Agent of certain representations and warranties or a failure by such Agent or Calculation Agent to perform certain covenants made by it under the Agency Agreement. In addition, if the unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations or issuer default ratings of a Paying Agent cease to be rated by the Rating Agencies at or above each of the Paying Agent Required Ratings at any time that (a) the Guarantor is Independently Controlled and Governed, the Guarantor may, and (b) the Guarantor is not Independently Controlled and Governed, the Guarantor shall, terminate the appointment of such Paying Agent and appoint one or more further or other Agents. Furthermore, if an Issuer Event of Default (A) occurs and is continuing, or (B) has previously occurred and is continuing, at any time that the Guarantor is Independently Controlled and Governed, the Guarantor may terminate the appointment of an Agent which is the Bank or an affiliate of the Bank and appoint one or more further or other Agents.

The appointment of any Agent or Calculation Agent under the Agency Agreement and in relation to each relevant Series of Covered Bonds will terminate if any of the following events or circumstances will occur or arise: such Agent or Calculation Agent becomes incapable of acting; such Agent or Calculation Agent is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent; such Agent or Calculation Agent files a voluntary petition in bankruptcy or makes an assignment for the benefit of its creditors or consents to the appointment of a receiver, administrator or other similar official of all or any substantial part of its property or admits in writing its inability to pay or meet its debts as they mature or suspends payment thereof; a receiver, administrator or

other similar official of such Agent or Calculation Agent or of all or any substantial part of its property is appointed; an order of any court is entered approving any petition filed by or against such Agent or Calculation Agent under the provisions of any applicable bankruptcy or insolvency law; or any public officer takes charge or control of such Agent or Calculation Agent or of its property or affairs for the purpose of rehabilitation, conservation or liquidation.

The Agency Agreement is governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

### **Modification of Transaction Documents**

The provisions of the Transaction Documents generally require that all amendments thereto be in writing and executed by the parties thereto. In addition, any material amendment to a Transaction Document will be subject to satisfaction of the Rating Agency Condition. Pursuant to the terms of the Security Agreement and the Trust Deed, the Bond Trustee is permitted to consent to and/or execute amendments without consulting the other Secured Creditors if the amendment is of a minor or technical nature or the Bond Trustee is otherwise satisfied that the amendment is not reasonably expected to be materially prejudicial to the interests of the Covered Bondholders.

In addition to the general amendment provisions, the Managing GP has the authority to make amendments to the Guarantor Agreement without the consent of any other party in order to cure any ambiguity or correct or supplement any provision thereof, provided that such amendments do not adversely affect the interests of the other Partners, or, while Covered Bonds are outstanding, the Bond Trustee (on behalf of the Covered Bondholders). If the interests of any such party would be adversely affected by a proposed amendment to the Guarantor Agreement, such amendment may only be made by the Managing GP with the consent of such adversely affected Partner and/or the Bond Trustee, as applicable.

For greater certainty, all amendments to the Transaction Documents must comply with the CMHC Guide.

### **Modification of Ratings Triggers and Consequences**

Any amendment to (a) a Ratings Trigger provided for in any Transaction Document that lowers the threshold ratings specified therein, or (b) the consequences of breaching any such Ratings Trigger provided for in any Transaction Document that makes such consequences less onerous, will, with respect to each affected Rating Agency only, be deemed to be a material amendment and will be subject to satisfaction of the Rating Agency Condition with respect to each affected Rating Agency.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if at any time the Bank determines that any one of DBRS, Fitch or Moody's will not be a Rating Agency in respect of the Program, then, so long as (a) the Program is in compliance with the terms of the CMHC Guide with respect to ratings of the Covered Bonds, and (b) each outstanding Series of Covered Bonds is rated by at least two Rating Agencies, the Ratings Triggers for such rating agency will not be applicable to the Program without any further action or formality, including for greater certainty satisfaction of the Rating Agency Condition or consent or approval of the Bond Trustee or the holders of the Covered Bonds. Any amendments to the Transaction Documents to reflect the foregoing will be deemed not to be a material amendment and may be made by the parties thereto without the requirement for satisfaction of the Rating Agency Condition with respect to any Rating Agency or consent or approval of the Bond Trustee or the holders of the Covered Bonds.

## CREDIT STRUCTURE

The Covered Bonds will constitute deposit liabilities of the Bank for purposes of the Bank Act, however the 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 Bank and rank *pari passu* with all deposit liabilities of the Bank without any preference among themselves and (save for any obligations required to be preferred by law) at least *pari passu* with all other present and future, except as prescribed by law.

The Guarantor has no obligation to pay the Guaranteed Amounts under the Covered Bond Guarantee until the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, service by the Bond Trustee on the Bank of an Issuer Acceleration Notice and on the Guarantor of a Notice to Pay or, if earlier, following the occurrence of a Guarantor Event of Default and service by the Bond Trustee of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice on the Bank and the Guarantor. The Bank will not be relying on payments by the Guarantor in respect of Advances under the Intercompany Loan Agreement or receipt of Revenue Receipts or Principal Receipts from the Portfolio in order to pay interest or repay principal under the Covered Bonds. The recourse of the Covered Bondholders to the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee will be limited to the Portfolio and will be subject to the applicable Priority of Payments.

The Program includes certain features relating to the timely and, as applicable, ultimate payments of principal and interest to Covered Bondholders, as follows:

- the Covered Bond Guarantee and Portfolio provide credit support to the Covered Bondholders;
- the Pre-Maturity Test tests the liquidity of the Guarantor's assets with respect to principal due on the Final Maturity Date of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds;
- the Asset Coverage Test determines whether the asset coverage of the Guarantor's assets with respect to the Covered Bonds is maintained at a certain level;
- the Amortization Test tests the asset coverage of the Guarantor's assets in respect of the Covered Bonds following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default and service of a Notice to Pay on the Guarantor;
- the Valuation Calculation monitors the Program's exposure to market risk;
- a Reserve Fund (if one or more Rating Agencies downgrades the unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations or issuer default rating of the Bank below the Reserve Fund Required Amount Ratings) will be established by the Guarantor (or the Cash Manager on its behalf) in the GDA Account to reserve Available Revenue Receipts and Available Principal Receipts up to a specified amount; and
- under the terms of the Guaranteed Deposit Account Contract, the GDA Provider has agreed to pay a variable rate of interest on all amounts held by the Guarantor in the GDA Account at a floor of 0.10 percent below 1-month CDOR that appears on the Reuters Screen as of 10.00 a.m. (Toronto time) on the date of determination, as reported by the GDA Provider (and if such screen is not available, any successor or similar service as may be selected by the GDA Provider) or such greater amount as the Guarantor and the GDA Provider may agree from time to time.

### Covered Bond Guarantee

The Covered Bond Guarantee provided by the Guarantor under the Trust Deed guarantees payment of Guaranteed Amounts when they become Due for Payment in connection with all Covered Bonds issued

under the Program following the service of a Notice to Pay on the Guarantor. The Covered Bond Guarantee will not guarantee any amount becoming payable on the Covered Bonds for any other reason, including any accelerated payment pursuant to Condition 9 (Events of Default, Acceleration and Enforcement) following service of a Notice to Pay on the Bank. Under this circumstance (and until a Guarantor Event of Default occurs and a Guarantor Acceleration Notice is served), the Guarantor's obligations will only be to pay the Guaranteed Amounts as they fall Due for Payment. However, should any payments made by the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee be subject to any withholding or deduction on account of taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed or levied by or on behalf of Canada or any province or territory thereof or by any authority therein or thereof having the power to tax, the Guarantor will not be obliged to pay any additional amount as a consequence.

See further *Overview of the Principal Documents*.

### **Pre-Maturity Test**

Certain Series of Covered Bonds may be scheduled to be redeemed in full on their respective Final Maturity Dates without any provision for scheduled redemption other than on the Final Maturity Date (the **Hard Bullet Covered Bonds**). The applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement will identify whether any Series of Covered Bonds is a Series of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds. The Pre-Maturity Test is intended to test the liquidity of the Guarantor's assets in respect of the Hard Bullet Covered Bonds when the Bank's Ratings fall below a certain level. On each Toronto Business Day that falls within twelve months prior to the Final Maturity Date of any Series of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds (each, a **Pre-Maturity Test Date**) prior to the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default or the occurrence of a Guarantor Event of Default, the Guarantor or the Cash Manager on its behalf will determine if the Pre-Maturity Test has been breached, and if so, it will immediately notify the Seller and the Bond Trustee.

The Issuer will fail and be in breach of the Pre-Maturity Test in respect of a Series of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds on a Pre-Maturity Test Date if:

- (a) the short-term issuer default rating from Fitch of the Issuer falls below F1+ and the Final Maturity Date of the Series of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds falls within 12 months from the relevant Pre-Maturity Test Date; or
- (b) the rating from Moody's of the Issuer's unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations falls below P-1 and the Final Maturity Date of the Series of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds falls within 12 months from the relevant Pre-Maturity Test Date; or
- (c) the rating from DBRS of the Issuer's unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations falls below A(high) or A(low) and the Final Maturity Date of the Series of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds falls within six months or 12 months, respectively, from the relevant Pre-Maturity Test Date,
- (d) (each of the ratings set out above, the **Pre-Maturity Minimum Ratings**).

Following a breach of the Pre-Maturity Test in respect of a Series of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds, the Guarantor shall, subject to any right of pre-emption of the Seller pursuant to the terms of the Mortgage Sale Agreement and the Security Sharing Agreement, as applicable, offer to sell Selected Loans pursuant to the terms of the Guarantor Agreement, subject to:

- (a) any right of pre-emption of the Seller pursuant to the terms of the Mortgage Sale Agreement;
- (b) a Capital Contribution in Kind made by one or more of the Partners (as recorded in the Capital Account Ledger for such Partners) of certain Substitute Assets in accordance with the Guarantor Agreement with an aggregate principal amount up to the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Required Amount (which will be a credit to the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Ledger); or

- (c) Cash Capital Contributions made by one or more of the Partners (as recorded in the Capital Account Ledger for each applicable Partner) or proceeds advanced under the Intercompany Loan Agreement which have not been applied to acquire further Portfolio assets or otherwise applied in accordance with the Guarantor Agreement and/or the other Transaction Documents with an aggregate principal amount up to the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Required Amount (which will be a credit to the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Ledger);

provided that 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, an Issuer Event of Default will occur if the Guarantor has not taken the required action described above within the earlier to occur of (i) 10 Toronto Business Days from the date that the Sellers are notified of the breach of the Pre-Maturity Test and (ii) the Final Maturity Date of that Series of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds (see further: Condition 9.1 (Issuer Events of Default)). To cure a Pre-Maturity Test breach within such period, the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Ledger shall be funded so that by the end of such period, there will be an amount equal to the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Required Amount standing to the credit of the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Ledger. The Cash Manager and the Guarantor are required to undertake certain actions upon the failure or breach of the Pre-Maturity Test by the Bank, including the sale of Selected Loans. See *Overview of the Principal Documents—Guarantor Agreement—Sales of Selected Loans following a breach of the Pre-Maturity Test*.

In certain circumstances, Revenue Receipts will also be available to repay a Hard Bullet Covered Bond, as described in “*Cashflows—Pre-Acceleration Revenue Priority of Payments*” below.

Failure by the Issuer to pay the full amount due in respect of a Series of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds on the Final Maturity Date thereof, subject to applicable cure periods, will constitute an Issuer Event of Default. Following service of a Notice to Pay on the Guarantor, the Guarantor will apply funds standing to the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Ledger to repay the relevant Series of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds.

If the Issuer and/or the Guarantor fully repay the relevant Series of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds on the Final Maturity Date thereof, cash standing to the credit of the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Ledger on the GIC Account will be applied by the Guarantor in accordance with the Pre-Acceleration Principal Priority of Payments, unless:

- (a) the Issuer is failing the Pre-Maturity Test in respect of any other Series of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds, in which case the cash will remain on the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Ledger in order to provide liquidity for that other Series of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds; or
- (b) the Issuer is not failing the Pre-Maturity Test, but the Cash Manager elects to retain the cash on the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Ledger in order to provide liquidity for any future Series of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds.

Amounts standing to the credit of the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Ledger following the repayment of the Hard Bullet Covered Bonds as described above may, except where the Cash Manager has elected or is required to retain such amounts on the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Ledger, also be used to repay the Advances under the Intercompany Loan Agreement, subject to the Guarantor making provision for higher ranking items in the Pre-Acceleration Principal Priority of Payments.

### **Asset Coverage Test**

An Asset Coverage Test is conducted on the Portfolio on the last day of each calendar month (the **Calculation Date**). The Asset Coverage Test determines whether the assets and cashflows of the Guarantor satisfy the required overcollateralization which is intended to ensure that the Guarantor meets its obligations under the Covered Bond Guarantee following the occurrence of the Covered Bond Guarantee Activation Event. If the Asset Coverage Test is not met on two consecutive Calculation Dates, an Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice will be served to the Guarantor and if 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, will constitute an Issuer Event of Default and entitle the Bond Trustee to serve a Notice to Pay on the Guarantor.

The Bank will use all reasonable efforts to ensure that the Guarantor is in compliance with the Asset Coverage Test which should reduce the risk of there ever being a breach of the Asset Coverage Test although there is no assurance of this result and the sale of Loans and their Related Security by the Seller to the Guarantor, advances under the Intercompany Loan or additional Capital Contributions by the Limited Partner may be required to avoid or, before or after delivery of an Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice, remedy a breach of the Asset Coverage Test. There is no specific recourse available to the Guarantor in respect of any failure by the Bank to make a Capital Contribution in any circumstances, including following receipt of an Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice. See *Overview of the Principal Documents—Guarantor Agreement—Asset Coverage Test*.

### **Amortization Test**

The Amortization Test is conducted on the Portfolio on each Calculation Date following an Issuer Event of Default that is continuing. The Amortization Test has been structured to determine whether the assets of the Guarantor, including the Loans and their Related Security in the Portfolio, have fallen below the threshold required to ensure that the assets of the Guarantor are sufficient to meet its obligations under the Covered Bond Guarantee following service of a Notice to Pay. A breach of the Amortization Test will constitute a Guarantor Event of Default and will entitle the Bond Trustee to serve a Guarantor Acceleration Notice on the Guarantor. See *Overview of the Principal Documents—Guarantor Agreement—Amortization Test*.

### **Valuation Calculation**

The Guarantor is required to perform the Valuation Calculation to monitor exposure to the volatility to interest rate and currency exchange rates by measuring the present value of the Portfolio relative to the market value of the obligations guaranteed under the Covered Bond Guarantee. However, there is no obligation on the part of the Bank or the Guarantor to take any action in respect of the Valuation Calculation to the extent it shows the market value of the Portfolio is less than the market value of the obligations guaranteed under the Covered Bond Guarantee. See *Overview of the Principal Documents—Guarantor Agreement—Valuation Calculation*.

### **Reserve Fund**

If at any time prior to the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the Bank's Ratings fall below the Reserve Fund Required Amount, the Guarantor will be required to credit Available Revenue Receipts and Available Principal Receipts to the Reserve Fund up to an amount equal to the Reserve Fund Required Amount.

The Reserve Fund Required Amount will be funded from Available Revenue Receipts and Available Principal Receipts, after the Guarantor has paid all of its obligations in respect of items ranking higher than the Reserve Ledger in the applicable Priorities of Payments on each Guarantor Payment Date and may in certain circumstances be funded through an advance under the Intercompany Loan or a Capital Contribution made in cash (a **Cash Capital Contribution**). Following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, service of an Issuer Acceleration Notice and service of a Notice to Pay on the Guarantor, amounts standing to the credit of the Reserve Fund will be added to certain other income of the Guarantor in calculating Available Revenue Receipts.

## CASHFLOWS

As described above under *Credit Structure*, until the occurrence of a Covered Bond Guarantee Activation Event, the Covered Bonds will be obligations of the Bank only. The Bank is liable to make payments when due on the Covered Bonds, whether or not it has received any corresponding payment from the Guarantor under the Intercompany Loan.

This section summarizes the Priority of Payments of the Guarantor, as to the allocation and distribution of amounts standing to the credit of the Guarantor on the Ledgers and their order of priority:

- (a) when no Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice is outstanding and no Covered Bond Guarantee Activation Event has occurred;
- (b) when an Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice is outstanding but no Covered Bond Guarantee Activation Event has occurred;
- (c) following service of a Notice to Pay on the Guarantor; and
- (d) following service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice and enforcement of the Security.

### **Allocation and distribution of Available Revenue Receipts when no Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice is outstanding and no Covered Bond Guarantee Activation Event has occurred.**

At any time when no Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice is outstanding and no Covered Bond Guarantee Activation Event has occurred, Available Revenue Receipts will be allocated and distributed as described below.

The Guarantor (or the Cash Manager on its behalf) will, as of each Calculation Date, calculate:

- (a) the amount of Available Revenue Receipts available for distribution on the immediately following Guarantor Payment Date;
- (b) the Reserve Fund Required Amount (if applicable); and
- (c) where the Pre-Maturity Test has been breached in respect of a Series of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds, on each Calculation Date falling in the 12 months prior to the Final Maturity Date of the relevant Series of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds, whether or not the amount standing to the credit of the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Ledger including the principal amount of any Substitute Assets standing to the credit of the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Ledger at such date is less than the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Required Amount.

On each Guarantor Payment Date, the Guarantor (or the Cash Manager on its behalf) will transfer Available Revenue Receipts from the Revenue Ledger to the Payment Ledger, and use Available Revenue Receipts held by the Cash Manager for and on behalf of the Guarantor and, as necessary, transfer Available Revenue Receipts from the GDA Account to the Transaction Account (to the extent maintained), in an amount equal to the lower of (a) the amount required to make the payments or credits described below and (b) the amount of Available Revenue Receipts.

### **Pre-Acceleration Revenue Priority of Payments**

At any time, no Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice is outstanding and no Covered Bond Guarantee Activation Event has occurred, Available Revenue Receipts will be applied by or on behalf of the Guarantor (or the Cash Manager on its behalf) on each Guarantor Payment Date (except for amounts due to third parties

by the Guarantor under paragraph (a) or Third Party Amounts which will be paid when due) in making the following payments and provisions (the **Pre-Acceleration Revenue Priority of Payments**) (in each case only if and to the extent that payments or provisions of a higher priority have been made in full):

- (a) *first*, in or towards satisfaction of any amounts due and payable by the Guarantor to third parties and incurred without breach by the Guarantor of the Transaction Documents to which it is a party (and for which payment has not been provided for elsewhere in the relevant Priorities of Payments) and to provide for any such amounts expected to become due and payable by the Guarantor in the immediately succeeding Guarantor Payment Period and to pay and discharge any liability of the Guarantor for taxes;
- (b) *second*, any amounts in respect of interest due to the Bank in respect of the Demand Loan pursuant to the terms of the Intercompany Loan;
- (c) *third*, in or towards satisfaction *pro rata* and *pari passu* according to the respective amounts thereof of:
  - (i) any remuneration then due and payable to the Servicer and any costs, charges, liabilities and expenses then due or to become due and payable to the Servicer under the provisions of the Servicing Agreement in the immediately succeeding Guarantor Payment Period together with applicable Goods and Services Tax (**GST**) (or other similar taxes) thereon to the extent provided therein;
  - (ii) any remuneration then due and payable to the Cash Manager and any costs, charges, liabilities and expenses then due or to become due and payable to the Cash Manager under the provisions of the Cash Management Agreement in the immediately succeeding Guarantor Payment Period, together with applicable GST (or other similar taxes) thereon to the extent as provided therein, provided that if the Cash Manager is the Bank of a member of the Scotiabank Group, it will not receive any fees;
  - (iii) amounts (if any) due and payable to the Account Bank (or, as applicable, the Standby Account Bank) (including costs) pursuant to the terms of the Bank Account Agreement (or, as applicable, the Standby Bank Account Agreement), together with applicable GST (or other similar taxes) thereon to the extent provided therein;
  - (iv) amounts due and payable to the Cover Pool Monitor pursuant to the terms of the Cover Pool Monitor Agreement (other than the amounts referred to in paragraph(j) below), together with applicable GST (or other similar taxes) thereon to the extent provided therein; and
  - (v) amounts due and payable to the Custodian pursuant to the terms of the Mortgage Sale Agreement, together with applicable GST (or other similar taxes) thereon to the extent provided therein;
- (d) *fourth*, in or towards satisfaction *pro rata* and *pari passu*, according to the respective amounts thereof, of:
  - (i) payment due to the Interest Rate Swap Provider (including any termination payment due and payable by the Guarantor under the Interest Rate Swap Agreement (but excluding any Excluded Swap Termination Amount)) pursuant to the terms of the Interest Rate Swap Agreement; and
  - (ii) payment due to the Covered Bond Swap Provider (including any termination payment due and payable by the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Swap Agreement (but excluding any

Excluded Swap Termination Amount)) pursuant to the terms of the Covered Bond Swap Agreement;

- (e) *fifth*, in or towards payment on the Guarantor Payment Date of, or to provide for payment on such date in the future of such proportion of the relevant payment falling due in the future as the Cash Manager may reasonably determine (in the case of any such payment or provision, after taking into account any provisions previously made and any amounts receivable from the Interest Rate Swap Provider under the Interest Rate Swap Agreement) of any amounts due or to become due and payable (excluding principal amounts) to the Bank in respect of the Guarantee Loan pursuant to the terms of the Intercompany Loan Agreement;
- (f) *sixth*, if a Servicer Event of Default has occurred, all remaining Available Revenue Receipts to be credited to the GDA Account (with a corresponding credit to the Revenue Ledger maintained in respect of that account) until such Servicer Event of Default is either remedied by the Servicer or waived by the Bond Trustee or a new Servicer is appointed to service the Portfolio (or the relevant part thereof);
- (g) *seventh*, in or towards a credit to the GDA Account (with a corresponding credit to the Reserve Ledger) of an amount up to but not exceeding the amount by which the Reserve Fund Required Amount (if applicable) exceeds the existing balance on the Reserve Ledger as calculated on the immediately preceding Calculation Date;
- (h) *eighth*, if the Guarantor is required to make a deposit to the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Ledger due to a breach of the Pre-Maturity Test in respect of any Series of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds, towards a credit to the GDA Account (with a corresponding credit to the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Ledger) of an amount up to but not exceeding the difference between:
  - (i) the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Required Amount as calculated on the immediately preceding Calculation Date; and
  - (ii) the sum of any amounts standing to the credit of the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Ledger on the immediately preceding Calculation Date;
- (i) *ninth*, in or towards satisfaction *pro rata* and *pari passu*, according to the respective amounts thereof of:
  - (i) payment of any Excluded Swap Termination Amounts due and payable by the Guarantor under the Interest Rate Swap Agreement; and
  - (ii) payment of any Excluded Swap Termination Amounts due and payable by the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Swap Agreement;
- (j) *tenth*, in or towards payment *pro rata* and *pari passu*, in accordance with the respective amounts thereof, of any indemnity amount due to the Cover Pool Monitor pursuant to the Cover Pool Monitor Agreement, and any indemnity amount due to any Partner pursuant to the Guarantor Agreement;
- (k) *eleventh*, in or towards payment of the fee due to the Corporate Services Provider by the Guarantor pursuant to the terms of the Corporate Services Agreement; and
- (l) *twelfth*, towards such distributions of profit to the Partners as may be payable in accordance with the terms of the Guarantor Agreement.

See *Summary of Fees and Expenses* for further details on the fees and expenses expected to be paid from the Available Revenue Receipts.

Any amounts received by the Guarantor under the Interest Rate Swap Agreement and the Covered Bond Swap Agreement (other than, in each case, amounts in respect of Swap Collateral Excluded Amounts) on or after the Guarantor Payment Date but prior to the next following Guarantor Payment Date will be applied, together with any provision for such payments made on any preceding Guarantor Payment Date, to make payments (other than in respect of principal) due and payable in respect of the Intercompany Loan Agreement and then the expenses of the Guarantor unless an Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice is outstanding or otherwise to make provision for such payments on such date in the future of such proportion of the relevant payment falling due in the future as the Cash Manager may reasonably determine.

Any amounts received under the Interest Rate Swap Agreement and the Covered Bond Swap Agreement on the Guarantor Payment Date or on any date prior to the next succeeding Guarantor Payment Date which are not applied towards a payment or provision in accordance with paragraph (d) above or the preceding paragraph will be credited to the Revenue Ledger and applied as Available Revenue Receipts on the next succeeding Guarantor Payment Date.

Amounts (if any) held by the Cash Manager for and on behalf of the Guarantor or standing to the credit of the Transaction Account which are not required to be applied in accordance with paragraphs (a) to (l) of the Pre-Acceleration Revenue Priority of Payments or paragraphs (a) to (g) of the Pre-Acceleration Principal Priority of Payments below will, if applicable, be deposited by the Cash Manager and, in each case be credited to the appropriate ledger in the GDA Account on the Guarantor Payment Date.

If any Swap Collateral Available Amounts are received by the Guarantor on a Guarantor Payment Date, such amounts will be applied by the Guarantor (or by the Cash Manager on its behalf) on that Guarantor Payment Date in the same manner as it would have applied the receipts which such Swap Collateral Available Amounts replace.

Each Partner acknowledges that the distribution paid pursuant to paragraph (l) above to such Partner represents a reasonable commercial return to the Partner from its involvement in the Guarantor and also agrees that such profits will not be paid to the Partners at a time when they know or ought to know that there was no reasonable prospect of avoiding an insolvent liquidation of the Guarantor as a result of such profit distribution.

**Allocation and Distribution of Available Principal Receipts when no Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice is outstanding and no Covered Bond Guarantee Activation Event has occurred**

At any time no Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice is outstanding and no Covered Bond Guarantee Activation Event has occurred, Available Principal Receipts will be allocated and distributed as described below.

The Guarantor (or the Cash Manager on its behalf) will, as of each Calculation Date, calculate the amount of Available Principal Receipts available for distribution on the immediately following Guarantor Payment Date.

On each Guarantor Payment Date, the Guarantor (or the Cash Manager on its behalf) will transfer Available Principal Receipts from the Principal Ledger to the Payment Ledger, and use Available Principal Receipts held by the Cash Manager for and on behalf of the Guarantor and, as necessary, transfer Available Principal Receipts from the GDA Account to the Transaction Account (to the extent maintained), in an amount equal to the lower of (a) the amount required to make the payments or credits described below and (b) the amount of Available Principal Receipts.

***Pre-Acceleration Principal Priority of Payments***

At any time no Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice is outstanding and no Covered Bond Guarantee Activation Event has occurred, Available Principal Receipts will be applied by or on behalf of the Guarantor

on each Guarantor Payment Date in making the following payments and provisions (the **Pre-Acceleration Principal Priority of Payments**) (in each case only if and to the extent that payments or provisions of a higher priority have been made in full):

- (a) *first*, if the Pre-Maturity Test has been breached by the Bank in respect of any Series of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds, towards a credit to the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Ledger in an amount up to but not exceeding the difference between:
  - (i) the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Required Amount as calculated on the immediately preceding Calculation Date; over
  - (ii) any amounts standing to the credit of the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Ledger on the immediately preceding Calculation Date;
- (b) *second*, to pay amounts in respect of principal outstanding on the Demand Loan pursuant to the terms of the Intercompany Loan Agreement;
- (c) *third*, to acquire Loans and their Related Security offered to the Guarantor, if necessary or prudent, to ensure that, taking into account the other resources available to the Guarantor, the Asset Coverage Test is met and thereafter to acquire (in the discretion of the Guarantor or the Cash Manager on its behalf) Substitute Assets up to the prescribed limit in the CMHC Guide;
- (d) *fourth*, to deposit the remaining Principal Receipts in the GDA Account (with a corresponding credit to the Principal Ledger) in an amount sufficient to ensure that, taking into account the other resources available to the Guarantor, the Asset Coverage Test is met;
- (e) *fifth*, in or towards repayment on the Guarantor Payment Date (or to provide for repayment on such date in the future of such proportion of the relevant payment falling due in the future as the Cash Manager may reasonably determine) of amounts (in respect of principal) due or to become due and payable to the Bank in respect of the Guarantee Loan pursuant to the terms of the Intercompany Loan;
- (f) *sixth*, in or towards a credit to the GDA Account (with a corresponding credit to the Reserve Ledger) of an amount up to but not exceeding the amount by which the Reserve Fund Required Amount (if applicable) exceeds the existing balance on the Reserve Ledger as calculated on the immediately preceding Calculation Date; and
- (g) *seventh*, subject to complying with the Asset Coverage Test to make Capital Distributions in accordance with the terms of the Guarantor Agreement.

**Allocation and distribution of Available Revenue Receipts and Available Principal Receipts when an Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice is outstanding but no Covered Bond Guarantee Activation Event has occurred**

At any time an Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice is outstanding but no Covered Bond Guarantee Activation Event has occurred all Available Revenue Receipts and Available Principal Receipts will continue to be applied in accordance with the Pre-Acceleration Revenue Priority of Payments and the Pre-Acceleration Principal Priority of Payments save that, while any Covered Bonds remain outstanding, no moneys will be applied under paragraphs (b), (e), (j) (to the extent only that such indemnity amounts are payable to a Partner), (k) or (l) of the Pre-Acceleration Revenue Priority of Payments or paragraphs (b), (c), (e) or (g) of the Pre-Acceleration Principal Priority of Payments and for greater certainty no Capital Distribution will be made to the Limited Partner and no payments will be made to the Intercompany Loan Provider.

## **Allocation and distribution of Available Revenue Receipts and Available Principal Receipts following service of a Notice to Pay on the Guarantor**

At any time after service of a Notice to Pay on the Guarantor, but prior to service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice, all Available Revenue Receipts and Available Principal Receipts (other than Third Party Amounts and amounts credited to the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Ledger) will be applied as described below under *Guarantee Priority of Payments*.

On each Guarantor Payment Date, but prior to service of a Notice to Pay on the Guarantor, the Guarantor or the Cash Manager on its behalf will transfer Available Revenue Receipts and Available Principal Receipts from the Revenue Ledger, the Reserve Ledger, the Principal Ledger or the Capital Account Ledger, as the case may be, to the Payment Ledger, in an amount equal to the lower of (a) the amount required to make the payments set out in the Guarantee Priority of Payments and (b) the amount of all Available Revenue Receipts and Available Principal Receipts standing to the credit of such Ledgers.

The Guarantor will create and maintain ledgers for each Series of Covered Bonds and record amounts allocated to such Series of Covered Bonds in accordance with paragraphs (e) and (f) of the *Guarantee Priority of Payments* below, and such amounts, once allocated, will only be available to pay amounts due under the Covered Bond Guarantee and amounts due in respect of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds under the Covered Bond Swap Agreement on the scheduled repayment dates thereof.

### ***Guarantee Priority of Payments***

If a Notice to Pay is served to the Guarantor, the Guarantor will on the relevant Final Maturity Date for any Series of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds, apply all funds standing to the credit of the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Ledger with respect to such Series of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds (and transferred to the Transaction Account on the relevant Guarantor Payment Date) to repay the relevant Series of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds. Subject thereto, on each Guarantor Payment Date after the service of a Notice to Pay on the Guarantor (but prior to service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice), the Guarantor (or the Cash Manager on its behalf) will apply Available Revenue Receipts and Available Principal Receipts to make the following payments, provisions or credits in the following order of priority (the **Guarantee Priority of Payments**) (in each case only if and to the extent that payments or provisions of a higher priority have been made in full):

- (a) *first*, to pay any amounts, in respect of principal and interest due to the Bank in respect of the Demand Loan pursuant to the terms of the Intercompany Loan Agreement;
- (b) *second*, in or towards payment of all amounts due and payable or to become due and payable to the Bond Trustee with respect to the performance of its obligations as Bond Trustee in the immediately succeeding Guarantor Payment Period under the provisions of the Trust Deed and the Security Agreement together with interest and applicable GST (or other similar taxes) thereon as provided therein;
- (c) *third*, in or towards satisfaction *pro rata* and *pari passu* according to the respective amounts thereof of:
  - (i) any remuneration then due and payable to the Agents under the provisions of the Agency Agreement together with applicable GST (or other similar taxes) thereon as provided therein, other than any Indemnity Amounts payable to the Agents in excess of \$150,000; and
  - (ii) any amounts then due and payable by the Guarantor to third parties, including the Corporate Services Provider and incurred without breach by the Guarantor of the Transaction Documents to which it is a party (and for which payment has not been provided for elsewhere) and to provide for any such amounts expected to become due and payable by the

Guarantor in the immediately succeeding Guarantor Payment Period and to pay or discharge any liability of the Guarantor for taxes;

- (d) *fourth*, in or towards satisfaction *pro rata* and *pari passu* according to the respective amounts thereof of:
- (i) any remuneration then due and payable to the Servicer and any costs, charges, liabilities and expenses then due or to become due and payable to the Servicer in the immediately succeeding Guarantor Payment Period under the provisions of the Servicing Agreement together with applicable GST (or other similar taxes) thereon to the extent provided therein, other than any Indemnity Amounts payable to the Servicer in excess of \$150,000;
  - (ii) any remuneration then due and payable to the Cash Manager and any costs, charges, liabilities and expenses then due or to become due and payable to the Cash Manager in the immediately succeeding Guarantor Payment Period under the provisions of the Cash Management Agreement, together with applicable GST (or other similar taxes) thereon to the extent provided therein, other than any Indemnity Amounts payable to the Cash Manager in excess of \$150,000, provided that if the Cash Manager is the Bank of a member of the Scotiabank Group, it will not receive any fees;
  - (iii) amounts (if any) due and payable to the Account Bank (or, as applicable, the Standby Account Bank) (including costs) pursuant to the terms of the Bank Account Agreement (or, as applicable, the Standby Bank Account Agreement), together with applicable GST (or other similar taxes) thereon to the extent provided therein, other than any Indemnity Amounts payable to the Account Bank (or, as applicable, the Standby Account Bank) in excess of \$150,000;
  - (iv) amounts due and payable to the Cover Pool Monitor pursuant to the terms of the Cover Pool Monitor Agreement, together with applicable GST (or other similar taxes) thereon as provided therein, other than any Indemnity Amounts payable to the Cover Pool Monitor in excess of \$150,000; and
  - (v) amounts due and payable to the Custodian pursuant to the terms of the Mortgage Sale Agreement, together with applicable GST (or other similar taxes) thereon as provided therein, other than any Indemnity Amounts payable to the Custodian in excess of \$150,000;
- (e) *fifth*, to pay *pro rata* and *pari passu* according to the respective amounts thereof:
- (i) the amounts due and payable to the Interest Rate Swap Provider *pro rata* and *pari passu* according to the respective amounts thereof (including any termination payment due and payable by the Guarantor under the Interest Rate Swap Agreement but excluding any Excluded Swap Termination Amount) in accordance with the terms of the Interest Rate Swap Agreement;
  - (ii) the amounts due and payable to the Covered Bond Swap Provider (other than in respect of principal) *pro rata* and *pari passu* in respect of each relevant Series of Covered Bonds (including any termination payment (other than in respect of principal) due and payable by the Guarantor to the Covered Bond Swap Provider but excluding any Excluded Swap Termination Amount) in accordance with the terms of the Covered Bond Swap Agreement; and
  - (iii) to the Bond Trustee or (if so directed by the Bond Trustee) the Principal Paying Agent on behalf of the Covered Bondholders *pro rata* and *pari passu* Scheduled Interest that is Due for Payment (or will become Due for Payment in the immediately succeeding Guarantor



Payment Period) under the Covered Bond Guarantee in respect of each Series of Covered Bonds,

*provided that* if the amount available for distribution under this paragraph (e) (excluding any amounts received from the Covered Bond Swap Provider) would be insufficient to pay the Canadian Dollar Equivalent of the Scheduled Interest that is Due for Payment in respect of each Series of Covered Bonds under (e)(iii) above, the shortfall will be divided amongst all such Series of Covered Bonds on a *pro rata* basis and the amount payable by the Guarantor in respect of each relevant Series of Covered Bonds to the Covered Bond Swap Provider under (e)(ii) above will be reduced by the amount of the shortfall applicable to the Covered Bonds in respect of which such payment is to be made;

- (f) *sixth*, to pay or provide for *pro rata* and *pari passu* according to the respective amounts thereof, of:
  - (i) the amounts (in respect of principal) due and payable *pro rata* and *pari passu* in respect of each relevant Series of Covered Bonds (including any termination payment (relating solely to principal) due and payable by the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Swap Agreement but excluding any Excluded Swap Termination Amount) to the Covered Bond Swap Provider in accordance with the terms of the relevant Covered Bond Swap Agreement; and
  - (ii) to the Bond Trustee or (if so directed by the Bond Trustee) the Principal Paying Agent on behalf of the holders of the Covered Bonds *pro rata*, and *pari passu* Scheduled Principal that is Due for Payment (or will become Due for Payment in the immediately succeeding Guarantor Payment Period) under the Covered Bond Guarantee in respect of each Series of Covered Bonds, provided that if the amount available for distribution under this paragraph (f) (excluding any amounts received from the Covered Bond Swap Provider) in respect of the amounts referred to in (f)(i) above would be insufficient to pay the Canadian Dollar Equivalent of the Scheduled Principal that is Due for Payment in respect of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds under this (f)(ii), the shortfall will be divided amongst all such Series of Covered Bonds on a *pro rata* basis and the amount payable by the Guarantor in respect of each relevant Series of Covered Bonds under (f)(i) to the Covered Bond Swap Provider above will be reduced by the amount of the shortfall applicable to the Covered Bonds in respect of which such payment is to be made;
- (g) *seventh*, to deposit the remaining funds into the GDA Account for application on the next following Guarantor Payment Date in accordance with the Priorities of Payments described in paragraphs (a) to (f)(inclusive) above, until the Covered Bonds have been fully repaid provided for (such that the Required Redemption Amount has been accumulated in respect of each outstanding Series of Covered Bonds);
- (h) *eighth*, in or towards satisfaction *pro rata* and *pari passu* according to the respective amounts thereof of any Excluded Swap Termination Amounts due and payable by the Guarantor to the relevant Swap Provider under the relevant Swap Agreement;
- (i) *ninth*, to pay or provide for *pro rata* and *pari passu* according to the respective amounts thereof, any Indemnity Amounts payable to the Agents, the Servicer, the Cash Manager, the Account Bank (or the Standby Account Bank, as applicable), the Cover Pool Monitor and the Custodian, to the extent not paid pursuant to paragraph (c) or (d) above;
- (j) *tenth*, any remaining funds will be applied in and towards repayment in full of amounts outstanding under the Intercompany Loan Agreement;
- (k) *eleventh*, in or towards satisfaction *pro rata* and *pari passu* according to the respective amounts thereof of any indemnity amount due to the Partners pursuant to the Guarantor Agreement; and

(1) *twelfth*, thereafter any remaining funds will be applied in accordance with the Guarantor Agreement.

Any amounts received by the Guarantor under the Interest Rate Swap Agreement after the Guarantor Payment Date but prior to the next following Guarantor Payment Date will be applied, together with any provision for such payment made on any preceding Guarantor Payment Date, to make payments (other than in respect of principal) due and payable *pro rata* and *pari passu* in respect of the Covered Bond Swap Agreement or, as the case may be, in respect of interest due under the Covered Bond Guarantee *pro rata* and *pari passu* in respect of each relevant Series of Covered Bonds.

Any amounts received by the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Swap Agreement (whether or not in respect of principal) after the Guarantor Payment Date but prior to the next following Guarantor Payment Date will be applied, together with any provision for such payment made on any preceding Guarantor Payment Date, to make payments of interest or principal, as the case may be, in respect of the Covered Bond Guarantee *pro rata* and *pari passu* in respect of each relevant Series of Covered Bonds.

Any amounts received under the Interest Rate Swap Agreement or any Covered Bond Swap Agreement on the Guarantor Payment Date or any date prior to the next succeeding Guarantor Payment Date which are not put towards a payment or provision in accordance with paragraphs (e) or (f) above or the two preceding paragraphs will be credited to the Revenue Ledger or the Principal Ledger on the GDA Account (as appropriate) and applied as Available Revenue Receipts or Available Principal Receipts, as the case may be, on the next succeeding Guarantor Payment Date.

If the Guarantor requires any available funds to be exchanged into a currency other than Canadian Dollars, and such exchange would not be subject to or covered by the terms of the Covered Bond Swap Agreement, then the Guarantor (or the Cash Manager on its behalf) will perform all necessary currency conversions at the then prevailing spot rate of exchange.

If any Swap Collateral Available Amounts are received by the Guarantor on a Guarantor Payment Date, such amounts will be applied by the Guarantor (or by the Cash Manager on its behalf) on that Guarantor Payment Date in the same manner as it would have applied the receipts which such Swap Collateral Available Amounts replace.

#### **Termination payments received in respect of the Swap Agreements, premiums received in respect of replacement Swap Agreements**

If the Guarantor receives any termination payment from a Swap Provider in respect of a Swap Agreement, such termination payment will first be used, to the extent necessary (prior to the occurrence of a Guarantor Event of Default and service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice) to pay a replacement Swap Provider to enter into a replacement Swap Agreement with the Guarantor, unless a replacement Swap Agreement has already been entered into on behalf of the Guarantor. If the Guarantor receives any premium from a replacement Swap Provider in respect of a replacement Swap Agreement, such premium will first be used to make any termination payment due and payable by the Guarantor with respect to the previous Swap Agreement, unless such termination payment has already been made on behalf of the Guarantor.

Any amounts received by the Guarantor which are not applied to pay a replacement Swap Provider to enter into a replacement Swap Agreement will be credited to the Revenue Ledger and applied as Available Revenue Receipts on the next succeeding Guarantor Payment Date.

#### **Application of funds received by the Bond Trustee following service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice and enforcement of the Security**

Following a Guarantor Event of Default, service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice and enforcement of the Security granted under the terms of the Security Agreement, all funds received or recovered by the Bond Trustee (or a receiver appointed on its behalf) (excluding all amounts due or to become due in respect of any

tax credits, Swap Collateral Excluded Amounts or Third Party Amounts) will be applied in the following order of priority (the **Post-Enforcement Priority of Payments**) (in each case only if and to the extent that payments or provisions of a higher priority have been made in full):

- (a) *first*, in or towards satisfaction of *pro rata* and *pari passu* according to the respective amounts thereof of:
  - (i) all amounts due and payable or to become due and payable to the Bond Trustee under the provisions of the Trust Deed and the Security Agreement with respect to the performance of its obligations thereunder together with interest and applicable GST (or other similar taxes) thereon as provided therein; and
  - (ii) all amounts due and payable or to become due and payable to the Bond Trustee or any Receiver under the provisions of the Security Agreement together with interest and applicable GST (or other similar taxes) thereon as provided therein;
- (b) *second*, in or towards satisfaction of any remuneration then due and payable to the Agents under or pursuant to the Agency Agreement together with applicable GST (or other similar taxes) thereon to the extent provided therein;
- (c) *third*, in or towards satisfaction *pro rata* and *pari passu* according to the respective amounts thereof of:
  - (i) any remuneration then due and payable to the Servicer and any costs, charges, liabilities and expenses then due or to become due and payable to the Servicer under the provisions of the Servicing Agreement in the immediately succeeding Guarantor Payment Period, together with applicable GST (or other similar taxes) thereon to the extent provided therein, other than any Indemnity Amounts payable to the Servicer in excess of \$150,000;
  - (ii) any remuneration then due and payable to the Cash Manager and any costs, charges, liabilities and expenses then due or to become due and payable to the Cash Manager under the provisions of the Cash Management Agreement, together with any applicable GST (or other similar taxes) thereon to the extent provided therein, other than any Indemnity Amounts payable to the Cash Manager in excess of \$150,000 *provided that* if the Cash Manager is the Bank of a member of the Scotiabank Group, it will not receive any fees;
  - (iii) amounts (if any) due and payable to the Account Bank (or, as applicable, the Standby Account Bank) (including costs) pursuant to the terms of the Bank Account Agreement (or, as applicable, the Standby Bank Account Agreement, together with applicable GST (or other similar taxes) thereon to the extent provided, other than any Indemnity Amounts payable to the Account Bank, or, as applicable, the Standby Account Bank, in excess of \$150,000; and
  - (iv) amounts due to the Custodian pursuant to the terms of the Mortgage Sale Agreement, together with applicable GST (or other similar taxes) thereon to the extent provided therein other than any Indemnity Amounts payable to the Custodian in excess of \$150,000;
- (d) *fourth*, to pay *pro rata* and *pari passu* according to the respective amounts thereof, of:
  - (i) any amounts due and payable to the Interest Rate Swap Provider *pro rata* and *pari passu* according to the respective amounts thereof (including any termination payment (but excluding any Excluded Swap Termination Amounts)) pursuant to the terms of the Interest Rate Swap Agreement;

- (ii) the amounts due and payable to the Covered Bond Swap Provider *pro rata* and *pari passu* in respect of each relevant Series of Covered Bonds to the Covered Bond Swap Agreement (including any termination payment due and payable by the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Swap Agreement (but excluding any Excluded Swap Termination Amount)) in accordance with the terms of the Covered Bond Swap Agreement; and
- (iii) the amounts due and payable under the Covered Bond Guarantee, to the Bond Trustee (if so directed by the Bond Trustee) or the Paying Agent on behalf of the holders of the Covered Bonds *pro rata* and *pari passu* in respect of interest and principal due and payable on each Series of Covered Bonds,

*provided that* if the amount available for distribution under this paragraph (d) (excluding any amounts received from the Covered Bond Swap Provider in respect of amounts referred to in (d)(ii) above) would be insufficient to pay the Canadian Dollar Equivalent of the amounts due and payable under the Covered Bond Guarantee in respect of each Series of Covered Bonds under (d)(iii) above, the shortfall will be divided amongst all such Series of Covered Bonds on a *pro rata* basis and the amount payable by the Guarantor in respect of each relevant Series of Covered Bonds under (d)(ii) above to the Covered Bond Swap Provider will be reduced by the amount of the shortfall applicable to the Covered Bonds in respect of which such payment is to be made;

- (e) *fifth*, in or towards satisfaction *pro rata* and *pari passu* according to the respective amounts thereof, of any Excluded Swap Termination Amounts due and payable by the Guarantor to the relevant Swap Provider under the relevant Swap Agreement;
- (f) *sixth*, to pay or provide for *pro rata* and *pari passu* according to the respective amounts thereof, any Indemnity Amounts payable to the Servicer, the Cash Manager, the Account Bank (or, as applicable the Standby Account Bank) and the Custodian, to the extent not paid pursuant to paragraph (c) above;
- (g) *seventh*, in or towards repayment in full of all amounts outstanding under the Intercompany Loan Agreement;
- (h) *eighth*, towards payment of any indemnity amount due to the Partners pursuant to the Guarantor Agreement;
- (i) *ninth*, in or towards payment of the fee due to the Corporate Services Provider; and
- (j) *tenth*, thereafter any remaining funds will be applied in or towards payment to the Partners pursuant to the Guarantor Agreement.

If the Guarantor receives any tax credits in respect of a Swap Agreement following the occurrence of a Guarantor Event of Default and service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice, such tax credits will be used to reimburse the relevant Swap Provider for any gross-up in respect of any withholding or deduction made under the relevant Swap Agreement. Following the occurrence of a Guarantor Event of Default and service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice, any Swap Collateral Excluded Amounts in respect of a Swap Agreement will be returned to the relevant Swap Provider subject to the terms of the relevant Swap Agreement, and any Third Party Amounts will be returned to the Seller, with the Seller paying such Third Party Amounts to the relevant third party.

Any Third Party Amounts received by the Bond Trustee or any Receiver after service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice will be held by it on trust for the Seller until they have been returned to the Seller.

#### **Summary of Fees and Expenses**

Prior to the occurrence of a Covered Bond Guarantee Activation Event, the following fees and expenses will be paid from the Available Revenue Receipts.

Fee Description	Payable To	Purpose	Amount (% or \$ per annum)	Current Provider
Agent Fees	US Paying Agent Principal Paying Agent Exchange Agent Calculation Agent	Making payments on bonds issued through DTC For bonds issued outside the US, the issuing and paying agent	Up to \$10,000	The Bank of Nova Scotia, New York Agency The Bank of Nova Scotia, London Branch
Bond Trustee Fee	Bond Trustee	Trustee for bond holders	Up to \$22,000*	Computershare Trust Company of Canada
Servicing Fee and Expenses of Servicer	Replacement Servicer	Servicing the mortgage loans	Up to 0.20% (expected fee for replacement servicer)	The Bank of Nova Scotia
Cash Manager Fee and expenses of Cash Manager	Replacement Cash Manager	Hold cash	Up to \$10,000	The Bank of Nova Scotia
Account Bank Fee	Standby Account Bank		None	The Bank of Nova Scotia
Cover Pool Monitor Fee	Cover Pool Monitor	Check accuracy of records and confirm mathematical accuracy of tests and calculations	Up to \$75,000	KPMG LLP
GDA Provider Fee	Standby GDA Provider		None	Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce
Custodial Fee	Custodian		Up to \$10,000	Computershare Trust Company of Canada
Corporate Service Fees, Asset Trustee Fees, and Liquidation General Partner Fees	Corporate Service Provider, Covered Bond – Asset Trustee, Liquidation General Partner		Up to approximately \$120,000**	Computershare Trust Company of Canada
CMHC registration fees	CMHC	Ongoing fees to maintain registration with CMHC	Up to \$750,000***	CMHC

\* Expenses may be in excess of this amount depending on the amount of the annual fees

\*\* Expenses may be in excess of this amount in an Issuer Event of Default

\*\*\* Expenses may be greater or less than this amount for years subsequent to 2013

## THE PORTFOLIO

### The Portfolio

The Portfolio consists of cash, Loans and their Related Security, and in some cases Substitute Assets up to certain prescribed limits. The Loans sold to the Guarantor were randomly selected from the Bank's uninsured residential mortgage portfolio after applying the eligibility criteria. For details on the Eligibility Criteria and Loan Representations and Warranties provided with respect to the Loans in the Portfolio, see *Overview of the Principal Documents—Mortgage Sale Agreement—Eligibility Criteria* and *Overview of the Principal Documents—Mortgage Sale Agreement—Loan Representations and Warranties*. The Asset Coverage Test and the Amortization Test performed by the Cash Manager are intended to determine whether the assets and cashflows of the Guarantor, including the Loans and their Related Security in the Portfolio and cashflows in respect thereof, will be adequate to enable the Guarantor to meet its obligations under the Covered Bond Guarantee following the occurrence of a Covered Bond Guarantee Activation Event and the Valuation Calculation performed by the Cash Manager is intended to monitor exposure to volatility in interest rate and currency exchange rates.

Because the Portfolio is not a static pool of assets, statistical data for the Portfolio will be provided in the Investor Reports. The Cash Manager will prepare and provide Investor Reports to the Bank, the Guarantor, the Bond Trustee, and the Rating Agencies that will set out certain information in relation to the Portfolio, the calculation of the Asset Coverage Test, the Valuation Calculation, if applicable the Amortization Test, statistical information about the Loans in the Portfolio, performance information about the Loans, information on proceeds received on assets in the Portfolio and the application of such proceeds and other information prescribed by the requirements of the CMHC Guide. The Investor Reports will be available to Covered Bondholders at the Bank's website at <http://www.scotiabank.com/ca/en/0,,3798,00.html> on the 15th day of each month (or if such day is not a business day, the first following business day).

### *Characteristics of the Loans*

Mortgage loans originated by the Seller are secured by a first mortgage on the residential property to which they relate and are full recourse against the borrower (subject to exceptions in Alberta and Saskatchewan, as described below) and if guaranteed to the guarantor and against the property securing the mortgage loan.

Interest is calculated using either a fixed or variable rate. Fixed rate mortgage loans provide for interest based on a fixed annual rate agreed to at the time the mortgage loan is advanced with interest calculated semi-annually, not in advance. Variable rate mortgage loans provide for interest based on the Bank's annual rate of interest announced from time to time as a reference rate then in effect for determining interest rates on Canadian Dollar commercial loans in Canada (the **Bank's Prime Rate**) plus or minus a set percentage, calculated on the outstanding balance when each regular payment is due. In the case of variable rate mortgage loans, the interest rate varies automatically with changes in the Bank's Prime Rate. If the Bank's Prime Rate changes between scheduled payment dates, the revised rate becomes effective from the date of such change and is reflected on the next payment date. The total monthly payment amount due will not change (only the split between interest and principal is adjusted) unless that amount is insufficient to cover the interest amount due on the mortgage. In some circumstances the interest rate on a variable rate mortgage loan may be capped at a maximum rate.

Mortgage loans can either be open or closed to pre-payment at any time without pre-payment charges and can be for terms up to 10 years (with a typical term of five years) with amortization periods that do not exceed 40 years. They provide for regular payments (e.g. weekly, bi-weekly or monthly) and early and/or increased payment options subject to pre-payment charges in certain circumstances. Payments are applied first to interest, then to principal and lastly, to any fees. In the case of variable rate mortgage loans, in the event that the borrower's regular payment is insufficient to pay all interest when due, the mortgage loan

terms and conditions allow the Bank to increase the regular payment amount payable by the borrower to cover interest costs. Interest which is not paid when due is subject to interest.

The Bank may make more than one mortgage loan and provide other credit products to a borrower under the STEP Plan. In such circumstances, each mortgage loan and other credit products are subject to cross-default in the event payments on any loan are not made in accordance with their terms and prior to default the Bank is entitled to allocate payments received from the relevant borrower among amounts owing by such borrower under the STEP Plan. Only STEP Loans are subject to cross-default provisions; Loans other than STEP Loans that are included in the Portfolio are not subject to cross-default provisions. The number of STEP Loans and Loans other than STEP Loans that are included in the Portfolio will be provided in the Investor Report.

Where a mortgage loan is in default, all amounts owing in respect of the mortgage loan will become due and payable and the Bank is allowed to require immediate payment of all amounts owing under all mortgage loans. In the case of multiple mortgage loans under a single loan agreement, any amounts obtained from enforcement are applied first to pay amounts owing under any such mortgage loans that are term mortgage loans (first to any uninsured mortgage loans in each case starting with the smallest outstanding balance) and then to amounts owing. In Alberta and Saskatchewan the law restricts a lender's recourse against a borrower where the proceeds from enforcement of the mortgage by way of a foreclosure action are insufficient to repay the amounts owing on a mortgage loan.

### **Loan Origination and Lending Criteria**

The following description of the Bank's lending criteria and procedures for the origination of mortgage loans is as of the date of this prospectus. There is no requirement for the Bank to maintain such lending criteria or procedures described below and the Bank reserves the right to change such policies and procedures at any time.

The Bank's residential mortgages (including STEP Loans) are originated through employees of the Bank or third parties, such as independent mortgage brokers. Many of the Bank's mortgage clients have multiple products and services with the Bank.

#### ***Mortgage Origination***

The unit of the Bank responsible for retail lending secured by real estate, known as the Real Estate Secured Lending unit, uses three channels for mortgage origination: the Bank's Canadian branch network and two other channels within the Bank, known as Scotia Mortgage Authority and Home Financing Solutions. The Bank uses the same origination and lending criteria for conventional residential mortgages and STEP Loans.

#### ***Canadian Branch Network***

The Bank's Canadian branch network is a significant source of mortgage origination for the Bank. Trained personal bankers in branches review mortgage loan applications and underwrite them based on policy criteria and systems instructions/conditions. In addition, the Canadian branch network channel also focuses on the refinancing and renewal needs of existing clients as well as new clients.

All mortgage applications are limited to systemic credit and conditions generated through the Bank's proprietary model known as the Scotia Adjudication Model (the **SAM**), which is an underwriting tool housing many of the Bank's credit policies and which is used for the adjudication of credit applications. The SAM adjudicates at the customer level, assessing both customer risk and capacity, to determine the amount of credit the applicant can be offered. The SAM is used for all retail lending credit applications entering the Bank's system. It has been designed to support the strategic objective of providing customer centric retail lending products, accessible through the customer's channel of choice. The SAM decisions rely on methodologies' including enhanced pre-screen and auto-decline logic, credit bureau and behavior scoring

supplemented with bankruptcy scores for further discrimination. It also includes fraud detection and capacity determination capabilities. The methodologies' and parameters are reviewed and validated at least annually or more frequently if appropriate, to complement monitoring of trends in key rating criteria.

All branches have certain approval authorities. All mortgage loan applications exceeding the approval authority of the applicable branch or that were declined by the SAM but are supported for approval by the branch based on sound business reasons are submitted to the Bank's exception underwriting center, known as the Adjudication Centre of Expertise (ACE), for review and approval. Approximately 10 percent of the underwritten mortgages are sent by the branches to the ACE unit for approval. Generally the reason for an additional review by ACE is the result of (i) the mortgage being above the lending limit of the relevant branch or (ii) the mortgage does not conform to the Bank's mortgage origination policy. A mortgage may not initially conform to the Bank's origination standards as a result of (i) the borrower's credit score, (ii) the borrower's income is low relative to the required mortgage payments, (iii) the price of the property is high relative to other houses in the neighborhood, or (iv) the property is unusual (a farm or cottage in a rural area). If the mortgage does not meet the Bank's origination standards, the ACE unit will review the mortgage for any compensating factors (which include the strength of the borrower's financial reserves, the borrower's housing stability, the borrower's job stability, loan-to-value ratio, the credit scores of the borrower, property type and location and whether the co-borrower is part owner) and decide if, for example, the credit score is low, whether a compensating factor is available and sufficient to compensate for such factor, such as whether the borrower has sufficient assets to cover payments on the proposed mortgage.

ACE also has an approval authority, and all mortgage loan applications exceeding the approval authority of ACE are submitted to the Bank's Real Estate Credit, Global Risk Management group. See —*Credit Adjudication and the Risk Management Group* below.

All closing conditions to a mortgage underwritten through the Canadian branch network must be fulfilled by the customer prior to the scheduled closing date. The related lending officer is responsible for ensuring that all of the conditions are fulfilled. Management reviews are conducted to identify situations where closing conditions were not met prior to funding so that appropriate corrective action can be taken. A branch review team reviews the effective execution of the Bank's policies and processes for credit files from loan application to post-fund review. An internal audit team also conducts a full detailed review from loan application to post-fund review. In both cases, material and non-material issues are identified. In addition, the Adjudication Lending Review Team, an independent department within the Adjudication Centre of Expertise, reviews a selection of such files, mostly post-fund, with a focus on regulatory compliance, fraud, special programs and ad hoc requests.

### ***Scotia Mortgage Authority***

The unit of the Bank responsible for underwriting mortgage loan applications received electronically from independent mortgage brokers is known as the Scotia Mortgage Authority. The applications underwritten by the Scotia Mortgage Authority are primarily for new customers of the Bank for purchases, product switches and refinance transactions. Existing customers may also choose to use an independent mortgage broker for their mortgage needs and, when an existing customer does so, the underwriting process is the same as that applied to new customers.

Underwriting and condition fulfillment is conducted by the Bank's employees across Canada. Such employees have, on average, at least ten years of experience in mortgage underwriting. The Bank provides specific training for these employees. Many of these employees also have extensive real estate secured lending experience from working at the Bank or other Canadian financial institutions.

All mortgage loan applications are limited to systemic credit and conditions generated through the SAM. The underwriters have certain approval authorities. All mortgage loan applications exceeding the approval authority of the applicable underwriter are referred to a Scotia Mortgage Authority Regional Vice-President and/or the Adjudication Centre of Expertise for review and approval. Declines, regardless of amount, may



only be authorized by the exception underwriting centers. All closing conditions to a mortgage underwritten through the Scotia Mortgage Authority must be fulfilled prior to the scheduled closing date. The underwriting system runs a report six days before closing to identify loans with conditions outstanding.

The Scotia Mortgage Authority credit review unit is responsible for ensuring effective processing and compliance with the Bank's policy and process requirements. All files funded through this channel are reviewed, with approximately 85 percent reviewed prior to funding. In addition, the Adjudication Lending Review Team reviews a selection of such files, mostly post-fund, with a focus on regulatory compliance, fraud, special programs, and ad hoc requests.

### ***Home Financing Solutions***

An additional unit of the Bank known as Home Financing Solutions is also a source of mortgage origination for the Bank; however this channel is not involved in mortgage renewals. Employees of the Bank in this channel originate mortgage loan applications and send them to centers in Calgary, Hamilton, and Montreal for underwriting, review and approval. The applications are primarily for new customers of the Bank, however, existing customers may choose to use this channel. The employees within this channel have no approval authority and, therefore, all mortgage loan applications originated by this channel are processed through the Bank's underwriting centers. The activities and performance of the employees of Home Financing Solutions are monitored by their sales managers, who are expected to monitor the performance of loans originated in their market. Mortgage sales managers at the Bank have a number of tools available to monitor credit and market trends, and results are reviewed with each mortgage originator at least on a quarterly basis.

All mortgage loan applications originated through this channel are limited to systemic credit and conditions generated through the SAM. The underwriters have certain approval authorities. All mortgage loan applications exceeding the approval authority of the applicable underwriter or that were declined by the SAM but are supported for approval by the underwriter based on sound business reasons are referred to the Adjudication Centre of Expertise. All closing conditions for mortgages originated through this channel must be fulfilled prior to the scheduled closing date. The underwriting system runs a report six days before closing to identify loans with conditions outstanding.

A unit of the Bank known as the Alternate Delivery Mortgage Review Team reviews effective processing and compliance with the Bank's policy and process requirements with respect to mortgages originated through Home Financing Solutions. Material and non-material issues are identified. The majority of these files are reviewed pre-fund. In addition, an independent department within the Bank known as the Adjudication Lending Review Team reviews a selection of files, mostly post-fund, with a focus on regulatory compliance, fraud, special programs, and ad hoc requests.

### ***Mortgage Renewals***

All mortgages that are not in arrears are automatically eligible for renewal. Typically, customers are contacted to choose their preferred term. A customer may be contacted by their branch and/or by direct mail. If a customer does not choose a preferred term, the mortgage will be automatically renewed for a six month closed fixed rate term. If a customer renews a mortgage, the customer may change the payment structure (including amount and frequency of payments); however, no changes may be made to the remaining amortization amounts, which cannot be extended past the original commitment.

### ***Valuations, Appraisals and Credit Strategy***

The Bank, in determining property values, uses a variety of methods, including risk assessment tools and appraisals. For all residential mortgage loans that have an LTV ratio of 80 percent or less, the Bank's mortgage approval policy requires one of the following methods as an acceptable property valuation type:

- (a) Low ratio assessment — a third party automated risk assessment system (the "**Risk Assessment Model**") is used to assess whether the valuation meets the Bank's predetermined risk parameters; or
- (b) Full appraisal — a Bank approved appraiser's opinion of the property based on an exterior and interior inspection of the property.

The type of property valuation used may depend on any combination of the following loan characteristics at the time of the application: the location of the property, property value, mortgage loan amount, borrower risk profile, specialty product programs, and the LTV ratio.

### ***The Risk Assessment Model***

The Risk Assessment Model assesses risk using formulas based on various factors, including sales trends, title records, neighborhood analysis, tax assessments and other available information regarding the prospective mortgaged property. If the result of the risk assessment with respect to a property is outside of the Bank's predetermined risk parameters, as described below, a full appraisal of the property is required.

As part of the Bank's financial management systems, a process independent from the lending and origination process, a random sample of results generated by the Risk Assessment Model are, on a monthly basis, re-confirmed against another third party automated risk assessment model. The Bank continuously reviews and updates its financial management systems.

### ***Full Appraisals***

A full appraisal is an independent appraisal by a Bank pre-approved third party appraiser which provides the appraiser's opinion of the value of the property based on an exterior and interior inspection of the property, and other factors including, sales records, comparable property analysis, tax assessments and other available information. In appointing appraisers, the Bank relies on the professional industry accreditation of the appraiser and random sample reviews of the appraiser's appraisal reports by the Bank's senior appraisers. The Bank uses full appraisals in cases where the Risk Assessment Model does not support the value or a full appraisal is required (e.g., if a mortgage is a private sale or if a mortgage over a certain LTV ratio is to be issued in connection with a refinancing). A majority of the residential mortgage loans originated or acquired by the Bank are appraised using full appraisals.

### ***Use of the Risk Assessment Model***

In order for a mortgage to be eligible to be evaluated by the Risk Assessment Model, the mortgage must (i) relate to the purchase of a property, (ii) the property must be listed on the multiple listing services, (iii) the property must be owner occupied, and (iv) the property must have good comparables.

The Risk Assessment Model analyzes specific characteristics of the property in question to determine whether the loan value is appropriate for the property by using various information sources, including:

- the physical characteristics of the property (such as square footage, lot size, age, style of the home, etc.),
- the municipal property tax assessment,
- historical and current sales activity within the local housing market, and
- prior sales activity of the property being assessed, when available.

## *Mortgage Processing*

The Bank's underwriting platform and associated credit policies are consistent across all three of the Bank's internal origination channels. Credit exception decisions, when required, are performed by a dedicated credit department separate from the delivery network and business line.

## *Credit Scores*

The Bank utilizes different credit scoring models: one is used for new customers and is based primarily on the credit scores and bankruptcy scores provided by recognized credit bureaus, and the second is a proprietary model that evaluates existing Bank clients' historical loan, credit and deposit performance. The models are independently validated and monitored on a regular basis to ensure their continuing functionality and market relevance.

The Bank's underwriting policies and procedures require each prospective borrower to submit a mortgage loan application that discloses the applicant's credit history, assets, liabilities, income and employment history, and includes consent to the Bank obtaining a credit report in respect of such applicant.

Credit reports are obtained by the Bank from either Equifax Information Services LLC or TransUnion LLC, which are nationally recognized credit reporting bureaus, as a means of assessing the creditworthiness of the borrowers. Each of these credit reports contains a standardized credit score (a **Bureau Score**) that is designed to assess a borrower's credit history at a single point in time, using data currently on file for the borrower at the particular credit reporting bureau. Bureau Scores range from approximately 300 to approximately 900, with higher scores indicating an individual with a more favorable credit history (i.e. statistically expected to be less likely to default) compared to an individual with a lower score. Information used to create a Bureau Score may include, among other things, the borrower's payment history, delinquencies on accounts, levels of outstanding indebtedness, length of credit history, types of credit and bankruptcy experience. A Bureau Score, however, only assesses a borrower's past credit history and provides an indicator of the relative degree of potential risk that a borrower represents to a lender on a specified date. In addition, Bureau Scores were developed to indicate levels of default probability over a two-year period and were not developed specifically for use with mortgage loans, but for consumer loans in general. Accordingly, Bureau Scores are not necessarily accurate indicators of levels of default probability over the entire terms of the mortgage loans (which extend beyond a two year period to three or five years). Furthermore, Bureau Scores do not take into account the differences between mortgage loans and consumer loans, including the particular loan-to-value ratios of the mortgage loans, the quality or value of the real estate collateral, or the borrower's debt to income ratio. There can be no assurance that a borrower's Bureau Score will be an accurate predictor of the likelihood of such borrower's mortgage loan being repaid, or that a borrower's Bureau Score has or will remain unchanged after origination. Very similar to bureau scores, the Bank also employs bankruptcy scores obtained from the credit bureaus. Bankruptcy scores use credit file data to specifically predict the likelihood of a customer declaring bankruptcy. Both the bankruptcy score and bureau scores are used together to assess the creditworthiness of the borrowers.

Based on the data provided in the prospective borrower's application and certain verifications, if required, the Bank determines whether, in its view, the applicant's monthly income will be sufficient to enable such applicant to meet the obligations under the proposed mortgage loan and pay the other expenses relating to the mortgaged property, including taxes, insurance costs and other fixed obligations. In general, the Bank requires that the scheduled payments that would be due during the first year of the term of a mortgage loan, plus all taxes due in respect of the mortgaged property during such period and all other scheduled payments due under the borrower's other debt obligations during such period, must not exceed a specified percentage of the applicant's gross employment or stated income.

### ***Credit Adjudication and the Risk Management Group***

Dedicated underwriters process all mortgage loan applications originating from both independent mortgage brokers and the Home Financing Solutions channel. Mortgage applications that do not meet standard guidelines are sent to the Adjudication Centre of Expertise for a secondary review. In general, the Adjudication Centre of Expertise processes any mortgage loan application that is valued over a branch's or underwriter's approval authority or if there are evident credit issues with the application (e.g. unsatisfactory scoring from the Bank's valuation models or applications with total debt servicing ratios that exceed the Bank's standard credit risk policies).

Large mortgage loan applications exceeding a certain dollar amount threshold are sent to the Bank's specialized risk management group for credit adjudication.

Suspicious or potentially fraudulent activity is monitored throughout the process. Fraud detection systems are designed to look for inconsistencies in applications and checks are performed against databases of prior suspicious activity. Suspicious applications are referred to the Bank's corporate security & investigation group for investigation.

### ***Credit Effectiveness Review, Audit Process and Quality Control Process***

Pre- and post-funding loan reviews are conducted in all origination channels by a variety of groups depending on the circumstances. These reviews ensure loans are being granted with specified authority levels and in compliance with the Bank's policy and program guidelines. In addition to these reviews, further independent reviews are performed by a specialized adjudication lending and review team. The Bank also has a dedicated team of employees that audits the mortgage business and monitors quality control. Prior to each Loan being included in the Portfolio, each Loan is reviewed by the Bank for violations of, as of its time of its origination, the Loan Representations and Warranties. All Loans currently included in the Portfolio were not in violation of, as of their time of origination, the Loan Representations and Warranties. The Bank does not have a history of identifying material issues or a significant amount of non-material issues through its pre- and post-funding loan reviews referenced in the question above.

## THE SERVICER

### General

The Bank is a servicer (a **Servicer**) of the Loans and Related Security pursuant to a servicing agreement (the **Servicing Agreement**) dated 19 July 2013 between the Bank, in its capacity as the Servicer, Seller, and Cash Manager, the Guarantor, as owner of the Loans and Related Security, and Computershare Trust Company of Canada, as the Bond Trustee. The Servicer will not be liable in respect of any loss, liability, claim, expense or damage suffered or incurred by the Guarantor and/or any other person as a result of the proper performance by it of its servicing obligations under the Servicing Agreement unless such loss, liability, claim, expense or damage is suffered or incurred as a result of any gross negligence, dishonesty, bad faith, fraud or wilful misconduct of the Servicer or as a result of a breach by the Servicer of the terms and provisions of the Servicing Agreement or the other Transaction Documents in relation to such functions.

### Servicing Activities

The Bank has been originating and servicing uninsured residential mortgage loans since 1954. The Bank has also been servicing credit cards, automobile loans, floorplan financings, commercial loans and unsecured lines of credit since 1967. The Bank services its own portfolio of mortgage loans and generally retains the servicing rights with respect to any mortgage loans it sells or securitizes. The Bank's prior and current servicing activities include collecting and remitting loan payments, administering escrow funds for the payment of real estate taxes and insurance premiums, contacting delinquent mortgagors, supervising foreclosures in the event of non-remedied defaults, and generally administering the loans. As at 31 October 2013, the Bank acted as primary servicer and owned the corresponding servicing rights to loans having an aggregate unpaid balance of approximately \$163.6 billion. The following table sets forth the dollar amount of mortgage loans serviced by the Bank for the periods indicated, and the number of such loans for the same period.

#### The Bank of Nova Scotia Servicing Portfolio (\$ IN MILLIONS)

For the Year Ended October 31,

		2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
<b>Conventional mortgages</b>	Dollar Amounts of Loans	73,074	63,311	71,656	64,712	57,947
	Percentage Change from Prior Year	15.4%	-11.6%	10.7%	11.7%	-5.1%
<b>Insured mortgages*</b>	Dollar Amount of Loans	90,498	92,883	72,833	70,356	65,812
	Percentage Change from Prior Year	-2.6%	27.5%	3.5%	6.9%	60.6%
<b>Total mortgage loans serviced</b>	Dollar Amount of Loans	163,572	156,194	144,489	135,068	123,758
	Percentage Change from Prior Year	4.7%	8.1%	7.0%	9.1%	21.3%

\*Includes portfolio insured mortgages

### Servicing Procedures with respect to Loans and Related Security

Following the sale of a mortgage loan to the Guarantor, the Servicer keeps and maintains records in relation to the Loans and Related Security sold to the Guarantor on a loan by loan basis, for the purposes of

identifying amounts paid by each borrower, any amount due from a borrower and the principal balance (and, if different, the total balance) from time to time outstanding on a borrower's account and such other records as would be customarily kept by a reasonable and prudent mortgage lender. The Servicer also identifies the Loan and Related Security as belonging to the Guarantor and maintains a computer record of the location and identification of the Loans and Related Security by reference to an account number and pool identifier so as to be able to distinguish them from other mortgage loans and security serviced by the Servicer for retrieval purposes. In the event the ratings of the Servicer by the Rating Agencies fall below certain ratings, the Servicer shall use reasonable efforts to ensure that files relating to the Loans and their Related Security are identified as distinct from the conveyancing deeds and documents which make up the title and security of other properties and mortgages which do not form part of the Portfolio. Pursuant to the Servicing Agreement, the Servicer will, subject to the terms and conditions of the Loans and their Related Security and the other Transaction Documents, have the full power, authority and right to do or cause to be done any and all things, not inconsistent with the sale, transfer and assignment of the Loans and their Related Security to the Guarantor, which they reasonably consider necessary, convenient or incidental to the servicing of the Loans and their Related Security or the exercise of their rights, powers and discretions under the Servicing Agreement.

The Servicer provides customary servicing functions with respect to the Loans and Related Security. The Servicer makes reasonable efforts to collect all payments called for under the loan documents and follows such collection procedures as are customary with respect to loans. The Servicer collects and remits mortgage loan payments, responds to borrower inquiries, accounts for principal and interest, holds escrow account information and funds for payment of property taxes, monitors property insurance and in the case of lapses notifies borrowers and obtains lender-placed insurance at the borrower's expense as necessary, counsels or otherwise works with delinquent borrowers, supervises powers of sale, judicial sales or foreclosures, and property dispositions and generally administers the Loans and is required to take all reasonable steps to recover all sums due to the Guarantor in respect of the Loans and Related Security.

After a Loan becomes delinquent and to the extent permitted under and in compliance with applicable law, each Servicer is entitled to commence proceedings with respect to enforcing payment of such Loans and their Related Security, and adjusting, settling or compromising the account or payment thereof, in accordance with the Credit and Collection Policy and the terms of the Mortgage Sale Agreement.

The Credit and Collection Policy is designed to identify payment problems sufficiently early to permit the Servicer to address such delinquency problems and, when necessary, to act to preserve the lender's equity in the property. A Loan is considered delinquent if a scheduled payment remains unpaid 30 days or more after the due date. If timely payment is not received, the Servicer's automated loan servicing system automatically places the Loan in the assigned collection queue. The account remains in the queue unless and until a payment is received, at which point the Servicer's automated loan servicing system automatically removes the Loan from that collection queue.

When a Loan appears in a collection queue, various collection techniques are employed to remind the borrower that a payment is due. Such techniques include subsequent automated attempts to contact the borrower as well as automated letters, with the borrower ultimately telephoned by a collector. Follow-up telephone contacts with the borrower are attempted until the account is current or other payment arrangements have been made. When contact is made with a delinquent borrower, collectors present the borrower with alternative payment methods, in order to expedite payments. Standard form letters are utilized when attempts to reach the borrower by telephone fail and/or in some circumstances, to supplement the phone contacts. Collectors have computer access to telephone numbers, payment histories, loan information, and all past collection notes. The Servicer supplements the collectors' efforts with advanced technology such as predictive diallers and statistical behavioral software used to determine the optimal times to call a particular customer. Additionally, collectors may attempt to mitigate losses through the use of behavioral or other models that are designed to assist in identifying workout options in the early stages of delinquency. For those Loans in which collection efforts have been exhausted without success, the Servicer determines whether mortgage enforcement proceedings are appropriate. The course of action elected with respect to a delinquent Loan generally will be guided by a number of factors, including the related borrower's payment

history, ability and willingness to pay, the condition and occupancy of the Mortgaged Property, the amount of borrower equity in the Mortgaged Property, and whether there are any tax arrears, condominium or strata arrears, or construction liens.

Prior to a foreclosure or sale by power of sale, once the Servicer is in possession of the Mortgaged Property, it obtains an appraisal from a Bank-approved appraiser. The Servicer then hires a real-estate agent to sell the property. The real-estate agent performs a current market analysis which includes: (i) a current valuation of the Mortgaged Property; (ii) an evaluation of the amount owed, if any, for real estate taxes; and (iii) estimated carrying costs, brokers' fees, repair costs, and other related costs associated with real estate owned properties. The Servicer bases the sale price at the foreclosure process or power of sale on this analysis and its own appraisal.

The foreclosure process and power of sale process vary by jurisdiction across Canada, but generally there are two different ways that the Servicer can acquire the right to sell the Mortgaged Property. If the Servicer acquires title to a Mortgaged Property at a foreclosure process or through a power of sale process, it obtains an estimate of the sale price of the Mortgaged Property and then hires one or more real estate agents to begin marketing the Mortgaged Property. If the Mortgaged Property is not vacant when acquired, the lawyers that have been hired to facilitate the mortgage enforcement commence eviction proceedings and/or negotiations are held with occupants in an attempt to have them vacate the Mortgaged Property without incurring the additional time and cost of eviction. Repairs are performed if it is determined that they will increase the net liquidation proceeds, taking into consideration the cost of repairs, the carrying costs during the repair period and the marketability of the Mortgaged Property both before and after the repairs.

The Servicer's collection procedures include the consolidation of tasks and activities under common management and across multiple sites and risk based collections (the collection of payments by client as opposed to the use of a mono-line). Risk based collections involves one collector collecting all delinquent accounts for a borrower at the same time as opposed to different collectors calling the same borrower for each Loan or other product that is delinquent. The Servicer's collections procedures are updated regularly and continue to evolve on a regular basis to improve their efficiency and effectiveness.

### **Servicing and Other Compensation and Payment of Expenses**

Each Loan acquired by the Guarantor is sold by the Seller on a fully serviced interest basis, and as a result the Guarantor does not have any obligation or liability to the Servicer on account of costs, expenses, disbursements, charges, or fees of the Servicer, the sole responsibility for such expenses being that of the Servicer, and as a result, at any time that the Servicer is the Bank or an affiliate of the Bank, the Guarantor does not have any obligation or liability to the Servicer on account of costs, expenses, disbursements, charges, or fees of the Servicer.

### **Payments on Loans; Deposits to Custodial Accounts**

Any collections received by the Servicer in respect of Loans and Related Security to which the Guarantor is entitled are required to be held by the Servicer in trust for the Guarantor and to be kept distinguishable from all other moneys held by the Servicer and following a Rating Agency withdrawing or downgrading the ratings below certain thresholds, to be deposited directly into the GDA Account. All other sums received by the Servicer in respect of the Loans and their Related Security shall be held by the Servicer for itself.

### **Replacement of Servicer**

The Guarantor and the Bond Trustee may terminate the Servicing Agreement in the circumstances described in *Overview of the Principal Documents—Servicing Agreement—Removal or Resignation of the Servicer*.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE CANADIAN REGISTERED COVERED BOND PROGRAM REGIME

The CMHC Guide elaborates on the role and powers of CMHC as administrator of the Legislative Framework and sets out the conditions and restrictions applicable to registered issuers and registered covered bond programs.

### *Eligible Issuers*

The Legislative Framework provides that in order to apply for registration as a registered issuer, a proposed issuer of covered bonds must be a "federal financial institution," as defined in section 2 of the Bank Act (Canada), or, following the order of the Governor in Council, a cooperative credit society that is incorporated and regulated by or under an act of the legislature of a province of Canada.

### *Eligible Covered Bond Collateral and Coverage Tests*

Assets held by a guarantor as collateral for covered bonds issued under a registered program may not include mortgages or other secured residential loans that (i) are insured by the CMHC or other Prohibited Insurers, or (ii) have a loan-to-value ratio that exceeds 80 percent. A guarantor may hold substitute assets consisting of Government of Canada securities and repos of such securities, provided that the value of such substitute assets may not exceed 10 percent of the total value of the assets of the guarantor held as covered bond collateral. The Legislative Framework, as further described in the CMHC Guide, further restricts assets comprising covered bond collateral by limiting cash held by the guarantor at any time to the amount necessary to meet the guarantor's payment obligations for the next six months, subject to certain exceptions.

While the CMHC Guide does not impose a specified minimum or maximum level of overcollateralization, registered issuers must establish a minimum and maximum level of overcollateralization and disclose such levels in the registered issuer's offering documents and in the registry. The methodology to be employed for the asset coverage and amortization tests is specified in the CMHC Guide. Commencing 1 July 2014, in performing such tests registered issuers will be required to adjust the market values of the residential properties securing the mortgages or other residential loans comprising covered bond collateral to account for subsequent price adjustments.

The CMHC Guide also requires that the Guarantor engage in certain risk-monitoring and risk-mitigation practices, including (i) measurement of the present value of the assets comprising covered bond collateral as compared to the outstanding covered bonds (the **Valuation Calculation**), and (ii) hedging of its interest rate and currency exchange risks.

### *Bankruptcy and Insolvency*

The Legislative Framework contains provisions that will limit the application of the laws of Canada and the provinces and territories relating to bankruptcy, insolvency and fraudulent conveyance to the assignments of loans and other assets to be held by a guarantor as covered bond collateral under a registered covered bond program. Such provisions will not be applicable to any covered bonds that are issued under a registered program at a time that the registered issuer has been suspended by CMHC in accordance with the powers afforded to it under the Legislative Framework and the CMHC Guide.

### *Qualifications of Counterparties*

The CMHC Guide prescribes certain qualifications for each of the counterparties to a registered covered bond program, including that such counterparty (i) possess the necessary experience, qualifications and facilities to perform its obligations under the program, (ii) meet or exceed any minimum standards prescribed by an applicable rating agency, (iii) if regulated, be in regulatory good standing, (iv) be in material compliance with any internal policies and procedures relevant to its role as a counterparty, and (v) be in



material compliance with all laws, regulations and rules applicable to that aspect of its business relevant to its role as a counterparty (collectively, the **Counterparty Qualifications**). In connection with the Program, the counterparties are the Swap Providers, the Servicer, the Cash Manager, the Cover Pool Monitor, the Custodian, the Bond Trustee, the Account Bank, the Standby Account Bank, the GDA Provider and the Standby GDA Provider (collectively, the **Counterparties**). Each of the Counterparties has represented and warranted in the Transaction Documents that it meets the Counterparty Qualifications.

### ***Cover Pool Monitor***

The role of the cover pool monitor, as well as the specified procedures to be carried out by the cover pool monitor, are also detailed in the CMHC Guide. The cover pool monitor's responsibilities include confirmation of the arithmetical accuracy of the tests required by the CMHC Guide to be carried out under the registered covered bond program and the preparation and delivery of an annual report detailing the results of the specified procedures undertaken in respect of the covered bond collateral and the program. In addition to the Counterparty Qualifications, the cover pool monitor must be either (i) a firm engaged in the practice of accounting that is qualified to be an auditor of the registered issuer under the Bank Act (Canada) and Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, or (ii) otherwise approved by CMHC (the **Cover Pool Monitor Qualifications**). The Cover Pool Monitor has represented and warranted in the Transaction Documents that it meets the Cover Pool Monitor Qualifications.

### ***Custodian***

The CMHC Guide requires that a registered issuer appoint a custodian for each of its registered covered bond programs. The custodian's responsibilities include holding on behalf of the Guarantor applicable powers of attorney granted by the Bank to the Guarantor and details of the Portfolio assets and Substitute Assets. In addition to the Counterparty Qualifications, the custodian must satisfy certain other qualifications, including that it (i) be a federally or provincially chartered institution authorized to act in a fiduciary capacity with respect to valuable documents, or a chartered bank as described in Schedule I to the Bank Act (Canada), (ii) be equipped with secure, fireproof storage facilities, with adequate controls on access to assure the safety, confidentiality and security of the documents in accordance with customary standards for such facilities, (iii) use employees who are knowledgeable in the handling of mortgage and security documents and in the duties of a mortgage and security custodian, (iv) have computer systems that can accept electronic versions of asset details and be able to transmit that data as required by the CMHC Guide, and (v) be at arm's length from (and otherwise independent and not an affiliate of) the registered issuer (collectively, the **Custodian Qualifications**). The Custodian has represented and warranted in the Transaction Documents that it meets the Custodian Qualifications.

### ***Bond Trustee***

A registered issuer is required to appoint a bond trustee to represent the views and interests, and to enforce the rights, of the covered bondholders. In addition to the Counterparty Qualifications, a bond trustee must be at arm's length from (and otherwise independent and not an affiliate of) the registered issuer (the **Bond Trustee Qualifications**). The Bond Trustee has represented and warranted in the Transaction Documents that it meets the Bond Trustee Qualifications.

### ***Ratings***

If there are covered bonds outstanding under a registered covered bond program, at least two rating agencies must at all times have current ratings assigned to at least one Series or Tranche of covered bonds outstanding, provided that such ratings need not be for the same Series or Tranche.

### ***Disclosure and Reporting***

The CMHC Guide sets out a number of disclosure and reporting obligations for registered issuers. Underlying these obligations is the principle that investors should have access to all material information with respect to the registered issuer and the relevant Series of covered bonds in order to make an informed investment decision with respect to buying, selling or holding such covered bonds. Registered issuers will be required to maintain a website where investors can access, among other things, material transaction documents, Investor Reports on the covered bond collateral and static covered bond collateral portfolio data that users may download and analyze. The provisions of the CMHC Guide permit registered issuers to restrict access to such website (for example, through the use of a password) in order to comply with securities laws or otherwise. The Bank's website will be <http://www.scotiabank.com/ca/en/0,,3798,00.html>.

### ***Status of the Bank and the Program***

On 25 March 2013, the Bank was accepted as a registered issuer under Part I.1 of the NHA and the CMHC Guide in accordance with their terms and on 22 July 2013, the Program was registered as a registered program under Part I.1 of the NHA and the CMHC Guide.

## **USE OF PROCEEDS**

The net proceeds from each issue of Covered Bonds will be added to the general funds of the Bank.

## BOOK-ENTRY CLEARANCE SYSTEMS

*The information set out below is subject to any change in or reinterpretation of the rules, regulations and procedures of the Clearing Systems currently in effect. The information in this section concerning the Clearing Systems has been obtained from sources that the Bank and the Guarantor believe to be reliable, but none of the Bank, the Guarantor, the Bond Trustee nor any Dealer takes any responsibility for the accuracy thereof. Investors wishing to use the facilities of any of the Clearing Systems are advised to confirm the continued applicability of the rules, regulations and procedures of the relevant Clearing System. None of the Bank, the Guarantor nor any other party to the Agency Agreement will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to, or payments made on account of, beneficial ownership interests in the Covered Bonds held through the facilities of any Clearing System or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.*

### Book-entry Systems

#### DTC

DTC has advised the Issuer that it is a limited purpose trust company organized under the laws of the State of New York, a "banking organization" within the meaning of New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to Section 17A of the Exchange Act. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for securities that its participants (**Direct Participants**) deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and may include certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (**DTCC**). DTCC, in turn, is owned by a number of Direct Participants of DTC and Members of the National Securities Clearing Corporation, Government Securities Clearing Corporation, MBS Clearing Corporation and Emerging Markets Clearing Corporation (NSCC, GSCC, MBSCC, and EMCC, also subsidiaries of DTCC), as well as by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly (**Indirect Participants**). DTC has Standard & Poor's highest rating: AAA. The DTC Rules applicable to its Direct or Indirect Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at [www.dtcc.com](http://www.dtcc.com).

Purchases of DTC Covered Bonds under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the DTC Covered Bonds on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each DTC Covered Bond (**Beneficial Owner**) is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participant's records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase, but Beneficial Owners are expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the DTC Covered Bonds are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct or Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in DTC Covered Bonds, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the DTC Covered Bonds is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all DTC Covered Bonds deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co. or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of DTC Covered Bonds with DTC and their

registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other nominee do not affect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the DTC Covered Bonds; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such DTC Covered Bonds are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the DTC Covered Bonds within an issue are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such issue to be redeemed.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor such other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to DTC Covered Bonds unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an omnibus proxy (**Omnibus Proxy**) to the Issuer as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts the DTC Covered Bonds are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Principal and interest payments on the DTC Covered Bonds will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts, upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the Issuer or the Principal Paying Agent, on the payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Direct or Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name", and will be the responsibility of such Direct or Indirect Participant and not of DTC or its nominee, the Principal Paying Agent or the Issuer, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds, distributions and dividend payments to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the Issuer or the Principal Paying Agent, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

Under certain circumstances, DTC will exchange the DTC Covered Bonds for Registered Definitive Covered Bonds, which it will distribute to its Direct Participants in accordance with their proportionate entitlements and which, if representing interests in a Rule 144A Global Covered Bond, will be legended as set forth under *Selling Restrictions*.

Since DTC may only act on behalf of Direct Participants, who in turn act on behalf of Indirect Participants, any Beneficial Owner desiring to pledge DTC Covered Bonds to persons or entities that do not participate in DTC, or otherwise take actions with respect to such DTC Covered Bonds, will be required to withdraw its Registered Covered Bonds from DTC as described below.

#### ***Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg***

Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg each holds securities for its customers and facilitates the clearance and settlement of securities transactions by electronic book-entry transfer between their respective account holders. Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg provide various services including safekeeping, administration, clearance and settlement of internationally traded securities and securities lending and borrowing. Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg also deal with domestic securities markets in several countries through established depository and custodial relationships. Euroclear and Clearstream,

Luxembourg have established an electronic bridge between their two systems across which their respective participants may settle trades with each other.

Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg customers are worldwide financial institutions, including underwriters, securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations. Indirect access to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg is available to other institutions that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with an account holder of either system.

### **Book-entry Ownership of and Payments in respect of DTC Covered Bonds**

The Bank may apply to DTC in order to have any Tranche of Covered Bonds represented by a Registered Global Covered Bond accepted in its book-entry settlement system. Upon the issue of any such Registered Global Covered Bond, DTC or its custodian will credit, on its internal book-entry system, the respective nominal amounts of the individual beneficial interests represented by such Registered Global Covered Bond to the accounts of persons who have accounts with DTC. Such accounts initially will be designated by or on behalf of the relevant Dealer. Ownership of beneficial interests in such a Registered Global Covered Bond will be limited to Direct Participants or Indirect Participants, including, in the case of any Regulation S Global Covered Bond, the respective depositaries of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg. Ownership of beneficial interests in a Registered Global Covered Bond accepted by DTC will be shown on, and the transfer of such ownership will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC or its nominee (with respect to the interests of Direct Participants) and the records of Direct Participants (with respect to interests of Indirect Participants).

It should be noted that DTC will only process payments of principal and interest in U.S. dollars. Payments in U.S. dollars of principal and interest in respect of a Registered Global Covered Bond accepted by DTC will be made to the order of DTC or its nominee as the registered holder of such Covered Bond.

The Bank expects DTC to credit accounts of Direct Participants on the applicable payment date in accordance with their respective holdings as shown in the records of DTC unless DTC has reason to believe that it will not receive payment on such payment date. The Bank also expects that payments by Direct or Indirect Participants to beneficial owners of Covered Bonds will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers, and will be the responsibility of such Direct or Indirect Participant and not the responsibility of DTC, the Bond Trustee, the Agents or the Bank. Payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on Covered Bonds to DTC is the responsibility of the Bank.

### **Transfers of Covered Bonds Represented by Registered Global Covered Bonds**

Transfers of any interests in Covered Bonds represented by a Registered Global Covered Bond within DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg will be effected in accordance with the customary rules and operating procedures of the relevant clearing system. The laws in some states within the United States require that certain persons take physical delivery of securities in definitive form. Consequently, the ability to transfer Covered Bonds represented by a Registered Global Covered Bond to such persons may depend upon the ability to exchange such Covered Bonds for Covered Bonds in definitive form. Similarly, because DTC can only act on behalf of direct participants in the DTC system who in turn act on behalf of Indirect Participants, the ability of a person having an interest in Covered Bonds represented by a Registered Global Covered Bond accepted by DTC to pledge such Covered Bonds to persons or entities that do not participate in the DTC system or otherwise to take action in respect of such Covered Bonds may depend upon the ability to exchange such Covered Bonds for Covered Bonds in definitive form. The ability of any holder of Covered Bonds represented by a Registered Global Covered Bond accepted by DTC to resell, pledge or otherwise transfer such Covered Bonds may be impaired if the proposed transferee of such Covered Bonds is not eligible to hold such Covered Bonds through a Direct or Indirect Participant in the DTC system.

Subject to compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to the Regulation S Covered Bonds described under *Selling Restrictions*, cross-market transfers between DTC, on the one hand, and directly or indirectly through Clearstream, Luxembourg or Euroclear accountholders, on the other, will be effected by the relevant clearing system in accordance with its rules and through action taken by the Registrar, the Principal Paying Agent and any custodian (**Covered Bonds Custodian**) with whom the relevant Registered Global Covered Bonds have been deposited.

On or after the Issue Date for any Series, transfers of Covered Bonds of such Series between accountholders in Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear and transfers of Covered Bonds of such Series between participants in DTC will generally have a settlement date three business days after the trade date (T+3). The customary arrangements for delivery versus payment will apply to such transfers.

Cross-market transfers between accountholders in Clearstream, Luxembourg or Euroclear and DTC participants will need to have an agreed settlement date between the parties to such transfer. Because there is no direct link between DTC, on the one hand, and Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear, on the other, transfers of interests in the relevant Registered Global Covered Bonds will be effected through the Registrar, the Principal Paying Agent and the Covered Bonds Custodian receiving instructions (and, where appropriate, certification) from the transferor and arranging for delivery of the interests being transferred to the credit of the designated account for the transferee. In the case of cross market transfers, settlement between Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg accountholders and DTC participants cannot be made on a delivery versus payment basis. The securities will be delivered on a free delivery basis and arrangements for payment must be made separately.

DTC, Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear have each published rules and operating procedures designed to facilitate transfers of beneficial interests in Registered Global Covered Bonds among participants and accountholders of DTC, Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear. However, they are under no obligation to perform or continue to perform such procedures, and such procedures may be discontinued or changed at any time. None of the Bond Trustee, the Bank, the Guarantor, the Agents or any Dealer will be responsible for any performance by DTC, Clearstream, Luxembourg or Euroclear or their respective direct or indirect participants or accountholders of their respective obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations and none of them will have any liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial interests in the Covered Bonds represented by Registered Global Covered Bonds or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial interests.

## CERTAIN TAX LEGISLATION AFFECTING THE COVERED BONDS

### **Canadian Taxation**

The following summary describes the principal Canadian federal income tax considerations applicable to a holder of Covered Bonds who acquires Covered Bonds, including entitlement to all payments thereunder, as a beneficial owner pursuant to this prospectus, and who, at all relevant times, for the purposes of the ITA deals at arm's length with the Bank and the Guarantor (a **Holder**).

This summary assumes that no amount paid or payable as, on account or in lieu of payment of, or in satisfaction of, interest will be in respect of a debt or other obligation to pay an amount to a person who does not deal at arm's length with the Bank or the Guarantor, as the case may be, for the purposes of the ITA.

This summary is based upon the provisions of the ITA and the regulations thereunder (the **Regulations**) in force on the date hereof and counsel's understanding of the current administrative and assessing practices and policies of the Canada Revenue Agency published in writing by it prior to the date hereof. This summary takes into account all specific proposals to amend the ITA and Regulations publicly announced by or on behalf of the Minister of Finance (Canada) prior to the date hereof (the **Proposed Amendments**) and assumes that all Proposed Amendments will be enacted in the form proposed. However, no assurances can be given that the Proposed Amendments will be enacted as proposed, or at all. This summary does not otherwise take into account or anticipate any changes in law or administrative policy or assessing practice, whether by legislative, regulatory, administrative or judicial action, nor does it take into account provincial, territorial or foreign income tax legislation.

Canadian federal income tax considerations applicable to Covered Bonds may be described more particularly when such Covered Bonds are offered (and then only to the extent material) in the prospectus supplement related thereto if they are not addressed by the comments following and, in that event, the following will be superseded thereby to the extent indicated in such prospectus supplements.

**This summary is of a general nature and is not, and is not intended to be, legal or tax advice to any particular holder. This summary is not exhaustive of all federal income tax considerations. Accordingly, prospective purchasers of Covered Bonds should consult their own tax advisors with respect to their particular circumstances.**

### *Currency Conversion*

While the Covered Bonds may be denominated in a currency other than Canadian Dollars, all amounts relating to the acquisition, holding or disposition of the Covered Bonds must be converted into Canadian Dollars based on exchange rates determined in accordance with the ITA. The amount of interest required to be included in the income of, and capital gains or capital losses realized by, a Holder may be affected by fluctuations in relevant exchange rates.

### *Holdings Resident in Canada*

This portion of the summary is generally applicable to a Holder who, at all relevant times, for purposes of the application of the ITA, is, or is deemed to be resident in Canada and is not affiliated with the Bank or the Guarantor and holds the Covered Bonds as capital property (a **Resident Holder**). Generally, the Covered Bonds will be capital property to a Holder provided the Holder does not acquire or hold those Covered Bonds in the course of carrying on a business or as part of an adventure or concern in the nature of trade. Certain Holders may be entitled to make or may have already made the irrevocable election permitted by subsection 39(4) of the ITA the effect of which may be to deem to be capital property any Covered Bonds (and all other **Canadian securities**, as defined in the ITA) owned by such Holder in the taxation year in which the election is made and in all subsequent taxation years. Holders whose Covered Bonds might not



otherwise be considered to be capital property should consult their own tax advisors concerning this election. This portion of the summary is not applicable to (i) a purchaser that has entered into, with respect to the Covered Bonds, a **derivative forward agreement**, (ii) a purchaser an interest in which is a tax shelter investment, (iii) a purchaser that is, for purposes of certain rules (referred to as the mark-to-market rules) applicable to securities held by financial institutions, a **financial institution**, or (iv) a purchaser that reports its Canadian tax results in a currency other than Canadian currency, each as defined in the ITA. Such purchasers should consult their own tax advisors.

### ***Taxation of Interest and Other Amounts***

A Resident Holder that is a corporation, partnership, unit trust or trust of which a corporation or partnership is a beneficiary will be required to include in computing its income for a taxation year any interest or amount that is considered for the purposes of the ITA to be interest on the Covered Bond that accrues or is deemed to accrue to such holder to the end of the year or became receivable or is received by the holder before the end of the year, to the extent that such amount was not included in computing the holder's income for a preceding taxation year.

A Resident Holder (other than a holder referred to in the previous paragraph) will be required to include in computing the holder's income for a taxation year any amount received or receivable (depending upon the method regularly followed by the holder in computing income) by the holder as interest in the year on the Covered Bond, to the extent that such amount was not included in computing the holder's income for a preceding taxation year.

### ***Dispositions***

On a disposition or deemed disposition of the Covered Bond, including a purchase or redemption by the Bank prior to maturity or a repayment by the Bank upon maturity, a Resident Holder will generally be required to include in computing its income for the taxation year in which the disposition occurs the amount of interest (including amounts deemed to accrue as interest) that has accrued on the Covered Bond to the date of disposition to the extent that such amount has not otherwise been included in computing the holder's income for the year in which the disposition occurred or a preceding taxation year.

In general, on a disposition or deemed disposition of a Covered Bond, a Resident Holder will realize a capital gain (or a capital loss) equal to the amount, if any, by which the proceeds of disposition, net of any amount included in the holder's income as interest and any reasonable costs of disposition, exceed (or are less than) the adjusted cost base of such Covered Bond to the holder immediately before the disposition or deemed disposition. Generally, a Resident Holder is required to include in computing its income for a taxation year one-half of the amount of any such capital gain (a **taxable capital gain**). Subject to and in accordance with the provisions of the ITA, a Resident Holder is required to deduct one-half of the amount of any such capital loss (an **allowable capital loss**) realized in a taxation year from taxable capital gains realized by the holder in the year and allowable capital losses in excess of taxable capital gains may be carried back and deducted in any of the three preceding taxation years or carried forward and deducted in any subsequent taxation year against net taxable capital gains realized in such years.

In the event of an Issuer Event of Default and receipt by the Guarantor of any Excess Proceeds, holders should consult their own tax advisors as to whether they are required to recognize a capital gain at such time and whether any capital loss otherwise arising will be deferred until a subsequent disposition of the covered bonds.

### ***Additional Refundable Tax***

A Resident Holder that is throughout the year a Canadian controlled private corporation (as defined in the ITA) may be liable to pay an additional refundable tax on certain investment income including amounts in respect of interest and taxable capital gains.

### ***Eligibility for Investment***

The Covered Bonds, if issued on the date hereof, would be qualified investments under the ITA and the Regulations for trusts governed by a registered retirement savings plan (**RRSP**), registered retirement income fund (**RRIF**), registered education savings plan, registered disability savings plan, deferred profit sharing plan (other than trusts governed by a deferred profit sharing plan for which any of the employers is the Bank, or an employer with which the Bank does not deal at arm's length within the meaning of the ITA) and a tax-free savings account (**TFSA**). The Covered Bonds will not be a **prohibited investment** for a trust governed by a TFSA, RRSP or RRIF on the date hereof provided the holder of the TFSA or the annuitant of the RRSP or RRIF, for purposes of the ITA, deals at arm's length with the Bank and the Guarantor and does not have a **significant interest** (as defined in the ITA for purposes of the prohibited investment rules) in the Bank or Guarantor. Prospective purchasers should consult with their own tax advisors regarding the prohibited investment rules.

### ***Holders Not Resident in Canada***

This portion of the summary is generally applicable to a Holder who, at all relevant times, for purposes of the application of the ITA, is not, and is not deemed to be, resident in Canada, deals at arm's length with the Bank, the Guarantor and any transferee resident (or deemed to be resident) in Canada to whom the Holder disposes of the Covered Bonds, is not a **specified shareholder** (as defined in the ITA) of the Bank or a person that does not deal at arm's length with a specified shareholder of the Bank for purposes of the thin capitalization rules contained in subsection 18(4) of the ITA, and does not use or hold the Covered Bonds in a business carried on (or deemed to be carried on) in Canada (a **Non-Resident Holder**).

### ***Payments by the Bank in Respect of the Covered Bonds***

Interest paid or credited or deemed to be paid or credited by the Bank on a Covered Bond (including amounts on account of or in lieu of, or in satisfaction of, interest) to a Non-Resident Holder will not be subject to Canadian non-resident withholding tax, unless all or any portion of such interest (other than on a "prescribed obligation" described below) is contingent or dependent on the use of or production from property in Canada or is computed by reference to revenue, profit, cash flow, commodity price or any other similar criterion or by reference to dividends paid or payable to shareholders of any class or Series of shares of the capital stock of a corporation. A **prescribed obligation** is a debt obligation the terms or conditions of which provide for an adjustment to an amount payable in respect of the obligation for a period during which the obligation was outstanding which adjustment is determined by reference to a change in the purchasing power of money and no amount payable in respect thereof, other than an amount determined by reference to a change in the purchasing power of money, is contingent or dependent upon any of the criteria described in the preceding sentence. If any interest payable on a Covered Bond, or any portion of the principal amount of a Covered Bond in excess of its issue price, is to be calculated by reference to an index or formula, interest on the Covered Bond together with such portion of principal, may be subject to Canadian non-resident withholding tax. The prospectus supplement in respect of each particular Tranche of Covered Bonds of a Series will confirm the exemption from (or application of) Canadian non-resident withholding tax based upon the terms of that particular Tranche.

In the event that a Covered Bond the interest on which is not exempt from Canadian non-resident withholding tax upon its terms is redeemed, cancelled, repurchased or purchased by the Bank or any other person resident or deemed to be resident in Canada from a Non-Resident Holder or is otherwise assigned or transferred by a Non-Resident Holder to a person resident or deemed to be resident in Canada for an amount

which exceeds, generally, the issue price thereof, the excess may be deemed to be interest and may, together with any interest that has accrued on the Covered Bond to that time, be subject to Canadian non-resident withholding tax. Such excess will not be subject to Canadian non-resident withholding tax, however, if the Covered Bond is considered to be an **excluded obligation** for purposes of the ITA. A Covered Bond that is not an **indexed debt obligation** (described below), that was issued for an amount not less than 97 percent of the principal amount (as defined in the ITA) of the Covered Bond, and the yield from which, expressed in terms of an annual rate (determined in accordance with the ITA) on the amount for which the Covered Bond was issued does not exceed 4/3 of the interest stipulated to be payable on the Covered Bond, expressed in terms of an annual rate on the outstanding principal amount from time to time, will be an **excluded obligation** for this purpose. An **indexed debt obligation** is a debt obligation the terms or conditions of which provide for an adjustment to an amount payable in respect of the obligation, for a period during which the obligation was outstanding, that is determined by reference to a change in the purchasing power of money.

If interest is subject to Canadian non-resident withholding tax, the rate is 25 percent, subject to reduction under the terms of an applicable income tax treaty or convention between Canada and the country of residence of the Non-Resident Holder.

Generally, there are no other taxes on income (including taxable capital gains) payable by a Non-Resident Holder on interest, discount, or premium on a covered bond or on the proceeds received by a Non-Resident Holder on the disposition of a covered bond (including redemption, cancellation, purchase or repurchase).

#### ***Payments by the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee***

Payments by the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee in respect of interest, amounts in lieu of interest on the Covered Bonds or in respect of the principal amount of the Covered Bonds will not be subject to Canadian non-resident withholding tax to the same extent such payments, if made by the Bank on the Covered Bonds, would be free of Canadian non-resident withholding tax, as discussed above.

#### **United Kingdom Taxation**

*The following is a summary of the United Kingdom withholding taxation treatment at the date hereof in relation to payments of principal and interest in respect of the Covered Bonds. It is based on current law and the published practice of Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC), which may be subject to change, sometimes with retrospective effect. The comments do not deal with other United Kingdom tax aspects of acquiring, holding or disposing of Covered Bonds. The comments relate only to the position of persons who are absolute beneficial owners of the Covered Bonds. Prospective Covered Bondholders should be aware that the particular terms of issue of any series of Covered Bonds as specified in the relevant Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement may affect the tax treatment of that and other series of Covered Bonds. The following is a general guide for information purposes and should be treated with appropriate caution. It is not intended as tax advice and it does not purport to describe all of the tax considerations that may be relevant to a prospective purchaser. Covered Bondholders who are in any doubt as to their tax position should consult their professional advisers. Covered Bondholders who may be liable to taxation in jurisdictions other than the United Kingdom in respect of their acquisition, holding or disposal of the 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 United Kingdom taxation aspects of payments in respect of the Covered Bonds. In particular, Covered Bondholders should be aware that they may be liable to taxation under the laws of other jurisdictions in relation to payments in respect of the Covered Bonds even if such payments may be made without withholding or deduction for or on account of taxation under the laws of the United Kingdom.*

#### **A. UK Withholding Tax on UK Source Interest (including, without limitation, where Covered Bonds are issued by the Bank's London Branch)**

### **A.1 UK Covered Bonds listed on a recognized stock exchange**

The Covered Bonds issued by the Bank which carry a right to interest will constitute **quoted Eurobonds** provided they are and continue to be listed on a recognized stock exchange. Whilst the Covered Bonds are and continue to be quoted Eurobonds, payments of interest on the Covered Bonds may be made without withholding or deduction for or on account of United Kingdom income tax.

Securities will be "listed on a recognized stock exchange" for this purpose if they are admitted to trading on an exchange designated as a recognized stock exchange by an order made by the Commissioners for HMRC and either they are included in the United Kingdom official list (within the meaning of Part 6 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000) or they are officially listed, in accordance with provisions corresponding to those generally applicable in European Economic Area states, in a country outside the United Kingdom in which there is a recognized stock exchange.

The London Stock Exchange is a recognized stock exchange, and accordingly the Covered Bonds will constitute quoted Eurobonds provided they are and continue to be included in the United Kingdom official list and admitted to trading on the Regulated Market or Professional Securities Market of that Exchange.

### **A.2 All UK Covered Bonds**

In addition to the exemption set out in A.1 above, interest on the Covered Bonds may be paid without withholding or deduction for or on account of United Kingdom income tax so long as the Bank is a "Bank" within the meaning of section 991 of the Income Tax Act 2007 (**ITA**) and so long as such payments are made by the Bank in the ordinary course of its business within the meaning of section 878 of the ITA. In accordance with the published practice of HMRC, such payments will be accepted as being made by the Bank in the ordinary course of its business unless either:

- (a) the borrowing in question conforms to any of the definitions of tier 1, 2 or 3 capital adopted by the Prudential Regulation Authority (the **PRA**) whether or not it actually counts towards tier 1, 2 or 3 capital for regulatory purposes; or
- (b) the characteristics of the transaction giving rise to the interest are primarily attributable to an intention to avoid United Kingdom tax.

**A.3** In all cases falling outside the exemptions described in A.1 and A.2 above, interest on the Covered Bonds which has a UK source may fall to be paid under deduction of United Kingdom income tax at the basic rate (currently 20 percent) subject to such relief as may be available following a direction from HMRC pursuant to the provisions of any applicable double taxation treaty, or to any other exemption which may apply. However, this withholding will not apply if the relevant interest is paid on Covered Bonds with a maturity date of less than one year from the date of issue and which are not issued under arrangements the effect of which is to render such Covered Bonds part of a borrowing with a total term of a year or more.

### **B. Payments by Guarantor**

If the Guarantor makes any payments in respect of interest on Covered Bonds issued by the Bank (or other amounts due under such Covered Bonds other than the repayment of amounts subscribed for the Covered Bonds) and such payments have a UK source, such payments may be subject to United Kingdom withholding tax at the basic rate (currently 20 percent) subject to such relief as may be available under the provisions of any applicable double taxation treaty or to any other exemption which may apply. Such payments by the Guarantor may not be eligible for the exemptions described

in *UK Withholding Tax on UK Source Interest* (including, without limitation, where Covered Bonds are issued by the Bank's London Branch) above.

**C. *Provision of Information***

Covered Bondholders should note that HMRC has powers, in certain circumstances, to obtain information about: payments derived from securities (whether income or capital); certain payments of interest (including the amount payable on the redemption of a deeply discounted security); and securities transactions.

The persons from whom HMRC can obtain information include: a person who receives (or is entitled to receive) a payment derived from securities; a person who makes such a payment (received from, or paid on behalf of another person); a person by or through whom interest is paid or credited; a person who effects or is a party to securities transactions (which includes an issue of securities) on behalf of others; registrars or administrators in respect of securities transactions; and each registered or inscribed holder of securities.

The information HMRC can obtain includes: details of the beneficial owner of securities; details of the person for whom the securities are held, or the person to whom the payment is to be made (and, if more than one, their respective interests); information and documents relating to securities transactions; and, in relation to interest paid or credited on money received or retained in the United Kingdom, the identity of the security under which interest is paid. HMRC is generally not able to obtain information (under its power relating solely to interest) about a payment of interest to (or a receipt for) a person that is not an individual. This limitation does not apply to HMRC's power to obtain information about payments derived from securities.

HMRC has indicated that it will not use its information-gathering power on interest to obtain information about amounts payable on the redemption of deeply discounted securities which are paid before 6 April 2014.

In certain circumstances the information which HMRC has obtained using these powers may be exchanged with tax authorities in other jurisdictions.

Information may also be required to be reported in accordance with regulations made pursuant to the EU Savings Directive (see below).

**D. *Other Rules Relating to United Kingdom Withholding Tax***

Covered Bonds may be issued at an issue price of less than 100 percent of their principal amount. Any discount element on any such Covered Bonds will not generally be subject to any United Kingdom withholding tax pursuant to the provisions mentioned in A above, but may be subject to reporting requirements as outlined in C above.

Where Covered Bonds are to be, or may fall to be, redeemed at a premium, as opposed to being issued at a discount, then any such element of premium may constitute a payment of interest. Payments of interest are subject to United Kingdom withholding tax and reporting requirements as outlined above.

Where interest has been paid under deduction of United Kingdom income tax, Covered Bondholders who are not resident in the United Kingdom may be able to recover all or part of the tax deducted if there is an appropriate provision in any applicable double taxation treaty.

The references to "interest" in A to D above mean "interest" as understood in United Kingdom tax law. The statements in A to D above do not take any account of any different definitions of "interest" or "principal" which may prevail under any other law or which may be created by the Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds or any related documentation. Covered Bondholders should seek their own professional advice as regards the withholding tax treatment of any payment on the Covered Bonds which does not constitute "interest" or "principal" as those terms are understood in United Kingdom tax law. Where a payment on a Covered Bond does not constitute (or is not treated as) interest for United Kingdom tax purposes, and the payment has a United Kingdom source, it would potentially be subject to United Kingdom withholding tax if, for example, it constitutes (or is treated as) an annual payment or a manufactured payment for United Kingdom tax purposes (which will be determined by, amongst other things, the terms and conditions specified by the Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement of the Covered Bond). In such a case, the payment may fall to be made under deduction of United Kingdom tax (the rate of withholding depending on the nature of the payment), subject to such relief as may be available following a direction from HMRC pursuant to the provisions of any applicable double taxation treaty, or to any other exemption which may apply.

### *No gross-up*

Covered Bondholders should note that, should any payment in respect of the Covered Bonds be subject to UK withholding tax (or withholding tax imposed by any jurisdiction outside Canada) then no additional amounts will be payable by the Bank save as provided in Condition 7 (Taxation). Similarly, no additional amounts will be payable by the Guarantor should any payment under the Covered Bond Guarantee be subject to Canadian or UK withholding tax.

## **United States Taxation**

**The discussion of tax matters in this Prospectus is not intended or written to be used, and cannot be used by any person, for the purpose of avoiding U.S. federal, state or local tax penalties, and was written to support the promotion or marketing of the Program. Each prospective investor should seek advice based on such person's particular circumstances from an independent tax adviser.**

The following summary discusses the principal U.S. federal income tax consequences of the ownership and disposition of the Covered Bonds. Except as specifically noted below, this discussion applies only to Covered Bonds purchased on original issuance at their "issue price" (as defined below) and held as capital assets. Except as expressly set out below, this discussion does not address all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that may be relevant to a particular holder based on such holder's particular circumstances, nor does it address any aspect of state, local, or non-U.S. tax laws or the possible application of the alternative minimum tax or excise tax or U.S. federal gift or estate taxes. In particular, this discussion does not address aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that may be applicable to holders that are subject to special treatment, including holders that are:

- financial institutions;
- insurance companies;
- dealers in securities, or foreign currencies;
- traders in securities that elect to use a mark-to-market method of accounting for their securities holdings;
- regulated investment companies;

- tax-exempt entities;
- persons holding Covered Bonds as part of a hedging transaction, "straddle", conversion transaction or other integrated transaction;
- U.S. holders (as defined below) whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar;
- real estate investment trusts;
- persons that own (or are deemed to own) 10 per cent. or more of the voting shares (or interests treated as equity) of the Bank; or
- partnerships or other entities classified as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

This discussion is based upon the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the **Code**), existing and proposed regulations thereunder, and current administrative rulings and court decisions, each as available on the date hereof. All of the foregoing are subject to change, possibly on a retroactive basis, and any such change could affect the continuing validity of this discussion. Persons considering the purchase of the Covered Bonds should consult the applicable Final Terms Document for any additional discussion regarding U.S. federal income taxation and should consult their tax advisers with regard to the application of the U.S. federal income tax laws to their particular situations as well as any tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, local or foreign taxing jurisdiction.

This summary does not discuss Bearer Covered Bonds. In general, U.S. federal income tax law imposes significant limitations on U.S. holders of Bearer Covered Bonds. U.S. holders should consult their tax advisers regarding the U.S. federal income and other tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of Bearer Covered Bonds.

As used herein, the term **U.S. holder** means a beneficial owner of a Covered Bond that is for U.S. federal income tax purposes:

- a citizen or individual resident of the United States;
- a corporation created or organised in or under the laws of the United States or of any political subdivision thereof; or
- an estate or trust the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source.

The term U.S. holder also includes certain former citizens and residents of the United States. A **Non-U.S. holder** is a beneficial owner of Covered Bonds that is not a U.S. holder.

If an entity that is classified as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes holds Covered Bonds, the U.S. federal income tax treatment of a partner will generally depend on the status of the partner and upon the activities of the partnership. Partners of partnerships holding Covered Bonds should consult with their tax advisers.

**Prospective investors should consult their own tax advisers regarding the appropriate characterization of, and U.S. federal income tax and other tax consequences of investing in the Covered Bonds in their particular circumstances.**

#### **Tax consequences to U.S. holders**

### ***Payments of Stated Interest***

Interest paid on a Covered Bond will be taxable to a U.S. holder as ordinary interest income at the time it accrues or is received in accordance with the U.S. holder's method of accounting for U.S. federal income tax purposes, provided that the interest is "qualified stated interest" (as defined below). Interest income earned by a U.S. holder with respect to a Covered Bond will constitute foreign-source income for U.S. federal income tax purposes, which may be relevant in calculating the U.S. holder's foreign tax credit limitation. The rules regarding foreign tax credits are complex and prospective investors should consult their tax advisers about the application of such rules to them in their particular circumstances. Special rules governing the treatment of interest paid with respect to original issue discount Covered Bonds and foreign currency Covered Bonds are described under "*—Original Issue Discount*" and "*—Foreign Currency Covered Bonds*".

### ***Original Issue Discount***

A Covered Bond that has an "issue price" that is less than its "stated redemption price at maturity" will be considered to have been issued at an original discount for U.S. federal income tax purposes (and will be referred to as an **original issue discount Covered Bond**) unless the Covered Bond satisfies a *de minimis* threshold (as described below) or is a short-term Covered Bond (as defined below). The **issue price** of a Covered Bond generally will be the first price at which a substantial amount of the Covered Bonds are sold to the public (which does not include sales to bond houses, brokers or similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters, placement agents or wholesalers). The **stated redemption price at maturity** of a Covered Bond generally will equal the sum of all payments required to be made under the Covered Bond other than payments of "qualified stated interest". **Qualified stated interest** is stated interest unconditionally payable (other than in debt instruments of the Bank) at least annually during the entire term of the Covered Bond and equal to the outstanding principal balance of the Covered Bond multiplied by a single fixed rate of interest. In addition, qualified stated interest includes, among other things, stated interest on a "variable rate debt instrument" that is unconditionally payable (other than in debt instruments of the Bank) at least annually at a single qualified floating rate of interest or at a rate that is determined at a single fixed formula that is based on objective financial or economic information. A rate is a qualified floating rate if variations in the rate can reasonably be expected to measure contemporaneous fluctuations in the cost of newly borrowed funds in the currency in which the Covered Bond is denominated.

If the difference between a Covered Bond's stated redemption price at maturity and its issue price is less than a *de minimis* amount, i.e., 1/4 of 1 per cent. of the stated redemption price at maturity multiplied by the number of complete years to maturity, the Covered Bond will not be considered to have original issue discount. U.S. holders of Covered Bonds with a *de minimis* amount of original issue discount will include this original issue discount in income, as capital gain, on a *pro rata* basis as principal payments are made on the Covered Bond or when the Covered Bond is sold.

A U.S. holder of original issue discount Covered Bonds will be required to include any qualified stated interest payments in income in accordance with the U.S. holder's method of accounting for U.S. federal income tax purposes. U.S. holders of original issue discount Covered Bonds that mature more than one year from their date of issuance will be required to include original issue discount in income for U.S. federal tax purposes as it accrues in accordance with a constant yield method based on a compounding of interest, regardless of whether cash attributable to this income is received.

A U.S. holder may make an election to include in gross income all interest that accrues on any Covered Bond (including stated interest, acquisition discount, original issue discount, *de minimis* original issue discount, market discount, *de minimis* market discount and unstated interest, as adjusted by any amortisable bond premium or acquisition premium) in accordance with a constant yield method based on the compounding of interest, and may revoke such election (a **constant yield election**) only with the permission of the IRS.



A Covered Bond that matures one year or less from its date of issuance (a **short-term Covered Bond**) will be treated as being issued at a discount and none of the interest paid on the Covered Bond will be treated as qualified stated interest. In general, a cash method U.S. holder of a short-term Covered Bond is not required to accrue the discount for U.S. federal income tax purposes unless it elects to do so. U.S. holders who so elect and certain other U.S. holders, including those who report income on the accrual method of accounting for U.S. federal income tax purposes, are required to include the discount in income as it accrues on a straight-line basis, unless another election is made to accrue the discount according to a constant yield method based on daily compounding. In the case of a U.S. holder who is not required and who does not elect to include the discount in income currently, any gain realized on the sale, exchange, or retirement of the short-term Covered Bond will be ordinary income to the extent of the discount accrued on a straight-line basis (or, if elected, according to a constant yield method based on daily compounding) through the date of sale, exchange or retirement. In addition, those U.S. holders will be required to defer deductions for any interest paid on indebtedness incurred to purchase or carry short-term Covered Bonds in an amount not exceeding the accrued discount until the accrued discount is included in income.

The Bank may have an unconditional option to redeem, or U.S. holders may have an unconditional option to require the Bank to redeem, a Covered Bond prior to its stated maturity date. Under applicable regulations, if the Bank has an unconditional option to redeem a Covered Bond prior to its stated maturity date, this option will be presumed to be exercised if, by utilising any date on which the Covered Bond may be redeemed as the maturity date and the amount payable on that date in accordance with the terms of the Covered Bond as the stated redemption price at maturity, the yield on the Covered Bond would be lower than its yield to maturity. If the U.S. holders have an unconditional option to require the Bank to redeem a Covered Bond prior to its stated maturity date, this option will be presumed to be exercised if making the same assumptions as those set forth in the previous sentence, the yield on the Covered Bond would be higher than its yield to maturity. If an option presumed to be exercised is not in fact exercised, the Covered Bond would be treated, solely for purposes of calculating original issue discount, as if it were redeemed, and a new Covered Bond were issued, on the presumed exercise date for an amount equal to the Covered Bond's adjusted issue price on that date. The adjusted issue price of an original issue discount Covered Bond is generally defined as the sum of the issue price of the Covered Bond and the aggregate amount of previously accrued original issue discount, less any prior payments other than payments of qualified stated interest.

### ***Market Discount***

If a U.S. holder purchases a Covered Bond (other than a short-term Covered Bond) for an amount that is less than its stated redemption price at maturity or, in the case of an original issue discount Covered Bond, its adjusted issue price, the amount of the difference will be treated as market discount for U.S. federal income tax purposes, unless this difference is less than a specified *de minimis* amount.

A U.S. holder will be required to treat any principal payment (or, in the case of an original issue discount Covered Bond, any payment that does not constitute qualified stated interest) on, or any gain on the sale, exchange, retirement or other disposition of a Covered Bond, including disposition in certain non-recognition transactions, as ordinary income to the extent of the market discount accrued on the Covered Bond at the time of the payment or disposition unless this market discount has been previously included in income by the U.S. holder pursuant to an election by the holder to include market discount in income as it accrues, or pursuant to a constant yield election by the holder as described under *United Kingdom Taxation—Original Issue Discount* above. In addition, the U.S. holder may be required to defer, until the maturity of the Covered Bond or its earlier disposition (including certain non-taxable transactions), the deduction of all or a portion of the interest expense on any indebtedness incurred or maintained to purchase or carry such Covered Bond.

If a U.S. holder makes a constant yield election (as described under *United Kingdom Taxation—Original Issue Discount*) for a Covered Bond with market discount, such election will result in a deemed election for all market discount bonds acquired by the holder on or after the first day of the first taxable year to which such election applies.

### ***Acquisition Premium and Amortisable Bond Premium***

A U.S. holder who purchases a Covered Bond for an amount that is greater than the Covered Bond's adjusted issue price but less than or equal to the sum of all amounts payable on the Covered Bond after the purchase date other than payments of qualified stated interest will be considered to have purchased the Covered Bond at an acquisition premium. Under the acquisition premium rules, the amount of original issue discount that the U.S. holder must include in its gross income with respect to the Covered Bond for any taxable year will be reduced by the portion of acquisition premium properly allocable to that year.

If a U.S. holder purchases a Covered Bond for an amount that is greater than the amount payable at maturity, or on an earlier call date, in the case of a Covered Bond that is redeemable at the Bank's option, the U.S. holder will be considered to have purchased the Covered Bond with amortisable bond premium equal in amount to the excess of the purchase price over the amount payable at maturity. The U.S. holder may elect to amortize this premium, using a constant yield method, over the remaining term of the Covered Bond (where the Covered Bond is not optionally redeemable prior to its maturity date). If the Covered Bond may be optionally redeemed prior to maturity after the U.S. holder has acquired it, the amount of amortisable bond premium is determined by substituting the call date for the maturity date and the call price for the amount payable at maturity, but only if the substitution results in a smaller amount of premium attributable to the period before the redemption date. A U.S. holder who elects to amortize bond premium must reduce his tax basis in the Covered Bond by the amount of the premium amortized in any year. An election to amortize bond premium applies to all taxable debt obligations then owned and thereafter acquired by the U.S. holder and may be revoked only with the consent of the IRS.

If a U.S. holder makes a constant yield election (as described under *United Kingdom Taxation—Original Issue Discount*) for a Covered Bond with amortisable bond premium, such election will result in a deemed election to amortize bond premium for all of the U.S. holder's debt instruments with amortisable bond premium.

### ***Sale, Exchange or Retirement of the Covered Bonds***

Upon the sale, exchange or retirement of a Covered Bond, a U.S. holder will recognise taxable gain or loss equal to the difference between the amounts realized on the sale, exchange or retirement and the U.S. holder's adjusted tax basis in the Covered Bond. A U.S. holder's adjusted tax basis in a Covered Bond generally will equal the acquisition cost of the Covered Bond increased by the amount of OID and market discount included in the U.S. holder's gross income and decreased by the amount of any payment received from the Bank other than a payment of qualified stated interest and any amortisable bond premium recognised by the U.S. holder. Gain or loss, if any, will generally be U.S.-source income for purposes of computing a U.S. holder's foreign tax credit limitation. For these purposes, the amount realized does not include any amount attributable to accrued interest on the Covered Bond. Amounts attributable to accrued interest are treated as interest as described under *United Kingdom Taxation—Payments of Interest*.

Except as described below, gain or loss realized on the sale, exchange or retirement of a Covered Bond will generally be capital gain or loss and will be long-term capital gain or loss if at the time of sale, exchange or retirement the Covered Bond has been held for more than one year. An exception to this general rule applies in the case of a short-term Covered Bond, to the extent of any accrued discount not previously included in the U.S. holder's taxable income. See *United Kingdom Taxation—Original Issue Discount* and *—Market Discount*. In addition, other exceptions to this general rule apply in the case of foreign currency Covered Bonds. See *United Kingdom Taxation—Foreign Currency Covered Bonds*.

### ***Foreign Currency Covered Bonds***

The following discussion summarizes the principal U.S. federal income tax consequences to a U.S. holder of the ownership and disposition of Covered Bonds that are denominated in a specified currency other than the

U.S. dollar or the payments of interest or principal on which are payable in or determined by reference to a currency other than the U.S. dollar (**foreign currency Covered Bonds**).

The rules applicable to foreign currency Covered Bonds could require some or all gain or loss on the sale, exchange or other disposition of a foreign currency Covered Bond to be recharacterised as ordinary income or loss. The rules applicable to foreign currency Covered Bonds are complex and may depend on the U.S. holder's particular U.S. federal income tax situation. For example, various elections are available under these rules, and whether a U.S. holder should make any of these elections may depend on the U.S. holder's particular U.S. federal income tax situation. U.S. holders are urged to consult their own tax advisers regarding the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the ownership and disposition of foreign currency Covered Bonds.

A U.S. holder who uses the cash method of accounting and who receives a payment of qualified stated interest in a foreign currency with respect to a foreign currency Covered Bond will be required to include in income the U.S. dollar value of the foreign currency payment (determined on the date the payment is received) regardless of whether the payment is in fact converted to U.S. dollars at the time, and this U.S. dollar value will be the U.S. holder's tax basis in the foreign currency. A cash method U.S. holder who receives a payment of qualified stated interest in U.S. dollars pursuant to an option available under such foreign currency Covered Bond will be required to include the amount of this payment in income upon receipt.

An accrual method U.S. holder will be required to include in income the U.S. dollar value of the amount of interest income (including original issue discount or market discount, but reduced by acquisition premium and amortisable bond premium, to the extent applicable) that has accrued and is otherwise required to be taken into account with respect to a foreign currency Covered Bond during an accrual period. The U.S. dollar value of the accrued income will be determined by translating the income at the average rate of exchange for the accrual period or, with respect to an accrual period that spans two taxable years, at the average rate for the partial period within the taxable year. The U.S. holder will recognise ordinary income or loss with respect to accrued interest income on the date the income is actually received. The amount of ordinary income or loss recognised will equal the difference between the U.S. dollar value of the foreign currency payment received (determined on the date the payment is received) in respect of the accrual period (or, where a U.S. holder receives U.S. dollars, the amount of the payment in respect of the accrual period) and the U.S. dollar value of interest income that has accrued during the accrual period (as determined above). Rules similar to these rules apply in the case of a cash method taxpayer required to currently accrue original issue discount or market discount.

An accrual method U.S. holder may elect to translate interest income (including original issue discount) into U.S. dollars at the spot rate on the last day of the interest accrual period (or, in the case of an accrual period that spans two taxable years, the spot rate on the last day of the part of the period within the taxable year) or, if the date of receipt is within five business days of the last day of the interest accrual period, the spot rate on the date of receipt. A U.S. holder that makes this election must apply it consistently to all debt instruments from year to year and cannot change the election without the consent of the IRS.

Original issue discount, market discount, acquisition premium and amortisable bond premium on a foreign currency Covered Bond are to be determined in the relevant foreign currency. Where the taxpayer elects to include market discount in income currently, the amount of market discount will be determined for any accrual period in the relevant foreign currency and then translated into U.S. dollars on the basis of the average rate in effect during the accrual period. Exchange gain or loss realized with respect to such accrued market discount shall be determined in accordance with the rules relating to accrued interest described above.

If an election to amortize bond premium is made, amortisable bond premium taken into account on a current basis shall reduce interest income in units of the relevant foreign currency. Exchange gain or loss is realized on amortized bond premium with respect to any period by treating the bond premium amortized in the period

in the same manner as on the sale, exchange or retirement of the foreign currency Covered Bond. Any exchange gain or loss will be ordinary income or loss as described below. If the election is not made, any loss realized on the sale, exchange or retirement of a foreign currency Covered Bond with amortisable bond premium by a U.S. holder who has not elected to amortize the premium will be a capital loss to the extent of the bond premium.

A U.S. holder's tax basis in a foreign currency Covered Bond, and the amount of any subsequent adjustment to the U.S. holder's tax basis, will be the U.S. dollar value amount of the foreign currency amount paid for such foreign currency Covered Bond, or of the foreign currency amount of the adjustment, determined on the date of the purchase or adjustment. A U.S. holder who purchases a foreign currency Covered Bond with previously owned foreign currency will recognise ordinary income or loss in an amount equal to the difference, if any, between such U.S. holder's tax basis in the foreign currency and the U.S. dollar fair market value of the foreign currency Covered Bond on the date of purchase.

Gain or loss realized upon the sale, exchange or retirement of a foreign currency Covered Bond that is attributable to fluctuation in currency exchange rates will be ordinary income or loss which will not be treated as interest income or expense. Gain or loss attributable to fluctuations in exchange rates will equal the difference between (a) the U.S. dollar value of the foreign currency principal amount of the Covered Bond, determined on the date the payment is received or the Covered Bond is disposed of, and (b) the U.S. dollar value of the foreign currency principal amount of the Covered Bond, determined on the date the U.S. holder acquired the Covered Bond. Payments received attributable to accrued interest will be treated in accordance with the rules applicable to payments of interest on foreign currency Covered Bonds described above. The foreign currency gain or loss will be recognised only to the extent of the total gain or loss realized by the U.S. holder on the sale, exchange or retirement of the foreign currency Covered Bond. The source of the foreign currency gain or loss will be determined by reference to the residence of the U.S. holder or the "qualified business unit" of the U.S. holder on whose books the foreign currency Covered Bond is properly reflected. Any gain or loss realized by these U.S. holders in excess of the foreign currency gain or loss will be capital gain or loss except in the case of a short-term foreign currency Covered Bond to the extent of any discount not previously included in the U.S. holder's income. U.S. holders should consult their own tax adviser with respect to the tax consequences of receiving payments in a currency different from the currency in which payments with respect to such foreign currency Covered Bond accrue.

A U.S. holder will have a tax basis in any foreign currency received on the sale, exchange or retirement of a foreign currency Covered Bond equal to the U.S. dollar value of the foreign currency, determined at the time of sale, exchange or retirement. A cash method taxpayer who buys or sells a foreign currency Covered Bond is required to translate units of foreign currency paid or received into U.S. dollars at the spot rate on the settlement date of the purchase or sale. Accordingly, no exchange gain or loss will result from currency fluctuations between the trade date and the settlement date of the purchase or sale. An accrual method taxpayer may elect the same treatment for all purchases and sales of foreign currency obligations provided that the foreign currency Covered Bonds are traded on an established securities market. This election cannot be changed without the consent of the IRS. Any gain or loss realized by a U.S. holder on a sale or other disposition of foreign currency (including its exchange for U.S. dollars or its use to purchase foreign currency Covered Bonds) will be ordinary income or loss.

### ***Information with Respect to Foreign Financial Assets***

Under recently enacted legislation, individual U.S. holders that own "specified foreign financial assets" with an aggregate value in excess of \$50,000 will generally be required to file an information report with respect to such assets with their tax returns. "Specified foreign financial assets" include any financial accounts maintained by foreign financial institutions (such as the Covered Bonds). Individual U.S. holders are urged to consult their tax advisers regarding the application of this legislation to their ownership of Covered Bonds.

## **Taxation of Non-U.S. holders**

Non-U.S. holders generally should not be subject to U.S. federal income or withholding tax on any payments on the Covered Bonds and gain from the sale, redemption or other disposition of the covered bonds unless: (i) that payment and/or gain is effectively connected with the conduct by that Non-U.S. holder of a trade or business in the U.S.; (ii) in the case of any gain realized on the sale or exchange of a covered bond by an individual Non-U.S. holder, that holder is present in the U.S. for 183 days or more in the taxable year of the sale, exchange or retirement and certain other conditions are met; or (iii) the Non-U.S. holder is subject to tax pursuant to provisions of the Code applicable to certain expatriates.

Non-U.S. holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the U.S. federal income and other tax consequences of owning Covered Bonds.

### ***Backup Withholding and Information Reporting***

Information returns may be filed with the IRS in connection with payments on the Covered Bonds and the proceeds from a sale or other disposition of the Covered Bonds. A holder may be subject to U.S. backup withholding on these payments if the holder fails to provide its tax identification number to the paying agent and comply with certain certification procedures or otherwise establish an exemption from backup withholding. The amount of any backup withholding from a payment to a U.S. holder will be allowed as a credit against the U.S. holder's U.S. federal income tax liability and may entitle the U.S. holder to a refund, provided that the required information is furnished to the IRS. Holders are urged to consult their tax advisers regarding additional reporting requirements as a result of the acquisition, ownership, or disposition of the Covered Bonds.

### ***Reportable Transactions***

A U.S. holder that participates in a "reportable transaction" will be required to disclose its participation to the IRS. The scope and application of these rules is not entirely clear. A U.S. holder may be required to treat a foreign currency exchange loss from the Covered Bonds as a reportable transaction if the loss exceeds certain thresholds in a single taxable year. In the event the acquisition, ownership or disposition of Covered Bonds constitutes participation in a "reportable transaction" for purposes of these rules, a U.S. holder will be required to disclose its investment by filing Form 8886 with the IRS. Prospective purchasers should consult their tax advisers regarding the application of these rules to the acquisition, ownership or disposition of Covered Bonds.

**The U. S. federal income tax discussion set forth above is included for general information only and may not be applicable depending upon a holder's particular situation. Holders should consult their own tax advisers with respect to the tax consequences to them of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of the Covered Bonds, including the tax consequences under state, local, foreign and other tax laws and the possible effects of changes in U.S. federal or other tax laws.**

### ***Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act***

Sections 1471 through 1474 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (**FATCA**) impose a new reporting regime and potentially a 30 percent withholding tax with respect to certain payments to any non-U.S. financial institution (a **foreign financial institution**, or **FFI** (as defined in the Code)) that does not become a **Participating FFI** by entering into an agreement with the IRS to provide the IRS with certain information in respect of its account holders and investors or is not otherwise exempt from or in deemed compliance with FATCA. The Bank is classified as an FFI.

The new withholding regime will be phased in beginning 1 July 2014 for payments from sources within the United States and will apply to foreign passthru payments (a term not yet defined) no earlier than 1 January 2017. This withholding would potentially apply to payments in respect of any Covered Bonds that are issued

on or after the **grandfathering date**, which is the later of (a) 1 July 2014 and (b) the date that is six months after the date on which final U.S. Treasury regulations defining the term foreign passthru payment are filed with the Federal Register, or which are materially modified on or after the grandfathering date. If Covered Bonds are issued before the grandfathering date, and additional Covered Bonds of the same Series are issued on or after that date, the additional Covered Bonds may not be treated as grandfathered, which may have negative consequences for the existing Covered Bonds, including a negative impact on market price.

The United States and a number of other jurisdictions have announced their intention to negotiate intergovernmental agreements to facilitate the implementation of FATCA (each, an IGA). Pursuant to FATCA and the "Model 1" and "Model 2" IGAs released by the United States, an FFI in an IGA signatory country could be treated as a Reporting FI not subject to withholding under FATCA on any payments it receives. Further, an FFI in a Model 1 IGA jurisdiction would not be required to withhold under FATCA or an IGA (or any law implementing an IGA) (any such withholding being: **FATCA Withholding**) from payments it makes (unless it has agreed to do so under the U.S. "qualified intermediary", "withholding foreign partnership", or "withholding foreign trust" regimes). The Model 2 IGA leaves open the possibility that a Reporting FI might in the future be required to withhold as a Participating FFI on foreign passthru payments. Under each Model IGA, a Reporting FI would still be required to report certain information in respect of its account holders and investors to its home government or to the IRS. The United States and Canada have announced an intention to enter into an agreement (a **US-Canada IGA**).

If the Bank becomes a Participating FFI, the Bank and financial institutions through which payments on the Covered Bonds are made may be required to withhold FATCA Withholding if any FFI through or to which payment on such Covered Bonds is made is not a Participating FFI, a Reporting FI, or otherwise exempt from or in deemed compliance with FATCA.

Whilst the Covered Bonds are in global form and held within the clearing systems, it is expected that FATCA will not affect the amount of any payments made under, or in respect of, the Covered Bonds by the Bank, any paying agent, the common depositary or the common safekeeper, given that each of the entities in the payment chain between the Bank and the participants in the clearing systems is a major financial institution whose business is dependent on compliance with FATCA and that any alternative approach introduced under an IGA will be unlikely to affect the Covered Bonds. The documentation expressly contemplates the possibility that the Covered Bonds may go into definitive form and therefore that they may be taken out of the clearing systems. If this were to happen, then a non-FATCA compliant holder could be subject to FATCA withholding. However, definitive Covered Bonds will only be printed in remote circumstances.

If an amount in respect of FATCA withholding were to be deducted or withheld from interest, principal or other payments made in respect of the Covered Bonds, neither the Bank nor any paying agent nor any other person would, pursuant to the conditions of the Covered Bonds, be required to pay additional amounts as a result of the deduction or withholding. As a result, investors may receive less interest or principal than expected.

**FATCA is particularly complex and its application is uncertain at this time. The above description is based in part on regulations, official guidance and model IGAs, all of which are subject to change or may be implemented in a materially different form.**

## **Certain EU Taxation**

### ***EU Savings Directive***

Under EC Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income, each Member State is required to provide to the tax authorities of another Member State details of payments of interest or other similar income paid by a person within its jurisdiction to, or collected by such a person for, an individual resident or certain limited types of entity established in that other Member State; however, for a transitional period,

Austria and Luxembourg may instead apply a withholding system in relation to such payments, deducting tax at 35 percent. The transitional period is to terminate at the end of the first full fiscal year following agreement by certain non-EU countries to the exchange of information relating to such payments. In April 2013, the Luxembourg Government announced its intention to abolish the withholding system with effect from 1 January 2015, in favor of automatic information exchange under the Directive.

A number of non-EU countries, including Switzerland, and certain dependent or associated territories of certain Member States, have adopted similar measures (either provision of information or transitional withholding) in relation to payments made by a person within its jurisdiction to, or collected by such a person for, an individual resident or certain limited types of entity established in a Member State. In addition, the Member States have entered into provision of information or transitional withholding arrangements with certain of those dependent or associated territories in relation to payments made by a person in a Member State to, or collected by such a person for, an individual resident or certain limited types of entity established in one of those territories.

The European Commission has proposed certain amendments to the Directive, which may, if implemented, amend or broaden the scope of the requirements described above. Investors who are in any doubt as to their position should consult their professional advisers.

#### ***The proposed financial transactions tax (FTT)***

The European Commission has published a proposal for a Directive for a common FTT in Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia and Slovakia (the participating Member States).

The proposed FTT has very broad scope and could, if introduced in its current form, apply to certain dealings in Covered Bonds (including secondary market transactions) in certain circumstances. The issuance and subscription of Covered Bonds should, however, be exempt.

Under current proposals the FTT could apply in certain circumstances to persons both within and outside of the participating Member States. Generally, it would apply to certain dealings in Covered Bonds where at least one party is a financial institution, and at least one party is established in a participating Member State. A financial institution may be, or be deemed to be, "established" in a participating Member State in a broad range of circumstances, including (a) by transacting with a person established in a participating Member State or (b) where the financial instrument which is subject to the dealings is issued in a participating Member State.

The FTT proposal remains subject to negotiation between the participating Member States and is the subject of legal challenge. It may therefore be altered prior to any implementation, the timing of which remains unclear. Additional EU Member States may decide to participate. Prospective holders of Covered Bonds are advised to seek their own professional advice in relation to the FTT.

## ERISA AND CERTAIN OTHER U.S. CONSIDERATIONS

Unless otherwise provided in the Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement, the Covered Bonds should be eligible for purchase by employee benefit plans and other plans subject to Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (**ERISA**), and/or the provisions of Section 4975 of the Code and by governmental, church and non-U.S. plans that are subject to state, local, other federal or non-U.S. law that is substantially similar to ERISA or the Code (**Similar Law**) subject to consideration of the issues described in this Section. ERISA imposes certain requirements on "employee benefit plans" (as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA) subject to ERISA, including entities such as collective investment funds and separate accounts whose underlying assets include the assets of such plans (collectively, **ERISA Plans**) and on those persons who are fiduciaries with respect to ERISA Plans. Investments by ERISA Plans are subject to ERISA's general fiduciary requirements, including the requirements of investment prudence and diversification and the requirement that an ERISA Plan's investments be made in accordance with the documents governing the ERISA plan. The prudence of a particular investment must be determined by the responsible fiduciary of an ERISA Plan by taking into account the ERISA Plan's particular circumstances and all of the facts and circumstances of the investment including, but not limited to, the matters discussed under "*Risk Factors*".

Section 406 of ERISA and Section 4975 of the Code prohibit certain transactions involving the assets of an ERISA Plan (as well as those plans that are not subject to ERISA but which are subject to Section 4975 of the Code, such as individual retirement accounts (together with ERISA Plans, the **Plans**)) and certain persons (referred to as parties in interest or disqualified persons) having certain relationships to such Plans, unless a statutory or administrative exemption is applicable to the transaction. A party in interest or disqualified person, including a Plan fiduciary, who engages in a prohibited transaction may be subject to excise taxes and other penalties and liabilities under ERISA and the Code. The Bank, the Guarantor, the Dealers, the Bond Trustee or any other party to the transactions referred to in this prospectus may be parties in interest or disqualified persons with respect to many Plans. Prohibited transactions within the meaning of Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code may arise if any of the Covered Bonds is acquired or held by a Plan, including but not limited to where the Bank, the Guarantor, the Dealers, the Bond Trustee, or any other party to such transactions is a party in interest or a disqualified person.

Certain exemptions from the prohibited transaction provisions of Section 406 of ERISA and Section 4975 of the Code may be applicable, however, depending in part on the type of Plan fiduciary making the decision to acquire any Covered Bonds and the circumstances under which such decision is made. Included among these exemptions are Section 408(b)(17) of ERISA and Section 4975(d)(20) of the Code (relating to transactions between a person that is a party in interest (other than a fiduciary or an affiliate that has or exercises discretionary authority or control or renders investment advice with respect to assets involved in the transaction) solely by reason of providing services to the plan, provided that there is adequate consideration for the transaction), Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption (**PTCE**) 91-38 (relating to investments by bank collective investment funds), PTCE 84-14 (relating to transactions effected by a qualified professional asset manager), PTCE 95-60 (relating to transactions involving insurance company general accounts, PTCE 90-1 (relating to investments by insurance company pooled separate accounts) and PTCE 96-23 (relating to transactions determined by in-house asset managers). Prospective investors should consult with their advisors regarding the prohibited transaction rules and these exceptions. There can be no assurance that any of these exemptions or any other exemption will be available with respect to any particular transaction involving any Covered Bonds.

Governmental plans (as defined in Section 3(32) of ERISA), certain church plans (as defined in Section 3(33) of ERISA and non-U.S. plans (as described in Section 4(b)(4) of ERISA), while not subject to the fiduciary responsibility provisions of ERISA or the prohibited transaction provisions of Section 406 of ERISA and Section 4975 of the Code, may nevertheless be subject to substantially Similar Law. Fiduciaries of any such plans should consult with their counsel before purchasing the covered bonds to determine the need for, if necessary, and the availability of, any exemptive relief under any Similar Law.



Accordingly, except as otherwise provided in any Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement, each purchaser and subsequent transferee of any Covered Bonds will be deemed by such purchaser or acquisition of any such Covered Bonds to have represented and warranted, on each day from the date on which the purchaser or transferee acquires such Covered Bonds (or any interest therein) through and including the date on which the purchase or transferee disposes of such Covered Bonds (or any interest therein), either that (a) it is not a Plan or any entity whose underlying assets include, or are deemed for purposes of ERISA or the Code to include, the assets of any Plan, or a governmental, church or non-U.S. plan which is subject to any substantially Similar Law, or (b) its acquisition, holding and disposition of such Covered Bonds (or any interest therein) will not constitute or result in a prohibited transaction under Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code (or, in the case of a governmental, church or non-U.S. plan subject to Similar Law, a violation of any substantially Similar Law) for which an exemption is not available.

In addition, any purchaser, that is a Plan or that is acquiring the Covered Bonds on behalf of a Plan, including any fiduciary purchasing on behalf of a Plan, will be deemed to have represented, in its corporate and its fiduciary capacity, by its purchase and holding of the Covered Bonds that (a) none of the Bank, the Guarantor, the Dealers, the Bond Trustee, or any of their respective affiliates (the Affiliated Parties) is a "fiduciary" (under Section 3(21) of ERISA, or under any final or proposed regulations thereunder, or with respect to a governmental, church, or non-U.S. plan under any similar laws) with respect to the acquisition, holding or disposition of the Covered Bonds, or as a result of any exercise by the Bank or its affiliates of any rights in connection with the Covered Bonds, (b) no advice provided by any of the Affiliated Parties has formed a primary basis for any investment decision by or on behalf of such purchaser in connection with the Covered Bonds and the transactions contemplated with respect to the Covered Bonds, and (c) such purchaser recognizes and agrees that any communication from any of the Affiliated Parties to the purchaser with respect to the Covered Bonds is not intended by the Affiliated Parties to be impartial investment advice and is rendered in its capacity as a seller of such Covered Bonds and not a fiduciary to such purchaser.

Each Plan fiduciary who is responsible for making the investment decisions whether to purchase or commit to purchase and to hold any of the Covered Bonds should determine whether, under the documents and instruments governing the Plan, an investment in such Covered Bonds is appropriate for the Plan, taking into account the overall investment policy of the Plan and the composition of the Plan's investment portfolio. Any Plan proposing to invest in such Covered Bonds (including any governmental, church or non-U.S. plan) should consult with its counsel to confirm that such investment will not constitute or result in a non-exempt prohibited transaction and will satisfy the other requirements of ERISA and the Code (or, in the case of a governmental, church or non-U.S. plan, any substantially Similar Law).

The sale of any Covered Bonds to a Plan is in no respect a representation by the Bank, the Guarantor, the Dealers, the Bond Trustee, or any other party to the transactions that such an investment meets all relevant legal requirements with respect to investments by Plans generally or any particular Plan, or that such an investment is appropriate for Plans generally or any particular Plan.

## SELLING RESTRICTIONS

The Dealers will, in a dealership agreement (as the same may be amended and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the **Dealership Agreement**) agree with the Bank and the Guarantor on a basis upon which such Dealers or any of them may from time to time agree to purchase Covered Bonds. Any such agreement will extend to those matters stated under *Form of the Covered Bonds* and *Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds*. The Bank may pay the Dealers commissions from time to time in connection with the sale of any Covered Bonds. In the Dealership Agreement, the Bank will agree to reimburse and indemnify the Dealers for certain of their expenses and liabilities in connection with the establishment and any future updates of the Program and the issue of Covered Bonds under the Program. The Dealers are entitled to be released and discharged from their obligations in relation to any agreement to purchase Covered Bonds under the Dealership Agreement in certain circumstances prior to payment to the Bank.

### Transfer Restrictions

As a result of the following restrictions, purchasers of Covered Bonds in the United States are advised to consult legal counsel prior to making any purchase, offer, sale, resale or other transfer of such Covered Bonds.

Each purchaser of Registered Covered Bonds or person wishing to transfer an interest from one Registered Global Covered Bond to another will be required to acknowledge, represent and agree as follows (terms used in this paragraph that are defined in Rule 144A or in Regulation S are used herein as defined therein):

- (a) that either:
  - (i) it is a QIB, purchasing (or holding) the Covered Bonds for its own account or for the account of one or more QIBs and it is aware and each beneficial owner of such Covered Bond has been advised that any sale to it is being made in reliance on Rule 144A or
  - (ii) it is outside the United States and is not a U.S. person and it is not purchasing (or holding) the Covered Bonds for the account or benefit of a U.S. person;
- (b) that the Covered Bonds are being offered and sold in a transaction not involving a public offering in the United States within the meaning of the Securities Act, and that the Covered Bonds and the Covered Bond Guarantee have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act or any applicable U.S. state securities laws and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons except as set forth in this section;
- (c) it agrees that neither the Bank nor the Guarantor has any obligation to register the Covered Bonds or the Covered Bond Guarantee under the Securities Act;
- (d) that, unless it holds an interest in a Regulation S Global Covered Bond and is a person located outside the United States and is not a U.S. person, if in the future it decides to resell, pledge or otherwise transfer the Covered Bonds or any beneficial interests in the Covered Bonds, it will do so, prior to the date which is one year after the later of the last Issue Date for the Series and the last date on which the Bank or an affiliate of the Bank was the owner of such Covered Bonds, only (i) to the Bank or any affiliate thereof, (ii) inside the United States to a person whom the seller reasonably believes is a QIB purchasing the Covered Bonds for its own account or for the account of a QIB in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144A, (iii) outside the United States in compliance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 under the Securities Act or (iv) pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act, in each case in accordance with all applicable U.S. State securities laws;

- (e) that either (i) it is not and for so long as it holds a Covered Bond (or any interest therein) will not be (A) an "employee benefit plan" as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA that is subject to Title I of ERISA, (B) a "plan" as defined in and subject to Section 4975 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), (C) an entity whose underlying assets include the assets of any such employee benefit plan subject to ERISA or other plan subject to Section 4975 the Code, or (D) a governmental, church or non-U.S. plan which is subject to any U.S. federal, state, local or non-U.S. law that is substantially similar to the provisions of Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code, or (ii) its acquisition, holding and disposition of the Covered Bonds will not result in a prohibited transaction under Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code or, in the case of such a governmental, church or non-U.S. plan, any such substantially similar U.S. federal, state, local or non-U.S. law for which an exemption is not available;
- (f) it will, and will require each subsequent holder to, notify any purchaser of the Covered Bonds from it of the resale restrictions referred to in paragraph (d) above, if then applicable;
- (g) that Covered Bonds initially offered in the United States to QIBs will be represented by one or more Rule 144A Global Covered Bonds, and that Covered Bonds initially offered outside the United States in reliance on Regulation S will be represented by one or more Regulation S Global Covered Bonds;
- (h) that the Covered Bonds represented by a Rule 144A Global Covered Bond and Definitive Rule 144A Covered Bonds will bear a legend to the following effect unless otherwise agreed to by the Bank:

"THIS SECURITY AND ANY GUARANTEE IN RESPECT THEREOF HAS NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), OR ANY OTHER APPLICABLE U.S. STATE SECURITIES LAWS AND, ACCORDINGLY, MAY NOT BE OFFERED OR SOLD WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR TO, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OR BENEFIT OF, U.S. PERSONS EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE. BY ITS ACQUISITION HEREOF, THE HOLDER (A) REPRESENTS THAT IT IS A "QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER" (AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) PURCHASING THIS SECURITY FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF ONE OR MORE QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYERS; (B) AGREES THAT IT WILL NOT RESELL OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER THIS SECURITY EXCEPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGENCY AGREEMENT IN RESPECT OF THIS SECURITY (THE "AGENCY AGREEMENT") AND, PRIOR TO THE DATE WHICH IS ONE YEAR AFTER THE LATER OF THE LAST ISSUE DATE FOR THE SERIES AND THE LAST DATE ON WHICH THE ISSUER OR AN AFFILIATE OF THE ISSUER WAS THE OWNER OF SUCH SECURITY, OTHER THAN (1) TO THE ISSUER OR ANY AFFILIATE THEREOF, (2) INSIDE THE UNITED STATES TO A PERSON WHOM THE SELLER REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT PURCHASING THE SECURITY FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF ONE OR MORE QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYERS IN A TRANSACTION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 144A, (3) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES IN COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 903 OR RULE 904 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (4) PURSUANT TO THE EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION PROVIDED BY RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT (IF AVAILABLE), OR (5) PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, IN EACH CASE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF THE STATES OF THE UNITED STATES AND ANY OTHER JURISDICTION; AND (C) IT AGREES THAT IT WILL DELIVER TO EACH

PERSON TO WHOM THIS SECURITY IS TRANSFERRED A NOTICE SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE EFFECT OF THIS LEGEND.

THIS SECURITY AND RELATED DOCUMENTATION (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE AGENCY AGREEMENT REFERRED TO HEREIN) MAY BE AMENDED OR SUPPLEMENTED FROM TIME TO TIME, WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF, BUT UPON NOTICE TO, THE HOLDER OF SUCH SECURITY SENT TO ITS REGISTERED ADDRESS, TO MODIFY THE RESTRICTIONS ON AND PROCEDURES FOR REALES AND OTHER TRANSFERS OF THIS SECURITY TO REFLECT ANY CHANGE IN APPLICABLE LAW OR REGULATION (OR THE INTERPRETATION THEREOF) OR IN PRACTICES RELATING TO REALES OR OTHER TRANSFERS OF RESTRICTED SECURITIES GENERALLY. THE HOLDER OF THIS SECURITY SHALL BE DEEMED, BY ITS ACCEPTANCE OR PURCHASE HEREOF, TO HAVE AGREED TO ANY SUCH AMENDMENT OR SUPPLEMENT (EACH OF WHICH SHALL BE CONCLUSIVE AND BINDING ON THE HOLDER HEREOF AND ALL FUTURE HOLDERS OF THIS SECURITY AND ANY SECURITIES ISSUED IN EXCHANGE OR SUBSTITUTION THEREFOR, WHETHER OR NOT ANY NOTATION THEREOF IS MADE HEREON).

BY ITS ACQUISITION AND HOLDING OF THIS SECURITY (OR ANY INTEREST HEREIN), THE PURCHASER OR HOLDER WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE REPRESENTED AND AGREED THAT EITHER (A) IT IS NOT AND FOR SO LONG AS IT HOLDS THIS SECURITY (OR ANY INTEREST HEREIN) WILL NOT BE (I) AN "EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN" AS DEFINED IN SECTION 3(3) OF THE U.S. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED ("ERISA") THAT IS SUBJECT TO TITLE I OF ERISA, (II) A "PLAN" AS DEFINED IN AND SUBJECT TO SECTION 4975 OF THE U.S. INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED (THE "CODE"), (III) AN ENTITY WHOSE UNDERLYING ASSETS INCLUDE THE ASSETS OF ANY SUCH EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN SUBJECT TO ERISA OR OTHER PLAN SUBJECT TO SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE, OR (IV) A GOVERNMENTAL, CHURCH, NON-U.S. OR OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN WHICH IS SUBJECT TO ANY U.S. FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL OR NON-U.S. LAW, THAT IS SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 406 OF ERISA OR SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE, OR (B) ITS ACQUISITION, HOLDING AND DISPOSITION OF THIS SECURITY WILL NOT RESULT IN A PROHIBITED TRANSACTION UNDER SECTION 406 OF ERISA OR SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE OR, IN THE CASE OF SUCH A GOVERNMENTAL, CHURCH, NON-U.S. OR OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN, ANY SUCH SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR U.S. FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL OR NON-U.S. LAW FOR WHICH AN EXEMPTION IS NOT AVAILABLE".

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE SELLER OF THIS SECURITY MAY BE RELYING ON THE EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5 OF THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144A.;

- (i) if it is outside the United States and is not a U.S. person, that if it should resell or otherwise transfer the Covered Bonds prior to the expiration of the distribution compliance period (defined as 40 days after the completion of the distribution of the Tranche of Covered Bonds of which such Covered Bonds are a part), it will do so only (i)(A) outside the United States in compliance with Rule 903 or 904 of Regulation S under the Securities Act or (B) to a QIB in compliance with Rule 144A and (ii) in accordance with all applicable U.S. State securities laws; and it acknowledges that the Covered

Bonds represented by a Regulation S Global Covered Bond and Definitive Regulation S Covered Bonds will bear a legend to the following effect unless otherwise agreed to by the Bank:

"THIS SECURITY AND ANY GUARANTEE IN RESPECT THEREOF HAS NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE **SECURITIES ACT**), OR ANY APPLICABLE U.S. STATE SECURITIES LAWS AND, ACCORDINGLY, MAY NOT BE OFFERED OR SOLD WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR TO, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OR BENEFIT OF, U.S. PERSONS EXCEPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGENCY AGREEMENT IN RESPECT OF THIS SECURITY (THE AGENCY AGREEMENT) AND PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OR PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT. UNTIL THE EXPIRY OF THE PERIOD OF 40 DAYS AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF ALL THE SECURITIES THE TRANCHE OF WHICH THIS SECURITY FORMS PART, SALES MAY NOT BE MADE IN THE UNITED STATES OR TO U.S. PERSONS UNLESS MADE (I) PURSUANT TO RULE 903 OR 904 OF REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OR (II) TO QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYERS AS DEFINED IN, AND IN TRANSACTIONS PURSUANT TO, RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT.

BY ITS ACQUISITION AND HOLDING OF THIS SECURITY (OR ANY INTEREST THEREIN), THE PURCHASER OR HOLDER WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE REPRESENTED AND AGREED THAT EITHER (A) IT IS NOT AND FOR SO LONG AS IT HOLDS THIS SECURITY (OR ANY INTEREST HEREIN) WILL NOT BE (I) AN "EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN" AS DEFINED IN SECTION 3(3) OF THE U.S. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED ("ERISA") THAT IS SUBJECT TO TITLE I OF ERISA, (II) A "PLAN" AS DEFINED IN AND SUBJECT TO SECTION 4975 OF THE U.S. INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED (THE "CODE"), (III) AN ENTITY WHOSE UNDERLYING ASSETS INCLUDE THE ASSETS OF ANY SUCH EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN SUBJECT TO ERISA OR OTHER PLAN SUBJECT TO SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE, OR (IV) A GOVERNMENTAL, CHURCH, NON-U.S. OR OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN WHICH IS SUBJECT TO ANY U.S. FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL OR NON-U.S. LAW, THAT IS SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 406 OF ERISA OR SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE, OR (B) ITS ACQUISITION, HOLDING AND DISPOSITION OF THIS SECURITY WILL NOT RESULT IN A PROHIBITED TRANSACTION UNDER SECTION 406 OF ERISA OR SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE OR, IN THE CASE OF SUCH A GOVERNMENTAL, CHURCH, NON-U.S. OR OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN, ANY SUCH SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR U.S. FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL OR NON-U.S. LAW FOR WHICH AN EXEMPTION IS NOT AVAILABLE. "; and

- (j) that the Bank and others will rely upon the truth and accuracy of the foregoing acknowledgements, representations and agreements and agrees that if any of such acknowledgements, representations or agreements made by it are no longer accurate, it shall promptly notify the Bank; and if it is acquiring any Covered Bonds as a fiduciary or agent for one or more accounts it represents that it has sole investment discretion with respect to each such account and that it has full power to make the foregoing acknowledgements, representations and agreements on behalf of each such account.

No sale of Rule 144A Covered Bonds in the United States to any one purchaser will be for less than U.S.\$200,000 (or the approximate equivalent in another Specified Currency) principal amount and no Rule 144A Covered Bond will be issued in connection with such a sale in a smaller principal amount. If the purchaser is a non-bank fiduciary acting on behalf of others, each person for whom it is acting must purchase

at least U.S.\$200,000 (or the approximate equivalent in another Specified Currency) principal amount of Registered Covered Bonds.

Dealers may arrange for the resale of Covered Bonds to QIBs pursuant to Rule 144A and each such purchaser of Covered Bonds is hereby notified that the Dealers may be relying on the exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act provided by Rule 144A. The minimum aggregate principal amount of Covered Bonds which may be purchased by a QIB pursuant to Rule 144A is U.S.\$200,000 (or the approximate equivalent in another Specified Currency). To the extent that the Bank and the Guarantor are not subject to or does not comply with the reporting requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act or the information furnishing requirements of Rule 12g3-2(b) thereunder, the Bank and the Guarantor have agreed to furnish to holders of Covered Bonds and to prospective purchasers designated by such holders, upon request, such information as may be required by Rule 144A(d)(4).

## **Selling Restrictions**

### ***Canada***

Each Dealer has acknowledged and each further Dealer appointed under the Program will be required to acknowledge that the Covered Bonds have not been and will not be qualified for sale under the securities laws of Canada or any province or territory thereof and has represented and agreed that it has not offered, sold or distributed, and that it will not offer, sell or distribute, any Covered Bonds, directly or indirectly, in Canada or to, or for the benefit of, any resident thereof in contravention of the securities laws of Canada or any province or territory thereof. Each Dealer has also agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Program will be required to agree not to distribute or deliver this Prospectus, or any other offering material relating to the Covered Bonds in Canada in contravention of the securities laws of Canada or any province or territory thereof.

### ***United Kingdom***

Each Dealer has represented and agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Program will be required to represent and agree that:

- (a) in relation to any Covered Bonds which have a maturity of less than one year, (i) it is a person whose *ordinary* activities involve it in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of its business and (ii) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell any Covered Bonds other than to persons whose ordinary activities involve them in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or as agent) for the purposes of their businesses or who it is reasonable to expect will acquire, hold, manage or dispose of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses where the issue of such Covered Bonds would otherwise constitute a contravention of Section 19 of the FSMA 2000 by the Bank;
- (b) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated any invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the FSMA 2000) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of any Covered Bonds in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA 2000 does not apply to the Guarantor or, in the case of the Bank would not, if it was not an authorized person, apply to the Bank; and
- (c) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA 2000 with respect to anything done by it in relation to any Covered Bonds in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

## *United States*

Each Dealer has acknowledged that the Covered Bonds and the Covered Bond Guarantee have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and Covered Bonds may not be offered, sold or delivered directly or indirectly within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, US persons except in certain transactions exempt from, or in transactions not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by Regulation S under the Securities Act.

The Covered Bonds in bearer form are subject to US tax law requirements and may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or its possessions or to a United States person, except in certain transactions permitted by US Treasury regulations. Each Dealer has agreed that it will not offer, sell or deliver a Covered Bond in bearer form within the United States or to United States persons except as permitted by the Dealership Agreement. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by the US Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and regulations thereunder.

In connection with any Covered Bond represented by a Regulation S Global Covered Bond or any Definitive Regulation S Covered Bond (**Regulation S Covered Bond**), each Dealer has represented and agreed that it will not offer, sell or deliver any such Regulation S Covered Bond within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, US persons (a) as part of its distribution at any time or (b) otherwise until 40 days after the completion of the distribution of the Tranche of Covered Bonds of which such Covered Bonds are a part, as determined and certified by the relevant Dealer, in the case of a non-syndicated issue, or the lead manager, in the case of a syndicated issue, and except in either case in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act. Each Dealer has further agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Program will be required to agree, that it will send to each dealer to which it sells any Regulation S Covered Bond during the Distribution Compliance Period a confirmation or other notice setting forth the restrictions on offers and sales of such Regulation S Covered Bond within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, US persons. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by Regulation S under the Securities Act.

Until 40 days after the completion of the offering of a Tranche of Covered Bonds, an offer or sale of any Regulation S Covered Bond within the United States by any dealer (whether or not participating in the offering) may violate the registration requirements of the Securities Act if such offer or sale is made otherwise than in accordance with an available exemption from registration under the Securities Act.

The Dealership Agreement provides that selected Dealers, through their selling agents which are registered broker-dealers in the United States, may resell Covered Bonds in the United States to QIBs pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act and each such purchaser of Covered Bonds is hereby notified that the Dealers may be relying on the exemption from the Securities Act provided by Rule 144A.

Each Dealer appointed under the Dealership Agreement will be required to represent and agree in respect of transactions under Rule 144A that it has not (and will not), nor has (nor will) any person acting on its behalf, (a) made offers or sales of any security, or solicited officers to buy, or otherwise negotiated in respect of, any security, under circumstances that would require the registration of the Covered Bonds under the Securities Act; or (b) engaged in any form of general solicitation or general advertising (within the meaning of Rule 502(c) under the Securities Act) in connection with any offer or sale of Covered Bonds in the United States.

## *Public Offer Selling Restriction under the Prospectus Directive*

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a **Relevant Member State**), each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Program will be required to represent and agree, that with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the **Relevant Implementation Date**) it has not made and will not make an offer of Covered Bonds which are the

subject of the offering contemplated by this Prospectus as completed by the Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement in relation thereto to the public in that Relevant Member State, except that it may, with effect from and including the Relevant Implementation Date, make an offer of such Covered Bonds to the public in that Relevant Member State:

- (a) *Authorized institutions*: at any time to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;
- (b) *Fewer than 100 offerees*: at any time to fewer than 100 or, if the Relevant Member State has implemented the relevant provision of the 2010 PD Amending Directive, 150, natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive) subject to obtaining the prior consent of the relevant Dealer or Dealers nominated by the Bank for any such offer; or
- (c) *Other Exempt offers*: at any time in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive,

*provided that* no such offer of Covered Bonds referred to in (a) to (c) above shall require the Bank or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression "offer of Covered Bonds to the public" in relation to any Covered Bonds in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Covered Bonds to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the Covered Bonds, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State, the expression **Prospectus Directive** means Directive 2003/71/EC (and amendments thereto, including the 2010 PD Amending Directive, to the extent implemented in the Relevant Member State), and includes any relevant implementing measure in each Relevant Member State, and the expression **2010 Amending Directive** means Directive 2010/73/EU.

### ***Japan***

The Covered Bonds have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act (Law No. 25 of 1948, as amended: the **FIEA**) and each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Program will be required to represent and agree, that it will not offer or sell any Covered Bonds, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan (as defined under Item 5, Paragraph 1, Article 6 of the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (Act No. 228 of 1949, as amended), or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, a resident of Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the FIEA and any other applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan.

### ***Republic of Italy***

Each Dealer has represented and agreed that the offering of the Covered Bonds has not been registered pursuant to Italian securities legislation and, accordingly, the Covered Bonds may not be offered, sold or delivered, nor may copies of the Prospectus or of any other document relating to the Covered Bonds be distributed in the Republic of Italy, except:

- (a) to qualified investors ("*investitori qualificati*"), as defined in Article 100 of Legislative Decree no.58 of 24 February 1998, as amended (the **Financial Services Act**) and the relevant implementing regulations of Italian Securities Exchange Commission (**CONSOB**), as amended from time to time; or



- (b) in other circumstances which are exempted from the rules on solicitation of investments pursuant to Article 100 of the Financial Services Act and Article 34, first paragraph, of CONSOB Regulation No. 11971 of 14 May 1999 (**Regulation No. 11991**), as amended.

Furthermore, each Dealer has represented and agreed that any offer, sale or delivery of the Covered Bonds or distribution of copies of this Prospectus or any other document relating to the Covered Bonds in the Republic of Italy under (a) or (b) above must be:

- (i) made by an investment firm, bank or financial intermediary permitted to conduct such activities in the Republic of Italy in accordance with the Financial Services Act, CONSOB Regulation No. 16190 of 29 October 2007 (as amended from time to time) and Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1 September 1993, as amended (the **Italian Banking Act**);
- (ii) in compliance with Article 129 of the Italian Banking Act and the implementing guidelines of the Bank of Italy (as amended from time to time) pursuant to which the Bank of Italy may request information on the issue or the offer of securities in the Republic of Italy; and
- (iii) in accordance with any other applicable laws and regulations including those imposed by CONSOB or other Italian authority.

### **France**

Each of the Dealers and the Bank has represented and agreed that it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell, directly or indirectly, Covered Bonds to the public in France, and has not distributed or caused to be distributed and will not distribute or cause to be distributed to the public in France, this Prospectus, the relevant Final Terms (or Pricing Supplement, in the case of Exempt Covered Bonds) or any other offering material relating to the Covered Bonds, and that such offers, sales and distributions have been and will be made in France only to (a) qualified investors (*investisseurs qualifiés*), other than individuals, and/or (b) a restricted group of investors (*cercle restreint d'investisseurs*), all as defined in, and in accordance with, Articles L.411-1, L.411-2, D.411-1, L.533-16 and L.533-20 of the French Code monétaire et financier.

### **Australia**

No prospectus or other disclosure document (as defined in the Corporations Act 2001 of Australia (**Corporations Act**)) in relation to the Covered Bonds has been or will be lodged with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC). Each Dealer has represented and agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Dealership Agreement will be required to represent and agree that it:

- (a) has not (directly or indirectly) offered, and will not offer for issue or sale and has not invited, and will not invite, applications for issue, or offers to purchase, the Covered Bonds in, to or from 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 information memorandum, advertisement or other offering material relating to the Covered Bonds in Australia,

unless (1) the aggregate consideration payable by each offeree or invitee is at least AUD 500,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies, disregarding moneys lent by the offeror or its associates) or the offer or invitation otherwise does not require disclosure to investors in accordance with Part 6D.2 of the Corporations Act, (2) such action complies with all applicable laws, regulations and directives, and (3) such action does not require any document to be lodged with ASIC.

### **Hong Kong**

Each Dealer has represented and agreed that:

- (a) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell in Hong Kong, by means of any document, any Covered Bonds other than (i) to "professional investors" as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong and any rules made under that Ordinance; or (ii) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a "prospectus" as defined in the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32) of Hong Kong or which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of that Ordinance; and
- (b) it has not issued or had in its possession for the purposes of issue, and will not issue or have in its possession for the purposes of issue, whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere, any advertisement, invitation or document relating to the Covered Bonds, which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public of Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the securities laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to Covered Bonds which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to "professional investors" as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance and any rules made under that Ordinance.

### *Singapore*

This Prospectus has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore, and the Covered Bonds will be offered pursuant to exemptions under the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore (the Securities and Futures Act). Accordingly, the Covered Bonds may not be offered or sold or made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase nor may this Prospectus or any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale or invitation for subscription or purchase of any Covered Bonds be circulated or distributed, whether directly or indirectly, to any person in Singapore other than (a) to an institutional investor pursuant to Section 274 of the Securities and Futures Act, (b) to a relevant person under Section 275(1) of the Securities and Futures Act or to any person pursuant to Section 275(1A) of the Securities and Futures Act and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275 of the Securities and Futures Act, or (c) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the Securities and Futures Act.

Where the Covered Bonds are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 of the Securities and Futures Act by a relevant person which is:

- (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor (as defined in Section 4A of the Securities and Futures Act)) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor;
- (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary of the trust is an individual who is an accredited investor,

securities (as defined in Section 239(1) of the Securities and Futures Act) of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest (howsoever described) in that trust shall not be transferable for 6 months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the Covered Bonds pursuant to an offer under Section 275 of the Securities and Futures Act except:

- (i) to an institutional investor or to a relevant person defined in Section 275(2) of the Securities and Futures Act or to any person arising from an offer referred to in Section 275(1A) or Section 276(4)(i)(B) of the Securities and Futures Act; or
- (ii) where no consideration is or will be given for the transfer; or
- (iii) where the transfer is by operation of law; or
- (iv) pursuant to Section 276(7) of the Securities and Futures Act or Regulation 32 of the Securities and Futures (Offers of Investments) (Shares and Debentures) Regulations 2005 of Singapore.

## *General*

These selling restrictions may be modified by the agreement of the Bank and any relevant Dealer following a change in a relevant law, regulation or directive. Any such modification and any additional selling restrictions with which any relevant Dealer will be required to comply will be set out in the Final Terms Document or the Pricing Supplement issued in respect of the issue of Covered Bonds to which it relates or in a supplement to this Prospectus.

Each Dealer has agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Program will be required to agree that it will (to the best of its knowledge and belief) comply with all applicable securities laws and regulations in force in any jurisdiction in which it purchases, offers, sells or delivers Covered Bonds or possesses or distributes this Prospectus, any other offering material or any Final Terms Document or any Pricing Supplement and will obtain any consent, approval or permission required by it for the purchase, offer, sale or delivery by it of Covered Bonds under the laws, directives and regulations in force in any jurisdiction to which it is subject or in which it makes such purchases, offers, sales or deliveries and none of the Bank, the Guarantor, the Bond Trustee nor any of the other Dealers shall have any responsibility therefor. Furthermore, they will not directly or indirectly offer, sell or deliver any Covered Bonds or distribute or publish any form of application, prospectus, advertisement or other offering material except under circumstances that will, to the best of their knowledge and belief, result in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations, and all offers, sales and deliveries of Covered Bonds by them will be made on the same terms.

None of the Bank, the Guarantor, the Bond Trustee or any of the Dealers represents that Covered Bonds may at any time lawfully be sold in compliance with any applicable registration or other requirements in any jurisdiction, or pursuant to any exemption available thereunder, or assumes any responsibility for facilitating such sale.

With regard to each Tranche, the relevant Dealer(s) will be required to comply with such other restrictions as the Bank and the relevant Dealer(s) shall agree as a term of issue and purchase as indicated in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement.

Each Dealer will, unless prohibited by applicable law, furnish to each person to whom they offer or sell Covered Bonds a copy of the Prospectus as then amended or supplemented or, unless delivery of the Prospectus is required by applicable law, inform each such person that a copy will be made available upon request. The Dealers are not authorized to give any information or to make any representation not contained in the Prospectus in connection with the offer and sale of Covered Bonds to which the Prospectus relates.

This Prospectus may be used by the Dealers for offers and sales related to market-making transactions in the Covered Bonds. Any or each of the Dealers may act as principal or agent in these transactions. These sales will be made at prices relating to prevailing market prices at the time of sale. None of the Dealers has any obligation to make a market in the Covered Bonds, and any market-making may be discontinued at any time without notice. The Dealers are participating in the initial distribution of the Covered Bonds.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

1. It is expected that listing of the Covered Bonds on the Official List and admission to trading on the Market will be granted on the relevant Issue Date, subject only to the issue of a Global Covered Bond of the relevant type in respect of each Tranche. The Listing of the Program in respect of the Covered Bonds is expected to be granted on or about 22 January 2014.
2. The Bank has obtained all necessary consents, approvals and authorizations in connection with the issue and performance of the Covered Bonds. The establishment of the Program and the issue of Covered Bonds thereunder was authorized by Resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Bank passed on 28 August 2012.
3. Each Bearer Covered Bond, Coupon and Talon will bear the following legend: "Any United States person who holds this obligation will be subject to limitations under the United States income tax laws, including the limitations provided in Sections 165(j) and 1287(a) of the Internal Revenue Code".
4. There has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of the Bank and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole since 31 October 2013, being the date of the latest published audited results, and no material adverse change in the prospects of the Bank and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole since 31 October 2013, being the date of the latest published consolidated financial statements of the Bank.

There has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of the Guarantor since it was established on 28 May 2013 and there has been no material adverse change in the prospects of the Guarantor since 28 May 2013.

5. There are no governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which the Guarantor is aware) against the Guarantor since 28 May 2013, being the date of its establishment.
6. The Covered Bonds have been accepted for clearance through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg. The appropriate Common Code and ISIN for each Tranche of Covered Bonds allocated by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg will be specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement. In addition, the Bank may make an application for any Registered Covered Bonds to be accepted for trading in book-entry form by DTC. The CUSIP and/or CINS numbers for each Tranche of Registered Covered Bonds cleared through DTC, together with the relevant ISIN and Common Code, will be specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement. Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and DTC are the entities in charge of keeping the records, as applicable. If the Covered Bonds are to clear through an additional or alternative clearing system, the appropriate information will be specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement.

The address of Euroclear is Euroclear Bank SA/NV, 1 Boulevard du Roi Albert II, B-1210 Brussels and the address of Clearstream, Luxembourg is Clearstream Banking, 42 Avenue JF Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg.

7. From the date hereof and for so long as the Program remains in effect or any Covered Bonds remain outstanding, the following documents (collectively, the **Transaction Documents**) will be available for inspection during usual business hours on any weekday (Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted), at the Executive Offices of the Bank and at the specified office of the Principal Paying Agent:

- (a) the Trust Deed (which includes the Covered Bond Guarantee and true form of the Global Covered Bonds, the Definitive Covered Bonds, the Coupons and the Talons);
- (b) the Security Agreement (and any documents entered into pursuant to the Security Agreement);
- (c) the Mortgage Sale Agreement;
- (d) the Servicing Agreement;
- (e) the Intercompany Loan Agreement;
- (f) the Interest Rate Swap Agreement;
- (g) the Covered Bond Swap Agreement;
- (h) the Cover Pool Monitor Agreement;
- (i) the Cash Management Agreement;
- (j) the Guaranteed Deposit Account Contract;
- (k) the Standby Guaranteed Deposit Account Contract;
- (l) the Bank Account Agreement;
- (m) the Standby Bank Account Agreement;
- (n) the Agency Agreement;
- (o) Guarantor Agreement;
- (p) Corporate Services Agreement;
- (q) each Final Terms Document for Covered Bonds which are listed on the Official List and admitted to trading on the Market, or offered to the public in the European Economic Area;
- (r) a copy of each subscription agreement for Covered Bonds issued on a syndicated basis which are listed on the Official List and admitted to trading on the Market, or offered to the public in the European Economic Area;
- (s) any Security Sharing Agreement entered into by the Guarantor; and
- (t) the Master Definitions and Construction Agreement.

8. Copies of the latest annual consolidated financial statements, annual management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations, condensed interim consolidated financial statements and interim management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations to the shareholders of the Bank may be obtained, and copies of the Agency Agreement will be available for inspection, at the specified offices of each of the Agents and at the Executive Offices of the Bank during normal business hours, so long as any of the Covered Bonds are outstanding.

This Prospectus may also be viewed on the website of the Regulatory News Service operated by the London Stock Exchange at [www.londonstockexchange.com/en-gb/pricenews/marketnews/under](http://www.londonstockexchange.com/en-gb/pricenews/marketnews/under) the name of the Bank and the headline "Publication of Prospectus".

9. *Conditions for determining price* — The price and amount of Covered Bonds to be issued under the Program will be determined by the Bank and the relevant Dealer(s) at the time of issue in accordance with prevailing market conditions.
10. *Post-issuance information* — The Bank does not intend to provide any post-issuance information in relation to any issues of Covered Bonds.
11. Settlement arrangements will be agreed between the Bank, the relevant Dealer(s) and the Paying Agent or, as the case may be, the Registrar in relation to each Tranche of Covered Bonds.

## GLOSSARY

<b>\$ or Canadian Dollar(s)</b> .....	The lawful currency for the time being of Canada
<b>€ or Euro</b> .....	The meaning given on page 117
<b>£ or Sterling</b> .....	The lawful currency for the time being of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
<b>30/360, 360/360 or Bond Basis</b> .....	The meaning given in Condition 4.5(c)(iv)
<b>30E/360 or Eurobond Basis</b> .....	The meaning given in Condition 4.5(c)(vii)
<b>U.S.\$ or U.S. Dollars or US Dollars</b> .....	The lawful currency for the time being of the United States of America
<b>¥, Yen or JPY</b> .....	The lawful currency for the time being of Japan
<b>ABMs</b> .....	The meaning given on page 54
<b>Account Bank</b> .....	The Bank and any other financial institution which accedes to the Bank Account Agreement as an Account Bank or enters into an agreement in form and substance similar to the Bank Account Agreement
<b>Account Bank Required Ratings</b>	The threshold ratings of (i) P-1 (in respect of Moody's), (ii) A and F1 (in respect of Fitch), and (iii) AA(low) or R-1 (middle) (in respect of DBRS), as applicable, of the unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations (or, in the case of Fitch, the issuer default rating) of the Account Bank by the Rating Agencies
<b>Accrual Yield</b> .....	In relation to a Zero Coupon Covered Bond, the meaning given in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement
<b>Accrued Interest</b> .....	In relation to a Loan as at any date, interest accrued but not yet due and payable on the Loan from (and including) the Monthly Payment Day immediately preceding the relevant date to (but excluding) the relevant date
<b>Actual/Actual (ICMA)</b> .....	The meaning given in Condition 4.5(c)(i)
<b>Actual/Actual or Actual/Actual (ISDA)</b> .....	The meaning given in Condition 4.5(c)(ii)
<b>Actual/360</b> .....	The meaning given in Condition 4.5(c)(v)
<b>Actual/365 (Fixed)</b> .....	The meaning given in Condition 4.5(c)(iii)
<b>Actual/365 (Sterling)</b> .....	The meaning given in Condition 4.5(c)(iv)
<b>Additional Business Centre</b> .....	The meaning (if any) given in the applicable Final Terms

Document or Pricing Supplement

<b>Additional Loan Advance</b> .....	A further drawing (including, but not limited to, Further Advances) in respect of Loans sold by the Seller to the Guarantor. Unless and until a New Loan Type is approved by the Rating Agencies which requires an Additional Loan Advance, such as a home equity line of credit, the Seller does not expect that any Loan included in the Portfolio will require an Additional Loan Advance
<b>Additional Loan Notice</b> .....	A notice in the form set out in the Mortgage Sale Agreement served in accordance with the terms of the Mortgage Sale Agreement
<b>Additional Loans</b> .....	Loans, other than the Loans comprised in the Initial Portfolio, which the Seller may sell to the Guarantor after the First Transfer Date pursuant to the Mortgage Sale Agreement, including each Additional STEP Loan
<b>Additional STEP Loans</b> .....	Additional Loans made by the Seller to a particular STEP Borrower which are originated subsequent to the sale to the Guarantor of the First STEP Loan to the same STEP Borrower
<b>Adjusted Required Redemption Amount</b> .....	The Canadian Dollar Equivalent of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) the Required Redemption Amount; plus or minus</li><li>(b) any swap termination amounts payable under the Covered Bond Swap Agreement to or by the Partnership in respect of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds less (where applicable) amounts held by the Cash Manager for and on behalf of the Partnership and amounts standing to the credit of the GDA Account and the principal balance of any Substitute Assets (excluding all amounts to be applied on the next following Guarantor Payment Date to repay higher ranking amounts in the Guarantee Priority of Payments and those amounts that are required to repay any Series of Covered Bonds which mature prior to or on the same date as the relevant Series of Covered Bonds); plus or minus</li><li>(c) any swap termination amounts payable to or by the Partnership under the Interest Rate Swap Agreement in respect of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds, determined on a <i>pro rata</i> basis amongst all Series of Covered Bonds according to the respective Principal Amount Outstanding thereof; minus</li><li>(d) amounts standing to the credit of the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Ledger that are not otherwise</li></ul>



required to provide liquidity for any Series of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds which mature within 12 months of the date of such calculation

<b>Advance</b> .....	An advance denominated in Canadian Dollars under the Intercompany Loan pursuant to the terms of the Intercompany Loan Agreement
<b>Affiliate</b> .....	The meaning given thereto in the Bank Act)
<b>Agency Agreement</b> .....	The meaning given on page 97
<b>Agents</b> .....	The meaning given on page 96
<b>Amortization Test</b> .....	The meaning given on page 169
<b>Amortized Face Amount</b> .....	The meaning given in Condition 6.7(b)
<b>Arrangers</b> .....	Barclays Capital Inc. and Scotiabank Europe plc
<b>Arrears of Interest</b> .....	In relation to a Loan as at any date, the aggregate of all interest and expenses which are due and payable and unpaid on that date
<b>Asset Coverage Test</b> .....	The meaning given on page 166
<b>Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice</b> .....	The notice required to be served in accordance with Section 5.1 of the Guarantor Agreement if the Asset Coverage Test has not been met on two consecutive Calculation Dates
<b>Asset Percentage</b> .....	The meaning given on page 167
<b>Asset Percentage Adjusted Loan Balance</b> .....	The meaning given on page 167
<b>Authorized Signatory</b> .....	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) in relation to the Bank Account Agreement, any authorized signatory referred to in the GDA Account Mandate;</li> <li>(b) in relation to the Standby Bank Account Agreement, any authorized signatory referred to in the Standby Transaction Account Mandate or the Standby GDA Account Mandate, as applicable; and</li> <li>(c) in all other cases, an officer of the Bank, or the Guarantor, or such other person appointed by the Bank or the Guarantor to act as an authorized</li> </ul>

signatory, in each case as specified in the list of authorized signatories (as amended from time to time) sent to the Bond Trustee pursuant to Section 15.1(f) of the Trust Deed

- Available Principal Receipts**..... On a relevant Calculation Date, an amount equal to the aggregate of (without double counting):
- (a) the amount of Principal Receipts received during the immediately preceding Calculation Period and credited to the Principal Ledger (but for the avoidance of doubt, excluding any Principal Receipts received in the Calculation Period commencing on (but excluding) the relevant Calculation Date;
  - (b) any other amount standing to the credit of the Principal Ledger including (i) the proceeds of any advances under the Intercompany Loan Agreement (where such proceeds have not been applied to acquire additional Loans and their Related Security, refinance an advance under the Intercompany Loan, invest in Substitute Assets or make a Capital Distribution), (ii) any Cash Capital Contributions and (iii) the proceeds from any sale of Loans and their Related Security or Substitute Assets pursuant to the terms of the Guarantor Agreement or the Mortgage Sale Agreement but excluding any amounts Covered Bond Swap Agreement in respect of principal (but, for the avoidance of doubt, excluding in each case any such amounts received in the Calculation Period commencing on (but excluding) the relevant Calculation Date); and;
  - (c) following repayment of any Hard Bullet Covered Bonds by the Bank and the Guarantor on the Final Maturity Date thereof, any amounts standing to the credit of the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Ledger in respect of such Series of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds (except where the Guarantor has elected to or is required to retain such amounts on the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Ledger)

- Available Revenue Receipts**..... On a relevant Calculation Date, an amount equal to the aggregate of (without double counting):
- (a) the amount of Revenue Receipts received during the immediately preceding Calculation Period and credited to the Revenue Ledger;
  - (b) other net income of the Guarantor including all amounts of interest received on the Guarantor

Accounts and the Substitute Assets in the immediately preceding Calculation Period but excluding amounts received by the Guarantor under the Interest Rate Swap Agreement and in respect of interest received by the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Swap Agreement;

- (c) prior to the service of a Notice to Pay on the Guarantor, amounts standing to the credit of the Reserve Fund in excess of the Reserve Fund Required Amount;
- (d) the amount of any termination payment or premium received from a Swap Provider which is not applied to pay a replacement Swap Provider;
- (e) any other Revenue Receipts not referred to in paragraphs (a) to (d) (inclusive) above received during the immediately preceding Calculation Period and standing to the credit of the Revenue Ledger; and
- (f) following the service of a Notice to Pay on the Guarantor, amounts standing to the credit of the Reserve Fund;

*Less*

- (g) Third Party Amounts, which shall be paid on receipt in cleared funds to a Seller

<b>Bank Account Agreement</b> .....	Bank account agreement entered into on the Program Date between the Guarantor, the Account Bank, the Cash Manager, the GDA Provider and the Bond Trustee
<b>Bank Act</b> .....	The meaning given on page 44
<b>Bearer Covered Bonds</b> .....	Covered Bonds in bearer form
<b>Bearer Definitive Covered Bond</b> .....	A Bearer Covered Bond in definitive form issued or, as the case may require, to be issued by the Bank in accordance with the provisions of a Dealership Agreement or any other agreement between the Bank and the relevant Dealer(s), the Agency Agreement and the Trust Deed in exchange for either a Temporary Global Covered Bond or part thereof or a Permanent Global Covered Bond (all as indicated in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement), such Bearer Covered Bond in definitive form being in the form or substantially in the form set out in the relevant schedule to the Trust Deed with such modifications (if any) as may be agreed between the Bank, the Principal Paying Agent, the Bond Trustee and the relevant Dealer(s) or lead manager (in the case of syndicated issues) and having the

Terms and Conditions endorsed thereon or, if permitted by the relevant Stock Exchange, incorporating the Terms and Conditions by reference as indicated in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement and having the relevant information supplementing, replacing or modifying the Terms and Conditions appearing in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement endorsed thereon or attached thereto and (except in the case of a Zero Coupon Covered Bond in bearer form) having Coupons and, where appropriate Talons attached thereto on issue

<b>Bearer Global Covered Bonds</b> .....	Global Covered Bonds in bearer form, comprising Temporary Global Covered Bonds and Permanent Global Covered Bonds
<b>Beneficial Owner</b> .....	Each actual purchaser of each DTC Covered Bond
<b>Bond Trustee</b> .....	Computershare Trust Company of Canada, in its capacity as bond trustee under the Trust Deed or as trustee under the Security Agreement together with any successor or additional bond trustee or trustee appointed from time to time thereunder
<b>Bonds</b> .....	At any time, the Series of the Covered Bonds (other than any Series which is fully collateralized by amounts standing to the credit of the GDA Account) that has or have the earliest Final Maturity Date as specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement (ignoring any acceleration of amounts due under the Covered Bonds prior to service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice).
<b>Borrower</b> .....	In relation to a Loan, each individual specified as such in the relevant Mortgage Terms together with each individual (if any) who assumes from time to time an obligation to repay such Loan or any part of it, and includes a STEP Borrower
<b>Broken Amount</b> .....	The meaning (if any) given in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement
<b>Business Day</b> .....	In the case of any Covered Bond, the meaning given in Condition 4.5(a) in respect of such Covered Bonds and in all other cases a Toronto Business Day
<b>Business Day Convention</b> .....	In respect of a Tranche of Covered Bonds and either the Interest Periods or the Interest Payment Dates, the business day convention specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement and determined in accordance with Condition 4.5(b)
<b>Calculation Agent</b> .....	The meaning given in the ISDA Definitions

<b>Calculation Amount</b> .....	The meaning given in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement
<b>Calculation Date</b> .....	The third Toronto Business Day prior to each Guarantor Payment Date
<b>Calculation Period</b> .....	The period from (and including) one Calculation Date to (but excluding) the next following Calculation Date, except that the first Calculation Period will commence on (and include) the first Issue Date under the Program and end on (but exclude) the next following Calculation Date
<b>Canadian Dollar Equivalent</b> .....	In relation to a Series of Covered Bonds (including any calculations of the Required Redemption Amount of such Series of Covered Bonds) which is denominated in (a) a currency other than Canadian Dollars, the Canadian Dollar equivalent of such amount ascertained using the relevant Covered Bond Swap Rate relating to the Guarantee Loan applicable to such Series of Covered Bonds, and (b) Canadian Dollars, the applicable amount in Canadian Dollars
<b>Canadian GAAP</b> .....	Canadian generally accepted accounting principles as pronounced from time to time by the Chartered Professional Accountants Canada
<b>Capital Account Ledger</b> .....	The ledger maintained by the Managing GP (or the Cash Manager on its behalf) in respect of each Partner to record the balance of each Partner's Capital Contributions from time to time
<b>Capital Contribution</b> .....	In relation to each Partner, the aggregate of the capital contributed by or agreed to be contributed by that Partner to the Guarantor from time to time by way of Cash Capital Contributions and Capital Contributions in Kind as determined on each Calculation Date in accordance with the formula set out in the Guarantor Agreement
<b>Capital Contribution in Kind</b> .....	A contribution by a Partner to the Guarantor other than a Cash Capital Contribution, including contributions of Substitute Assets (up to the prescribed limit), and/or Loans and their Related Security on a fully serviced basis to the Guarantor (which shall constitute a Capital Contribution equal to (a) the aggregate of the fair market value of those Loans as at the relevant Transfer Date, minus (b) any cash payment paid by the Guarantor for such Loans and their Related Security on that Transfer Date)
<b>Capital Distribution</b> .....	Any return on a Partner's Capital Contribution in accordance with the terms of the Guarantor Agreement
<b>Capital Requirements Directive</b> .....	Directive 2006/48 of the European Parliament and the

Council dated 14 June 2006 relating to the taking up and pursuit of the business of credit institutions (recast) (implementing the Basel II framework) (as the same may be varied, amended or re-enacted from time to time)

<b>Capitalized Arrears</b> .....	In relation to a Loan at any date (the <b>determination date</b> ), the amount (if any) at such date of any Arrears of Interest in respect of which, on or prior to the determination date, each of the following conditions has been satisfied: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the Seller (or the Servicer on the Seller's behalf) acting as a reasonable and prudent institutional mortgage lender in the Seller's market has, by arrangement with the relevant Borrower, agreed to capitalize such Arrears of Interest; and</li> <li>(b) such Arrears of Interest have been capitalized and added, in the relevant accounts of the Seller (or, if the determination date occurs after the First Transfer Date, the Guarantor), to the principal amount outstanding in respect of such Loan</li> </ul>
<b>Capitalized Expenses</b> .....	In relation to a Loan, the amount of any expense, charge, fee, premium or payment (excluding, however, any Arrears of Interest) capitalized and added to the principal amount outstanding in respect of such Loan in accordance with the relevant Mortgage Terms
<b>Cash Capital Contribution</b> .....	A Capital Contribution made in cash
<b>Cash Management Agreement</b> .....	The cash management agreement entered into on the Program Date between the Guarantor, the Cash Manager, the GDA provider, the Seller, the Servicer and the Bond Trustee
<b>Cash Management Deposit Ratings</b> .....	The threshold ratings of (i) P-1 (in respect of Moody's), (ii) F1 or A (in respect of Fitch) and (iii) AA(low) or R-1 (middle) (in respect of DBRS) as applicable, of the unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations (or, in the case of Fitch, the issuer default rating) of the Cash Manager by the Rating Agencies
<b>Cash Manager</b> .....	The Bank, in its capacity as cash manager or any successor cash manager appointed from time to time thereunder
<b>Cash Manager Required Ratings</b> .....	The threshold ratings (i) P-1 (in respect of Moody's), (ii) BBB+ and F2 (in respect of Fitch), and (iii) BBB(low) (in respect of DBRS) as applicable, of the unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations (or in the case of Fitch, the issuer default rating) of the Cash Manager by the Rating Agencies

<b>Cash Manager Termination Event .....</b>	If any of the following events occur:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the Cash Manager defaults in the payment on the due date of any payment due and payable by it under the Cash Management Agreement or in the performance of its obligations thereunder and such default continues unremedied for a period of 5 Toronto Business Days after the earlier of the Cash Manager becoming aware of such default; or</li> <li>(b) the Cash Manager defaults in the performance or observance of any of its other covenants and obligations under the Cash Management Agreement, or any representation or warranty of the Cash Manager is incorrect and such default continues unremedied for a period of 30 days after the Cash Manager becoming aware of such default or misrepresentation; or</li> <li>(c) an Insolvency Event occurs in respect of the Cash Manager,</li> <li>(d) the Ratings of the Cash Manager fall below the level specified in the Cash Management Agreement (unless the Cash Manager obtains an unconditional and unlimited guarantee of its obligations under the Cash Management Agreement from a credit support provider that has the Rating(s) required by the relevant Rating Agencies (including the ratings specified for the Cash Manager in the Cash Management Agreement) within 30 Toronto Business Days of the first downgrade below the level specified in the Cash Management Agreement);</li> <li>(e) an Issuer Event of Default (A) occurs and is continuing, or (B) has previously occurred and is continuing, at any time that the Guarantor is Independently Controlled and Governed (provided that the Cash Manager is the Bank or an Affiliate thereof)</li> </ul>
<b>CDOR .....</b>	Canadian Deposit Offering Rate for Canadian Dollar deposits having the relevant maturity
<b>Cessation Date.....</b>	The meaning given on page 134
<b>Charged Property.....</b>	The property, assets and rights of the Guarantor charged by the Guarantor pursuant to the Security Agreement
<b>Clearing Systems .....</b>	Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg

<b>Clearstream, Luxembourg</b> .....	Clearstream Banking, société anonyme or its successors
<b>CMHC</b> .....	Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and its successors
<b>Common Depository</b> .....	The common depository for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg
<b>Common Safekeeper</b> .....	The common safekeeper for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg
<b>CONSOB</b> .....	The Italian Securities Exchange Commission
<b>Corporate Services Provider</b>	Computershare Trust Company of Canada, a trust company formed under the laws of Canada, as corporate services provider to the Liquidation GP under the Corporate Services Agreement, together with any successor corporate services provider appointed from time to time
<b>Couponholders</b> .....	The meaning given on page 97
<b>Coupons</b> .....	The meaning given on page 97
<b>Cover Pool Monitor</b> .....	KPMG LLP, in its capacity as cover pool monitor under the Cover Pool Monitor Agreement together with any successor or additional cover pool monitor appointed from time to time thereunder
<b>Cover Pool Monitor Agreement</b> .....	The cover pool monitor agreement entered into on the Program Date, between the Cover Pool Monitor, the Guarantor, the Cash Manager and the Bond Trustee (as further amended and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time)
<b>Covered Bond Guarantee</b> .....	The meaning given on page 102
<b>Covered Bond Guarantee Activation Event</b> .....	The earlier to occur of (a) an Issuer Event of Default, service of an Issuer Acceleration Notice on the Bank and service of a Notice to Pay on the Guarantor, and (b) a Guarantor Event of Default and service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice on the Bank and the Guarantor
<b>Covered Bond Swap</b> .....	Each transaction between the Guarantor, the Covered Bond Swap Provider and the Bond Trustee in respect of a Series or Tranche, as applicable, of Covered Bonds
<b>Covered Bond Swap Agreement</b> .....	The agreement(s) between the Guarantor, the Covered Bond Swap Provider and the Bond Trustee governing any Covered Bond Swap in the form of an ISDA Master Agreement, including a schedule and one or more confirmations thereunder for each Tranche and/or Series of Covered Bonds entered into at the time such Covered



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<b>Covered Bond Swap Early Termination Event</b> .....	The meaning given on page 181
<b>Covered Bond Swap Effective Date</b> .....	The earliest to occur of (i) an Issuer Event of Default, (ii) a Guarantor Event of Default, and (iii) the date on which one or more Rating Agencies downgrades or withdraws the long-term, unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations (or, in the case of Fitch, the long-term issuer default rating) of the Covered Bond Swap Provider, or any credit support provider from time to time in respect of the Covered Bond Swap Provider, below BBB (high) (in respect of DBRS), BBB+ (in respect of Fitch) and Baa1 (in respect of Moody's)
<b>Covered Bond Swap Rate</b> .....	In relation to a Series of Covered Bonds, the exchange rate specified in the Covered Bond Swap Agreement relating to such Covered Bonds or, if the Covered Bond Swap Agreement has terminated, the applicable spot rate
<b>Covered Bond Swap Provider</b> .....	The Bank and, from time to time, any additional provider(s) of a Covered Bond Swap under the Covered Bond Swap Agreement, together with any successor covered bond swap provider(s)
<b>Covered Bondholders</b> .....	The meaning given on page 97
<b>Covered Bonds</b> .....	Each Covered Bond issued or to be issued pursuant to a Program Agreement and which is or is to be constituted under the Trust Deed, which Covered Bond may be represented by a Global Covered Bond or any Definitive Covered Bond and includes any replacements for a Covered Bond issued pursuant to Condition 10
<b>Covered Bonds Custodian</b> .....	The meaning given on page 223
<b>Credit and Collection Policy</b> .....	The Seller's customary credit and collection policies and practices of the Seller relating to the granting of credit on the security of Loans and the collection and enforcement of Loans, as in effect on the Program Date, as modified in compliance with the Mortgage Sale Agreement from time to time.
<b>Custodian</b> .....	Computershare Trust Company of Canada, in its capacity as Custodian under the Mortgage Sale Agreement
<b>Customer Files</b> .....	The file or files relating to each Loan and its Related Security containing, inter alia:  (a) all material correspondence relating to that Loan; and  (b) the completed mortgage documentation

applicable to the Loan, including the Valuation Report and the solicitor's, notary's or licensed or qualified conveyancer's certificate of title or report on title,

whether original documentation, or in electronic form or otherwise

<b>Cut-off Date</b> .....	The second Toronto Business Day following the Calculation Date preceding a relevant Transfer Date or (in the case of a Product Switch or Additional Loan Advance) the Guarantor Payment Date, as the case may be
<b>Day Count Fraction</b> .....	The applicable meaning given in Condition 4.5(c)
<b>DBRS Limited</b> .....	DBRS Limited and its successors
<b>Dealer</b> .....	Each dealer appointed from time to time in accordance with the Dealership Agreement, which appointment may be for a specific issue or on an on-going basis. References in this Prospectus to the relevant Dealer(s) will, in the case of an issue of Covered Bonds being (or intended to be) subscribed for or purchased by more than one Dealer, be to all Dealers agreeing to subscribe for or purchase such Covered Bonds
<b>Dealership Agreement</b> .....	The dealership agreement entered into on or after the Program Date between the Bank, the Guarantor and the Dealers
<b>Definitive Covered Bonds</b> .....	The meaning given on page 96
<b>Demand Loan</b> .....	The meaning given on page 51
<b>Demand Loan Contingent Amount</b> .....	The meaning given on page 141
<b>Demand Loan Repayment Event</b> .....	The meaning given on page 141
<b>Designated Account</b> .....	The meaning given in Condition 5.4
<b>Designated Bank</b> .....	The meaning given in Condition 5.4
<b>Designated Maturity</b> .....	The meaning given in the ISDA Definitions
<b>Determination Date</b> .....	The meaning given in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement
<b>Determination Period</b> .....	The meaning given in Condition 4.5(d)
<b>Direct Participants</b> .....	Direct participants in DTC
<b>Directors</b> .....	The directors for the time being of the Bank
<b>Distribution Compliance Period</b> .....	The meaning given on page 102

<b>DTC</b> .....	The Depository Trust Company, or its successors
<b>DTC Covered Bonds</b> .....	Registered Covered Bonds accepted into DTC's book-entry settlement system
<b>DTCC</b> .....	The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation or its successors
<b>Due for Payment</b> .....	<p>The requirement by the Guarantor to pay any Guaranteed Amount:</p> <p>(a) following service of a Notice to Pay but prior to service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice:</p> <p>(i) (except where paragraph (ii) below applies) on the date on which the Scheduled Payment Date in respect of such Guaranteed Amount is reached, or, if the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement specified that an Extended Due for Payment Date is applicable to the relevant Series of Covered Bonds, on the Interest Payment Date that would have applied if the Final Maturity Date of such Series of Covered Bonds had been the Extended Due for Payment Date or such other Interest Payment Date(s) specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement (the <b>Original Due for Payment Date</b>); and</p> <p>(ii) in relation to any Guaranteed Amount in respect of the Final Redemption Amount payable on the Final Maturity Date of a Series of Covered Bonds for which an Extended Due for Payment Date is specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement, on the Extended Due for Payment Date, but only to the extent that the Guarantor, having received the Notice to Pay no later than the date falling one Business Day prior to the Extension Determination Date, does not pay Guaranteed Amounts corresponding to the full amount of the Final Redemption Amount in respect of such Series of Covered Bonds by the Extension Determination Date, because the Guarantor has insufficient funds available under the Guarantee Priority of Payments to pay such Guaranteed Amounts in full on the earlier of (A) the</p>

date which falls two Business Days after service of the Notice to Pay on the Guarantor or, if later, the Final Maturity Date (in each case after the expiry of the grace period set out in Condition 9.2(a)) and (B) the Extension Determination Date.

For the avoidance of doubt, Due for Payment does not refer to any earlier date upon which payment of any Guaranteed Amounts may become due under the guaranteed obligations, by reason of prepayment, acceleration of maturity, mandatory or optional redemption or otherwise; or

- (b) following service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice, on the date on which the Guarantor Acceleration Notice is served on the Bank and the Guarantor

**Due for Payment Date**..... The requirement by the Guarantor to pay any Guaranteed Amount:

- (a) following service of a Notice to Pay but prior to service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice:

- (i) (except where paragraph (ii) below applies) on the date on which the Scheduled Payment Date in respect of such Guaranteed Amount is reached, or, if the applicable Final Terms Document specified that an Extended Due for Payment Date is applicable to the relevant Series of Covered Bonds, on the Interest Payment Date that would have applied if the Final Maturity Date of such Series of Covered Bonds had been the Extended Due for Payment Date or such other Interest Payment Date(s) specified in the applicable Final Terms Document (the **Original Due for Payment Date**); and

- (ii) in relation to any Guaranteed Amount in respect of the Final Redemption Amount payable on the Final Maturity Date of a Series of Covered Bonds for which an Extended Due for Payment Date is specified in the applicable Final Terms Document, on the Extended Due for Payment Date, but only to the extent that the Guarantor, having received the Notice to Pay no later than the date falling one Business Day prior to the Extension Determination Date, does not pay Guaranteed Amounts corresponding to the full amount of the Final Redemption Amount in respect of such Series of Covered Bonds by the Extension Determination Date, because the Guarantor has insufficient funds available under the Guarantee Priority of Payments to pay such Guaranteed Amounts in full on the earlier of (1) the date which falls

two Business Days after service of the Notice to Pay on the Guarantor or, if later, the Final Maturity Date (in each case after the expiry of the grace period set out in Condition 9.2(a) of the Terms and Conditions and (2) the Extension Determination Date

For the avoidance of doubt, Due for Payment does not refer to any earlier date upon which payment of any Guaranteed Amounts may become due under the guaranteed obligations, by reason of prepayment, acceleration of maturity, mandatory or optional redemption or otherwise; or

(b) following service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice, on the date on which the Guarantor Acceleration Notice is served on the Bank and the Guarantor

<b>Earliest Maturing Covered Bonds</b> .....	At any time, the Series of the Covered Bonds (other than any Series which is fully collateralized by amounts standing to the credit of the GDA Account) that has or have the earliest Final Maturity Date as specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement (ignoring any acceleration of amounts due under the Covered Bonds prior to service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice)
<b>Early Redemption Amount</b> .....	The amount calculated in accordance with Condition 6.7
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b> .....	The meaning given on page 145
<b>Established Rate</b> .....	The meaning given in Condition 5.9
<b>EU</b> .....	European Union
<b>Euroclear</b> .....	Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. or its successors
<b>European Economic Area</b> .....	Member States of the EU together with Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein
<b>Excess Proceeds</b> .....	The meaning given on page 125
<b>Exchange Agent</b> .....	The meaning given on page 96
<b>Exchange Date</b> .....	The meaning given on page 69
<b>Exchange Event</b> .....	In the case of Bearer Covered Bonds, the meaning given on page 70 and in the case of Registered Covered Bonds, the meaning given on page 71
<b>Exchange Notice</b> .....	The meaning given on page 116
<b>Excluded Scheduled Interest Amounts</b> .....	The meaning given in the definition of <b>Scheduled Interest</b>

<b>Excluded Scheduled Principal Amounts .....</b>	The meaning given in the definition of <b>Scheduled Principal</b>
<b>Excluded Swap Termination Amount .....</b>	In relation to a Swap Agreement, an amount equal to the amount of any termination payment due and payable under that Swap Agreement (a) to the relevant Swap Provider as a result of a Swap Provider Default with respect to such Swap Provider, or (b) to the relevant Swap Provider following a Swap Provider Downgrade Event with respect to such Swap Provider
<b>Executive Offices .....</b>	The meaning given on page 44
<b>Extended Due for Payment Date .....</b>	In relation to any Series of Covered Bonds, the date, if any, specified as such in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement 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 by the Extension Determination Date
<b>Extension Determination Date .....</b>	In relation to any Series of Covered Bonds, the date falling two Business Days after the expiry of seven days from (and including) the Final Maturity Date of such Series of Covered Bonds
<b>Extraordinary Resolution .....</b>	A resolution passed at a meeting of the Covered Bondholders duly convened and held in accordance with the Trust Deed by a majority consisting of not less than three-fourths of the persons voting thereat upon a show of hands or if a poll is duly demanded by a majority consisting of not less than three-fourths of the votes cast on such poll; or (b) a resolution in writing signed by or on behalf of Covered Bondholders holding not less than 75 percent. of the Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds, which resolution in writing may be contained in one document or in several documents in like form each signed by or on behalf of one or more of the Covered Bondholders
<b>Fair Market Value .....</b>	In respect of a Loan and its Related Security, the fair market value at the relevant time, being the price expressed in terms of money or monies' worth, a willing, prudent and informed buyer would pay in an open and unrestricted market to a willing, prudent and informed seller, each acting at arms' length, where neither party is under any compulsion to enter into the transaction, as part of the acquisition of all of the Loans and their Related Security being purchased or sold at the relevant time
<b>Final Maturity Date .....</b>	The Interest Payment Date on which a Series of Covered Bonds will be redeemed at the Final Redemption Amount in accordance with the Terms and Conditions

<b>Final Redemption Amount</b> .....	The meaning given in the relevant Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement
<b>Final Terms Document</b> .....	The final terms document relating to each Series (or Tranche, as the case may be) of Covered Bonds, which sets out the final terms for that Tranche or Series; and <b>applicable Final Terms Document</b> means, with respect to a Series or Tranche of Covered Bonds, the Final Terms Document applicable to such Series or Tranche, as the case may be, and unless the context requires otherwise, any reference to a Final Terms Document or applicable Final Terms Document shall include a reference to the related pricing supplement, if applicable
<b>First STEP Loan</b> .....	The first Loan made by the Seller to a particular STEP Borrower subject to the relevant STEP Plan which is sold to the Guarantor
<b>First Transfer Date</b> .....	The date on which the Initial Portfolio was sold, assigned and transferred to the Guarantor pursuant to the terms of the Mortgage Sale Agreement
<b>Fitch</b> .....	Fitch Inc. and its successors
<b>Fixed Coupon Amount</b> .....	The meaning given in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement
<b>Fixed Interest Period</b> .....	The meaning given on page 110
<b>Fixed Rate</b> .....	The rate of interest paid under the Fixed Rate Covered Bonds
<b>Fixed Rate Covered Bonds</b> .....	Covered Bonds that pay a Fixed Rate of interest on such date or dates as may be agreed between the Bank and the relevant Dealer(s) and on redemption calculated on the basis of such Day Count Fraction as may be agreed between the Bank and the relevant Dealer(s)
<b>Floating Rate</b> .....	The meaning given in the ISDA Definitions
<b>Floating Rate Convention</b> .....	The meaning given in Condition 4.5(b)(i)
<b>Floating Rate Covered Bond Margin</b> .....	In respect of a Floating Rate Covered Bond, the percentage rate per annum (if any) specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement
<b>Floating Rate Covered Bonds</b> .....	Covered Bonds which bear interest at a rate determined: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) on the same basis as the floating rate under a notional interest rate swap transaction in the relevant Specified Currency governed by an agreement incorporating the ISDA Definitions; or</li> </ul>

(b) on the basis of a Reference Rate appearing on the agreed screen page of a commercial quotation service; or

(c) on such other basis as may be agreed between the Bank and the relevant Dealer(s),

as set out in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement

<b>Floating Rate Option</b> .....	The meaning given in the ISDA Definitions
<b>Following Business Day Convention</b> .....	The meaning given in Condition 4.5(b)(ii)
<b>FCA</b> .....	The meaning given on the cover page
<b>FSMA</b> .....	The meaning given on the cover page
<b>Further Advance</b> .....	In relation to a Loan, any advance of further money to the relevant Borrower following the making of the Initial Advance, which is secured by the same Mortgage as the Initial Advance, excluding the amount of any retention in respect of the Initial Advance
<b>GDA Account</b> .....	The account in the name of the Guarantor held with the Bank and maintained subject to the terms of the Guaranteed Deposit Account Contract, the Bank Account Agreement and the Security Agreement or such additional or replacement account as may for the time being be in place with the prior consent of the Bond Trustee and designated as such
<b>GDA Provider</b> .....	The Bank, in its capacity as GDA provider under the Guaranteed Deposit Account Contract or any successor or additional GDA provider appointed from time to time thereunder
<b>GDA Rate</b> .....	The variable rate of interest accruing on the balance standing to the credit of the GDA Account being a variable rate at a minimum of 0.10 percent. below the 1-month CDOR that appears on the Reuters screen as of 10:00 a.m. (Toronto time) on the date of determination, as reported by the GDA Provider (and if such screen is not available, any successor or similar service as may be selected by the GDA Provider) (calculated on the basis of the actual number of days elapsed and a 365 day year) or such greater amount as the Guarantor (or the Cash Manager on its behalf) and the GDA Provider may agree from time to time. For greater certainty, any change in the GDA Rate agreed to by the Guarantor (or the Cash Manager on its behalf) and the GDA Provider in accordance with the foregoing shall not constitute an amendment to, or a modification or variation of, the



Guaranteed Deposit Account Contract

<b>Global Covered Bond</b> .....	A Bearer Global Covered Bond and/or a Registered Global Covered Bond, as the context may require
<b>Governmental Authority</b> .....	The government of Canada or any other nation, or of any political subdivision thereof, whether provincial, territorial, state, municipal or local, and any agency, authority, instrumentality, regulatory body, court, central bank or other entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, taxing, regulatory or administrative powers or functions of or pertaining to government, including any supra-national bodies, the Superintendent or other comparable authority or agency
<b>Guarantee Loan</b> .....	The meaning given on page 51
<b>Guarantee Priority of Payments</b> .....	The meaning given on page 199
<b>Guaranteed Amounts</b> .....	Prior to service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice, with respect to any Original Due for Payment Date or, if applicable, any Extended Due for Payment Date, the sum of Scheduled Interest and Scheduled Principal, in each case, payable on that Original Due for Payment Date or, if applicable, any Extended Due for Payment Date, or after service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice, an amount equal to the relevant Early Redemption Amount as specified in the Terms and Conditions plus all accrued and unpaid interest and all other amounts due and payable in respect of the Covered Bonds (other than additional amounts payable under Condition 7), including all Excluded Scheduled Interest Amounts, all Excluded Scheduled Principal Amounts (whenever the same arose) and all amounts payable by the Bank under the Trust Deed
<b>Guaranteed Amounts Due Date</b> .....	The meaning given on page 138
<b>Guaranteed Deposit Account Contract or GDA</b> .....	The guaranteed deposit account contract between the Guarantor, the GDA Provider, the Bond Trustee and the Cash Manager dated the Program Date
<b>Guarantor</b> .....	The meaning given on the cover page
<b>Guarantor Acceleration Notice</b> .....	A notice in writing given by the Bond Trustee to the Bank and the Guarantor, that each Covered Bond of each Series is, and each Covered Bond of each Series will, as against the Bank (if not already due and repayable against it following an Issuer Acceleration Notice) and as against the Guarantor, thereupon immediately become, due and repayable at its Early Redemption Amount together with accrued interest and all amounts payable by the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee will 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 and in accordance with the Trust Deed and thereafter the Security will become enforceable, if any of the Guarantor Events of Default will occur and be continuing

<b>Guarantor Accounts</b> .....	The GDA Account and the Transaction Account and any additional or replacement accounts opened in the name of the Guarantor, including the Standby GDA Account and Standby Transaction Account
<b>Guarantor Agreement</b> .....	The limited partnership agreement in respect of the Guarantor entered into on the Program Date by and among the Managing GP, the Liquidation GP, the Bond Trustee and the Bank as Limited Partner and any other parties who accede thereto in accordance with its terms
<b>Guarantor Calculation Period</b> .....	Each period from, but excluding, the last Toronto Business Day of each month to, and including, the last Toronto Business Day of the next succeeding month, provided that (a) the first Guarantor Calculation Period begins on, and includes, the Program Date, and (b) the final Guarantor Calculation Period will end on, but exclude, the Termination Date
<b>Guarantor Event of Default</b> .....	The meaning given in Condition 9.2
<b>Guarantor Payment Date</b> .....	The 17th day of each month or if not a Toronto Business Day the next following Toronto Business Day
<b>Guarantor Payment Period</b> .....	The period from (and including) a Guarantor Payment Date to (but excluding) the next following Guarantor Payment Date
<b>Hard Bullet Covered Bonds</b> .....	The meaning given on page 191
<b>ICMA</b> .....	International Capital Market Association
<b>ICMA Rule Book</b> .....	The meaning given on page 108
<b>IFRS</b> .....	The meaning given on page 43
<b>Indemnity Amounts</b> .....	In respect of any person that is a party to a Transaction Document, any amounts payable to such person pursuant to the indemnification provisions of such Transaction Document
<b>Independent Beneficiary</b> .....	A Canadian non-profit organization or registered charity to be determined from time to time
<b>Independently Controlled and Governed</b> .....	In respect of the Guarantor, at the time of determination, it is demonstrated that, whether by attestation of an

executive officer of the Bank or otherwise, each of the following is correct:

- (a) the general partner of the Guarantor is not (and cannot be) an Affiliate of the Bank and less than ten percent of its voting securities are (or can be) owned, directly or indirectly, by the Bank or any of its Affiliates,
- (b) if an administrative agent or other analogous entity has been engaged by the managing general partner of the Guarantor to fulfill its responsibility or role to carry on, oversee, manage or otherwise administer the business, activities and assets of the Guarantor, the agent or entity is not (and cannot be) an Affiliate of the Bank and less than ten percent of its voting securities are (or can be) owned, directly or indirectly, by the Bank or any of its Affiliates,
- (c) all members (but one) of the board of directors or other governing body of the managing general partner of the Guarantor and each such administrative agent or other entity are not (and cannot be) directors, officers, employees or other representatives of the Bank or any of its Affiliates, do not (and cannot) hold greater than ten percent of the voting or equity securities of the Bank or any of its Affiliates and are (and must be) otherwise free from any material relationship with the Bank or any of its Affiliates (hereinafter referred to as **Independent Members**), and
- (d) the board of directors or other governing body of the managing general partner of the Guarantor and each such administrative agent or other entity is (and must be) composed of at least three members, and the non-Independent Member is not (and shall not be) entitled to vote on any resolution or question to be determined or resolved by the board (or other governing body) and shall attend meetings of the board (or other governing body) at the discretion of the remaining members thereof, provided that such board of directors or other governing body may be composed of only two Independent Members with "observer status" granted to one director, officer, employee or other representative of the Bank or any of its Affiliates

**Indexation Methodology**..... The indexation methodology of the Bank used to account for subsequent price developments in the valuation of a Loan, which indexation methodology will be consistent

with all regulatory requirements to which the Bank is subject (or supervisory guidelines provided to the Bank) in relation to the valuation of residential properties or the indexation of such values, together with any additional requirements as may be established by CMHC in relation thereto and set forth in the CMHC Guide

<b>Indirect Participants</b> .....	Indirect participants in DTC that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly
<b>Initial Advance</b> .....	In relation to a Loan, the original principal amount advanced by the Seller including any retention(s) advanced to the relevant Borrower after completion of the Mortgage
<b>Initial Portfolio</b> .....	The portfolio of Loans and their Related Security sold by the Seller to the Guarantor on the First Transfer Date pursuant to the Mortgage Sale Agreement
<b>Insolvency Event</b> .....	In respect of any Person, any impending or actual insolvency on the part of such Person, as evidenced by, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) the commencement of a dissolution proceeding or a case in bankruptcy involving the Person (and where such proceeding is the result of an involuntary filing, such proceeding is not dismissed within 60 days after the date of such filing),</li><li>(b) the appointment of a trustee or other similar court officer over, or the taking of control or possession by such officer of the Person's business, in whole or in part, before the commencement of a dissolution proceeding or a case of bankruptcy;</li><li>(c) a general assignment by the Person for the benefit of any of its creditors; and</li><li>(d) the general failure of, or the inability to, or the written admission of the inability of, the Person to pay its debts as they become due</li></ul>
<b>Intercompany Loan</b> .....	The meaning given on page 51
<b>Intercompany Loan Agreement</b> .....	The Intercompany Loan Agreement dated the Program Date, between the Bank, the Guarantor, the Cash Manager and the Bond Trustee
<b>Intercompany Loan Ledger</b> .....	The ledger of such name maintained by the Cash Manager pursuant to the Cash Management Agreement to record all payments of interest and repayments of principal on each of the Advances

<b>Intercompany Loan Provider</b> .....	The Bank, in its capacity as intercompany loan provider under the Intercompany Loan Agreement, or any successor or additional loan provider appointed from time to time thereunder
<b>Interest Amount</b> .....	The meaning given on page 106
<b>Interest Basis</b> .....	The meaning given in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement
<b>Interest Commencement Date</b> .....	In the case of interest-bearing Covered Bonds, the date specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement from (and including) which the relevant Covered Bonds will accrue interest
<b>Interest Determination Date</b> .....	In respect of Floating Rate Covered Bonds to which Screen Rate Determination is applicable, the meaning given in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement
<b>Interest Payment Date</b> .....	In respect of Fixed Rate Covered Bonds, the meaning given in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement and in respect of Floating Rate Covered Bonds, the meaning given in Condition 4.2(a)
<b>Interest Period</b> .....	The meaning given on page 110
<b>Interest Rate Swap</b> .....	The Interest rate swap entered into in connection with the Covered Bonds under the terms of the Interest Rate Swap Agreement
<b>Interest Rate Swap Agreement</b> .....	The agreement(s) between the Guarantor and an Interest Rate Swap Provider governing the Interest Rate Swap in the form of an ISDA Master Agreement, including a schedule and one or more confirmations thereunder for each Tranche and/or Series of Covered Bonds entered into at the time such Covered Bonds are issued
<b>Interest Rate Swap Early Termination Event</b>	The meaning given on page 178
<b>Interest Rate Swap Effective Date</b> .....	The earliest to occur of (i) an Issuer Event of Default, (ii) a Guarantor Event of Default, and (iii) the date on which one or more Rating Agencies downgrades or withdraws the long-term, unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations (or, in the case of Fitch, the long-term issuer default rating) of the Interest Rate Swap Provider, or any credit support provider from time to time in respect of the Interest Rate Swap Provider, below BBB (high) (in respect of DBRS), BBB+ (in respect of Fitch) and Baa1 (in respect of Moody's)
<b>Interest Rate Swap Provider</b> .....	The Bank and, from time to time, any additional provider(s) of an Interest Rate Swap under the Interest

	Rate Swap Agreement together with any successor interest rate swap provider(s)
<b>Investor Put</b> .....	The meaning given in Condition 6.4
<b>Investor Report</b>	The monthly report made available to the Covered Bondholders, the Bond Trustee and the Rating Agencies detailing, inter alia, compliance with the Asset Coverage Test
<b>Investor's Currency</b> .....	The meaning given on page 35
<b>ISDA</b> .....	International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc.
<b>ISDA Definitions</b> .....	The 2006 ISDA Definitions, as published by ISDA, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement
<b>ISDA Determination</b> .....	If specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement, the manner in which the Rate of Interest on Floating Rate Covered Bonds is to be determined in accordance with Condition 4.2(b)(i)
<b>ISDA Master Agreement</b> .....	The 2002 ISDA Master Agreement (as published by ISDA), unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms Document
<b>ISDA Rate</b> .....	The meaning given in Condition 4.2(b)(i)
<b>ISIN</b>	International Securities Identification Number
<b>Issue Date</b> .....	Each date on which the Bank issues a Tranche of Covered Bonds under the Program, as specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement
<b>Issue Price</b> .....	The price, generally expressed as a percentage of the nominal amount of the Covered Bonds, at which a Series or Tranche of Covered Bonds will be issued
<b>Issuer Acceleration Notice</b> .....	The meaning given in Condition 9.1
<b>Issuer Call</b> .....	The meaning given in Condition 6.3
<b>Issuer Event of Default</b> .....	The meaning given in Condition 9.1
<b>Late Payment</b> .....	The meaning given in Condition 6.10
<b>Late Payment Date</b> .....	The meaning given in Condition 6.10
<b>Latest Valuation</b> .....	In relation to any Mortgaged Property, the value given to that Mortgaged Property by the most recent Valuation Report addressed to the Seller or the purchase price of that Mortgaged Property or current property tax assessment, as applicable

<b>Law</b> .....	Includes common or customary law and any constitution, decree, judgment, legislation, order, ordinance, regulation, statute, treaty or other legislative measure in any jurisdiction and any present or future directive, regulation, guideline, practice, concession, request or requirement whether or not having the force of law issued by any governmental body, agency or department or any central bank or other fiscal, monetary, Taxation, regulatory, self regulatory or other authority or agency
<b>Ledger</b> .....	Each of the Revenue Ledger, the Principal Ledger, the Intercompany Loan Ledger, the Reserve Ledger, the Payment Ledger and the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Ledger
<b>Lending Criteria</b> .....	The lending criteria of the Seller, from time to time, or such other criteria as would be acceptable to reasonable and prudent institutional mortgage lenders in the Seller's market
<b>LIBOR</b> .....	London Interbank Offered Rate
<b>Limited Partner</b> .....	The Bank, in its capacity as a limited partner of the Guarantor, individually and together with such other persons who may from time to time, become limited partner(s) of the Guarantor pursuant to the terms of the Guarantor Agreement
<b>Liquidation GP</b> .....	8429057 Canada Inc., in its capacity as liquidation general partner of the Guarantor together with any of its successors and any successor liquidation general partner appointed pursuant to the terms of the Guarantor Agreement
<b>Loan</b> .....	Each mortgage loan or (if approved by the Rating Agencies as a New Loan Type) home equity line of credit secured, in each case, by a Mortgage on Mortgaged Property, referenced by its mortgage loan identifier number and comprising the aggregate of all principal sums, interest, costs, charges, expenses and other funds (including all Additional Loan Advances) due or owing with respect to that mortgage loan under the relevant Mortgage Terms by a Borrower on the security of a Mortgage from time to time outstanding or, as the context may require, the Borrower's obligations in respect of the same
<b>Loan Representations and Warranties</b> .....	The representations and warranties relating to the Loans set out in the Mortgage Sale Agreement
<b>Loan Repurchase Notice</b> .....	A notice in substantially the form set out in the Mortgage Sale Agreement served by the Guarantor on the Seller in relation to the purchase of Loans in the Portfolio by the Seller in accordance with the terms of the Mortgage Sale

	Agreement
<b>Loan-to-Value Ratio</b> .....	The ratio of the outstanding balance of a Loan to the value of the Mortgaged Property securing that Loan
<b>London Stock Exchange</b> .....	The meaning given on the cover page
<b>Long Maturity Covered Bond</b> .....	The meaning given on page 112
<b>Managing GP</b> .....	Scotiabank Covered Bond GP Inc., in its capacity as managing general partner of the Guarantor, any successor managing general partner of the Guarantor appointed in accordance with the terms of the Guarantor Agreement, including without limitation the Liquidation GP if and while appointed as Managing GP in accordance with Article 11 of the Guarantor Agreement, and any successor or assign of any of them as the context requires
<b>Market</b> .....	The meaning given on the cover page
<b>Market Value</b> .....	In respect of a Mortgaged Property and any date of determination, (a) if such date of determination is prior to 31 July 2014, the Original Market Value of such Mortgaged Property, or (b) if such date of determination is on or after 31 July 2014, the Original Market Value of such Mortgaged Property as adjusted in accordance with the Indexation Methodology
<b>Markets in Financial Instruments Directive</b> .....	The meaning given on the cover page
<b>Master Definitions and Construction Agreement</b> .....	The meaning given on page 98
<b>Maximum Rate of Interest</b> .....	In respect of Floating Rate Covered Bonds the percentage rate per annum (if any) specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement
<b>Maximum Redemption Amount</b> .....	The amount specified as such in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement
<b>Member State</b> .....	The meaning given on page 6
<b>Minimum Rate of Interest</b> .....	In respect of Floating Rate Covered Bonds the percentage rate per annum (if any) specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement
<b>Minimum Redemption Amount</b> .....	The amount specified as such in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement
<b>Minister</b> .....	The meaning given on page 59
<b>Modified Following Business Day Convention</b>	The meaning given in Condition 4.5(b)(iii)



<b>Monthly Payment</b> .....	The amount which the relevant Mortgage Terms require a Borrower to pay on each Monthly Payment Day in respect of that Borrower's Loan
<b>Monthly Payment Day</b> .....	The date on which interest (and principal in relation to a repayment mortgage) is due to be paid by a Borrower on a Loan or, if any such day is not a Toronto Business Day, the next following Toronto Business Day
<b>Moody's</b> .....	Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and its successors
<b>Mortgage</b> .....	The legal charge, mortgage, hypothec, standard security or charge securing a Loan, and includes a STEP Collateral Mortgage
<b>Mortgage Sale Agreement</b> .....	The mortgage sale agreement made as of the Program Date as between the Seller, the Bond Trustee, the Servicer, the Custodian and the Guarantor and, where the context so requires, including any New Mortgage Sale Agreement entered into from time to time between any New Seller, the Guarantor, the Custodian and the Bond Trustee
<b>Mortgage Terms</b> .....	All of the terms and conditions applicable to a Loan, including, without limitation, the applicable Mortgage Terms and Offer Conditions and including, in respect of a STEP Loan, the STEP Plan
<b>Mortgaged Property</b> .....	Freehold or leasehold residential property located in Canada (or owned residential immovable property situated in the Province of Quebec) which is subject to a Mortgage
<b>Negative Carry Factor</b> .....	The meaning given on page 167
<b>New Global Covered Bond</b> .....	A Temporary Global Covered Bond in the form set out in Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Trust Deed or a Permanent Global Covered Bond in the form set out in Part 2 of Schedule 2 to the Trust Deed, in either case where the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement specifies that the Covered Bonds are in NGCB form
<b>New Loan Type</b> .....	A new type of loan originated or acquired by the Seller (such as a home equity line of credit), which the Seller intends to transfer to the Guarantor, the terms and conditions of which are materially different (in the opinion of the Seller, acting reasonably) from the Loans. For the avoidance of doubt, a loan will not constitute a New Loan Type if it differs from the Loans in the Portfolio due to it having different interest rates and/or interest periods and/or time periods
<b>New Mortgage Sale Agreement</b> .....	Any new mortgage sale agreement entered into between

any New Seller, the Guarantor and the Bond Trustee, which will be substantially in the same form and contain substantially the same provisions as the mortgage sale agreement made as of the Program Date between the Seller, the Servicer, the Bond Trustee and the Guarantor

<b>New Seller</b> .....	Any member of the Scotiabank Group (other than the Bank and Scotia Mortgage Corporation) that accedes to the relevant Transaction Documents in accordance with the terms thereof and sells Additional Loans and their Related Security to the Guarantor in the future pursuant to the Mortgage Sale Agreement or a New Mortgage Sale Agreement
<b>NGCB</b> .....	New Global Covered Bond
<b>Non-Performing Loan</b> .....	Any Loan in the Portfolio which is 90 days or more in arrears (for greater certainty, a STEP Loan shall be considered to be 90 days or more in arrears if any Other STEP Product extended to the same STEP Borrower is 90 days or more in arrears)
<b>Non-resident Holder</b> .....	The meaning given on page 226
<b>Notice to Pay</b> .....	The meaning given in Condition 9.1
<b>Offer Conditions</b> .....	The terms and conditions applicable to a specified Loan as set out in the relevant offer letter to the Borrower
<b>Official List</b> .....	The meaning given on the cover page
<b>Omnibus Proxy</b> .....	The omnibus proxy mailed by DTC to the Bank as soon as possible after the record date in accordance with DTC's usual procedures
<b>Optional Redemption Amount</b> .....	The meaning (if any) given in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement
<b>Optional Redemption Date</b> .....	The meaning (if any) given in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement
<b>Original Due for Payment Date</b> .....	The meaning given in paragraph (a) of the definition of Due for Payment
<b>Original Market Value</b> .....	In respect of a Mortgaged Property, its value as most recently determined or assessed in accordance with the underwriting policies of the Seller or, if not capable of determination in accordance therewith, on the basis of the most recent sale price of the Mortgaged Property
<b>OSFI</b> .....	The meaning given on page 36
<b>Other STEP Creditor</b> .....	With respect to any Other STEP Product, a third party purchaser of such Other STEP Product from the related

Seller

<b>Other STEP Products</b> .....	Other than mortgage loans, all other STEP Accounts extended by a Seller to a particular STEP Borrower which are subject to the STEP Plan. If home equity lines of credit are approved by the Rating Agencies as a New Loan Type, then such home equity lines of credit extended to STEP Borrowers subject to the STEP Plan will not be included in Other STEP Products
<b>Outstanding Principal Balance</b> .....	In relation to any Loan at any date (the <b>determination date</b> ), the aggregate at such date (but avoiding double counting) of:  (a) the Initial Advance;  (b) Capitalized Expenses; and  (c) Capitalized Arrears  in each case relating to such Loan less any prepayment, repayment or payment of any of the foregoing made on or prior to the determination date
<b>Partner</b> .....	Each of the Managing GP, the Liquidation GP and the Limited Partner and any other limited partner or general partner who may become a limited partner of the Guarantor from time to time, and the successors and assigns thereof, and "Partners" means any two or more of them
<b>Paying Agent Required Ratings</b> .....	The threshold ratings of (a) P-1 with respect to the short-term unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations of the Paying Agent by Moody's, (b) F1 with respect to the short-term issuer default rating of the Paying Agent by Fitch, and (c) A with respect to long-term issuer default rating of the Paying Agent by Fitch
<b>Paying Agents</b> .....	The meaning given on page 96
<b>Payment Day</b> .....	The meaning given in Condition 5.6
<b>Payment Ledger</b> .....	The ledger on the GDA Account of such name maintained by the Cash Manager pursuant to the Cash Management Agreement (or, if applicable, the ledger of such name maintained by the Standby Account Bank pursuant to the Standby Account Bank Agreement) to record the credits and debits of Available Revenue Receipts and Available Principal Receipts for application in accordance with the applicable Priority of Payments
<b>Perfect</b> .....	In respect of any relevant Loan and its Related Security in the Portfolio, delivery of notice to the Borrower of the sale, assignment and transfer of such Loan and its Related

Security to the Guarantor and a direction to make all future repayments of the Loan to the Standby Account Bank for the account of the Guarantor by the Seller or, as necessary, by the Guarantor (or the Servicer on behalf of the Guarantor) on behalf of the Seller (under applicable powers of attorney granted to the Guarantor) to the Guarantor of such Loan and its Related Security and if required on the advice of counsel to the Guarantor (or the Servicer on its behalf) to perfect an interest in such Loan and its Related Security, registration of the transfer of legal title to the Mortgages in the appropriate land registry office, land titles office or similar office of public registration for the location where the relevant real property is located and Perfect and Perfection shall have corresponding meanings

<b>Permanent Global Covered Bond</b> .....	The meaning given on page 69
<b>Persons</b> .....	Includes individuals, corporations, limited and unlimited liability companies, general and limited partnerships, associations, trusts, unincorporated organizations, joint ventures and Governmental Authority
<b>Portfolio</b> .....	The meaning given on page 14
<b>Post-Enforcement Priority of Payments</b> .....	The meaning given on page 203
<b>Potential Guarantor Event of Default</b> .....	The meaning given in Condition 14
<b>Potential Issuer Event of Default</b> .....	The meaning given in Condition 14
<b>PPSA</b> .....	The personal property security legislation, as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time, as in effect in each province and territory of Canada (other than Québec), and the Civil Code of Québec, as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time, as in effect in Québec
<b>PRA or Prudential Regulation Authority</b> .....	The Prudential Regulation Authority of the United Kingdom
<b>Pre-Acceleration Principal Priority of Payments</b> .....	The meaning given on page 198
<b>Pre-Acceleration Revenue Priority of Payments</b> .....	The meaning given on page 195
<b>Pre-Maturity Liquidity Ledger</b> .....	The ledger on the GDA Account to record the credits and debits of moneys available to repay any Series of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds on the Final Maturity Date thereof if the Pre-Maturity Test has been breached
<b>Pre-Maturity Liquidity Required Amount</b>	Nil, unless the Pre-Maturity Test has been breached in respect of one or more Series of Hard Bullet Covered

Bonds, in which case an amount equal to the aggregate for each affected Series (without double counting) of (i) the Required Redemption Amount for such affected Series, (ii) the Required Redemption Amount for all other Series of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds which will mature within 12 months of the date of the calculation, and (iii) the amount required to satisfy paragraphs (a) through (f) of the Guarantee Priority of Payments on the Final Maturity of the affected Series of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds and on the Final Maturity Date of all other Series of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds which will mature within 12 months of the date of the calculation

<b>Pre-Maturity Required Ratings</b> .....	With respect to the Bank’s unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations of the Bank by the Rating Agencies on any Toronto Business Day, the threshold ratings of (a) in the case of Fitch, F1+, (b) in the case of Moody’s, P-1, and (c) in the case of DBRS, (i) if such Toronto Business Day falls within six months of the Final Maturity Date of any Series of Hard Bullet Covered Bonds, A(high), or (ii) otherwise, A(low)
<b>Pre-Maturity Test</b> .....	If one or more Rating Agencies downgrades the Bank’s unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations or issuer default rating, as applicable, below the Pre-Maturity Required Ratings and a Hard Bullet Covered Bond is due for repayment within a specified period of time thereafter
<b>Pre-Maturity Test Date</b> .....	The meaning given in Schedule 4 (Pre-Maturity Test) to the Guarantor Agreement
<b>Preceding Business Day Convention</b> .....	The meaning given in Condition 4.5(b)(iv)
<b>Present Value</b> .....	For any Loan the value of the outstanding loan balance of such Loan, calculated by discounting the expected future cash flow (on a loan level basis) using current market interest rates for mortgage loans with credit risks similar to those of the Loan (using the same discounting methodology as that used as part of the fair value disclosure in the Bank’s audited financial statements), or using publicly posted mortgage rates
<b>Pricing Supplement</b> .....	Pricing Supplement of any Tranche of Exempt Covered Bonds
<b>Principal Amount Outstanding</b> .....	The meaning given on page 110
<b>Principal Ledger</b> .....	The ledger on the GDA Account of such name maintained by the Cash Manager pursuant to the Cash Management Agreement (or, if applicable, the ledger of such name maintained by the Standby Account Bank pursuant to the Standby Bank Account Agreement) to record the credits and debits of Principal Receipts in

	accordance with the terms of the Guarantor Agreement
<b>Principal Paying Agent</b> .....	The meaning given on page 96
<b>Principal Receipts</b> .....	Any payment received in respect of principal in respect of any Loan (including payments pursuant to any insurance policies), whether as all or part of a Monthly Payment in respect of such Loan, on redemption (including partial redemption) of such Loan, on enforcement of such Loan (including the proceeds of sale of the relevant Mortgaged Property) or on the disposal of such Loan or otherwise (without double counting but including principal received or treated as received after completion of the enforcement procedures) (but excluding, in respect of any STEP Loan, any such amounts required to be distributed to the Seller or Other STEP Creditor in respect of any Additional STEP Loan having priority over or <i>pari passu</i> with such STEP Loans in accordance with the STEP Accounts)
<b>Priority of Payments</b> .....	The orders of priority for the allocation and distribution of amounts standing to the credit of the Guarantor Accounts in different circumstances being the Pre-Acceleration Revenue Priority of Payments, the Pre-Acceleration Principal Priority of Payments and the Guarantee Priority of Payments (see <i>Article 6 of the Guarantor Agreement</i> ) and the Post-Enforcement Priority of Payments (see <i>Section 4.07 of the Security Agreement</i> ) and <b>Priority of Payment</b> means any of the foregoing.
<b>Product Switch</b> .....	In respect of a Loan, a variation in the financial terms and conditions applicable to the relevant Borrower's Loan other than: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) any variation agreed with a Borrower to control or manage arrears on the Loan;</li> <li>(b) any variation imposed by statute; or</li> <li>(c) any change in the repayment method of the Loan</li> </ul>
<b>Program</b> .....	U.S.\$15 billion global registered covered bond program established by the Bank on the Program Date which may be increased by the Bank and the Guarantor in accordance with the terms of the Dealership Agreement and applicable regulatory requirements
<b>Program Agreements</b> .....	The Dealership Agreement, the Underwriting Agreement and such other agreement or agreements, as the case may be, to the extent then in force, under which the Covered Bonds may from time to time be agreed to be sold by the Bank to, and purchased by, the Dealers.
<b>Program Date</b> .....	19 July 2013

<b>Program Resolution</b> .....	The meaning given on page 130
<b>Program Size</b> .....	U.S.\$15 billion (or its equivalent in other currencies at the date of issue) which may be increased by the Bank and the Guarantor in accordance with the terms of the Dealership Agreement and applicable regulatory requirements
<b>Prohibited Insurer</b> .....	CMHC, Canada Guaranty Mortgage Insurance Company, the Genworth Financial Mortgage Insurance Company of Canada, the PMI Mortgage Insurance Company Canada, any other private mortgage insurer recognized by CMHC for purposes of the Covered Bond Legislative Framework or otherwise identified in the Protection of Residential Mortgage or Hypothecary Insurance Act (Canada), or any successor to any of them
<b>Proposed Amendments</b> .....	The meaning given on page 224
<b>Prospectus</b> .....	The meaning given on the cover page
<b>Prospectus Directive</b> .....	The meaning given on page 4
<b>Purchaser</b> .....	Any third party or the Seller to whom the Servicer offers to sell Selected Loans pursuant to the Mortgage Sale Agreement and/or the Guarantor Agreement
<b>Put Notice</b> .....	The meaning given in Condition 6.4
<b>QIB</b> .....	A "qualified institutional buyer" within the meaning of Rule 144A
<b>Randomly Selected Loans</b> .....	Loans and, if applicable, their Related Security, in the Portfolio, selected in accordance with the terms of the Guarantor Agreement on a basis that (i) would not, or would not reasonably be expected to, adversely affect the interests of the Covered Bondholders, and (ii) is not designed to favor the selection of any identifiable class or type or quality of Loans and their Related Security over all the Loans and their Related Security in the Portfolio, except with respect to identifying such Loans and their Related Security as having been acquired by the Guarantor from a particular Seller, if applicable, <i>provided</i> that for such purpose, all STEP Loans made to the same STEP Borrower which are owned by the Guarantor shall be considered as a single Loan
<b>Rate of Interest</b> .....	In respect of a Series of interest-bearing Covered Bonds, the rate of interest payable from time to time in respect of such Covered Bonds determined in accordance with the Terms and Conditions and the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement

<b>Rating Agencies</b> .....	Fitch, Moody's and DBRS each, a <b>Rating Agency</b> , in each case for so long as it is rating Covered Bonds, and any other internationally recognized rating agency that may rate the Covered Bonds from time to time
<b>Rating Agency Condition</b> .....	With respect to any event or matter, (i) an indication in writing by each of the applicable Rating Agencies (other than Fitch) that the then current ratings of the Existing Covered Bonds will not be downgraded or withdrawn as a result of the relevant event or matter, and (ii) no less than 5 Toronto Business Days' prior written notice of such event matter having been given to Fitch (for so long as Fitch is a Rating Agency),
<b>Ratings</b> .....	With respect to any entity, (a) the long-term or short-term rating given by Moody's to such entity's, unsecured, unguaranteed and unsubordinated debt, (b) the long-term or short-term issuer default rating given to such entity by Fitch and (c) the long-term or short-term rating given by DBRS to such entity's, unsecured, unguaranteed and unsubordinated debt
<b>Ratings Trigger</b> .....	The Account Bank Required Ratings, the Cash Management Deposit Ratings, the Cash Manager Required Ratings, Paying Agent Required Ratings, the Pre-Maturity Required Ratings, the Reserve Fund Required Amount Ratings, the Servicer Replacement Ratings and the Swap Agreement Ratings
<b>Receiver</b> .....	Any Person or Persons appointed (and any additional Person or Persons appointed or substituted) as an administrative receiver, receiver, manager, or receiver and manager of the Charged Property by the Bond Trustee pursuant to the Security Agreement following service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice on the Guarantor
<b>Record Date</b> .....	The meaning given in Condition 5.4
<b>Records</b> .....	With respect to each Loan, all documents and information (other than the Customer File) including, without limitation, computer programs, tapes, discs, punch cards, data processing software and related property and rights, maintained by the Seller or the Servicer with respect to such Loan, the Related Security and the related Borrower
<b>Redeemed Covered Bonds</b> .....	The meaning given in Condition 6.3
<b>Redenomination Date</b> .....	The meaning given in Condition 5.9
<b>Reference Bank</b> .....	In the case of a determination of CDOR, four major Canadian Schedule I chartered banks; in the case of a determination of LIBOR, four major banks in the London



interbank market; and, in the case of a determination of EURIBOR, four major banks in the Euro-zone interbank market

<b>Reference Price</b> .....	In respect of a Zero Coupon Covered Bond, the meaning given in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement
<b>Reference Rate</b> .....	In respect of Floating Rate Covered Bonds to which Screen Rate Determination applies, the meaning given in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement
<b>Register</b> .....	The meaning given on page 112
<b>Registered Covered Bond</b> .....	A Covered Bond in registered form
<b>Registered Definitive Covered Bond</b>	A Rule 144A Definitive Covered Bond, a U.S. Registered Definitive Covered Bond and/or a Regulation S Definitive Covered Bond, as the context may require
<b>Registered Global Covered Bonds</b> .....	Global Covered Bonds in registered form, comprising Rule 144A Global Covered Bonds, U.S. Registered Covered Bonds and/or Regulation S Global Covered Bonds
<b>Registrable Transfers</b> .....	Each transfer, assignment or conveyance in appropriate form that is required to assign the relevant Loan and its Related Security to the relevant purchaser or as the relevant purchaser directs, containing all necessary information (including mortgage registration number and a legal description of the related Mortgaged Property that complies with local law) and executed as necessary (including witnessed and under seal, if necessary) and accompanied by all required affidavits and certificates, for registration in the land registry or land titles office for the location where the real property subject thereto is situate or filing under the PPSA, as the case may be
<b>Registrar</b> .....	The meaning given on page 96
<b>Regulation S</b> .....	The meaning given on the cover page
<b>Regulation S Definitive Covered Bond</b> .....	The meaning given in Condition 2.7
<b>Regulation S Global Covered Bond</b> .....	The meaning given in Condition 2.7
<b>Regulations</b> .....	The meaning given on page 250
<b>Related Retained Loans</b> .....	In relation to any STEP Loan owned by the Guarantor, all Other STEP Products and Additional STEP Loans that are not owned by the Guarantor, in either case that are secured by the same STEP Collateral Mortgages and other Related Security as such STEP Loan

**Related Security** ..... With respect to any Loan, subject to sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this definition in respect of any STEP Loan, all of the Seller's right, title and interest in:

- (a) all security interests, hypothecs or liens and property subject thereto from time to time purporting to secure payment of such Loan and all proceeds thereof or realized thereunder, including, without limitation:
  - (i) the Mortgage and the security interest or hypothec granted to the Seller by the related Borrower in the related Mortgaged Property as security for or pursuant to such Loan, and all Records related thereto;
  - (ii) all legislation PPSA financing statements or other filings relating thereto;
- (b) the related Customer File;
- (c) all guaranties, indemnities, insurance (other than blanket insurance coverage maintained by the Seller) and other agreements or arrangements of whatever character from time to time supporting or documenting payment of such Loan, which are or should be included in the Customer Files, and all proceeds of the foregoing; and
- (d) the proceeds of any claims made under the blanket insurance coverage maintained by the Seller where such proceeds relate to such Loan;

and in relation to a STEP Loan:

- (i) as to (a), (b), (c) and (d) above, all of the Seller's right, title and interest therein, *provided* that upon the transfer and/or assignment of which (excluding any such property relating solely to such STEP Loan or any related STEP Loan owned by the Guarantor from time to time) to the Guarantor, the Guarantor will hold (A) an undivided interest in such property for the sole and absolute account and benefit of the Guarantor to the extent of the indebtedness owing under such Loan or any related STEP Loan owned by the Guarantor from time to time, and (B) an undivided interest in such property as agent, nominee and bare trustee for the Seller and/or Other STEP Creditor to the extent of any amounts of indebtedness owing under any Additional STEP Loans and Other STEP

Products outstanding under the STEP Plan from time to time, in each case, subject to the applicable priority arrangement described in *Overview of the Principal Documents—Mortgage Sale Agreement—Scotia Total Equity Plan and STEP Loans*; and

- (ii) notwithstanding (i), with respect to STEP Loans secured by a STEP Collateral Mortgage over Mortgaged Property situated in the Province of Québec, as to (a) above, the Guarantor will become a beneficiary of the security interests, hypothecs or liens and property subject thereto from time to time purporting to secure payment of such Loan and all proceeds thereof or realized thereunder, and will become, together with the Seller and any related Other STEP Creditor, a secured party as to any Mortgage and other security interest or hypothec granted by the related Borrower in the related Mortgaged Property as security for or pursuant to such STEP Loan and any STEP Loan or Other STEP Product owned by the Seller or an Other STEP Creditor; provided, however, that at no time shall the Seller or any other STEP Creditor have a right to be registered on title with respect to the related Mortgaged Property.

<b>Release of Security</b> .....	A release of security in the form of Annex M to the CMHC Guide
<b>Relevant Date</b> .....	The meaning given in Condition 7
<b>Relevant Implementation Date</b> .....	The meaning given on page 247
<b>Relevant Member State</b> .....	The meaning given on page 6.
<b>Relevant Screen Page</b> .....	In respect of Floating Rate Covered Bonds to which Screen Rate Determination applies, the meaning given in the Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement
<b>Repurchase Amount</b> .....	With respect to a Loan at any time, the sum of the Outstanding Principal Balance of such Loan and all Arrears of Interest and Accrued Interest thereon
<b>Requesting Party</b> .....	The meaning given on page 134
<b>Required Redemption Amount</b> .....	In respect of a Series of Covered Bonds, the amount calculated as follows:  the Principal Amount Outstanding of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds x (1+ Negative Carry Factor) x (days to maturity of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds/365)

**Required True Loan Balance Amount .....** An aggregate True Loan Balance in an amount which is as close as possible to the amount calculated as follows:

(i) following a Demand Loan Repayment Event or the Demand Loan being demanded by the Intercompany Loan Provider but prior to the service of an Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice, such amount that would ensure that, if the Selected Loans were sold at their True Loan Balance, the Demand Loan as calculated on the date of the demand could be repaid, subject to the satisfaction of the Asset Coverage Test; or

(ii) following the service of an Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice (but prior to service of a Notice to Pay), such amount that would ensure that, if the Selected Loans were sold at their True Loan Balance, the Asset Coverage Test would be satisfied on the next Calculation Date taking into account the payment obligations of the Partnership on the Payment Date following that Calculation Date (assuming for this purpose that the Asset Coverage Test Breach Notice is not revoked on the next Calculation Date); or

(iii) following a breach of the Pre-Maturity Test or service of a Notice to Pay on the Partnership:

$N \times A/B$

where:

"N" is an amount equal to:

(x) in respect of Selected Loans being sold following a breach of the Pre-Maturity Test, the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Required Amount less amounts standing to the credit of the Pre-Maturity Liquidity Ledger; or

(y) in respect of Selected Loans being sold following service of a Notice to Pay, the Canadian Dollar Equivalent of the Required Redemption Amount of the Earliest Maturing Covered Bonds less amounts standing to the credit of the Guarantor Accounts and the principal amount of any Substitute Assets (excluding all amounts to be applied on the next following Guarantor Payment Date to repay higher ranking amounts in the Guarantee Priority of Payments and those amounts that are required to repay any Series of Covered Bonds which mature prior to or on the same date as the relevant Series of Covered Bonds),

"A" is an amount equal to the True Loan Balance of all the Loans and their Related Security in the Portfolio; and

"B" is an amount equal to the Canadian Dollar Equivalent of the Required Redemption Amount in respect of each Series of Covered Bonds then outstanding less the Canadian Dollar Equivalent of the Required Redemption Amount in respect of each Series of Covered Bonds then outstanding which has been provided for in cash.

<b>Reserve Fund .....</b>	The reserve fund that the Guarantor will be required to establish in the GDA Account which may be credited with part of an advance from the proceeds of the Intercompany Loan and with Cash Capital Contributions (in each case in the Guarantor's discretion) and the proceeds of Available Revenue Receipts and Available Principal Receipts up to an amount equal to the Reserve Fund Required Amount
<b>Reserve Fund Required Amount.....</b>	Nil, unless the Bank 's Ratings fall below the ratings specified in the Master Definitions and Construction Agreement and then an amount equal to the Canadian Dollar Equivalent of three months' interest due on each Series of Covered Bonds together with an amount equal to three-twelfths of the anticipated aggregate annual amount payable in respect of the items specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) of the Pre-Acceleration Revenue Priority of Payments
<b>Reserve Fund Required Amount Ratings .....</b>	The threshold ratings of (i) P-1 (in respect of Moody's), (ii) R-1 (middle) and A (low) (in respect of DBRS; for greater certainty, the ratings from DBRS are only required to be at or above one of such ratings), and (iii) F1 or A (in respect of Fitch; provided that both such ratings from Fitch are required), as applicable, of the unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations (or in the case of Fitch, the issuer default rating) of the Bank by the Rating Agencies
<b>Reserve Ledger .....</b>	The ledger on the GDA Account of such name maintained by the Cash Manager pursuant to the Cash Management Agreement, to record the crediting of Available Revenue Receipts and Available Principal Receipts to the Reserve Fund and the debiting of such Reserve Fund in accordance with the terms of the Guarantor Agreement
<b>Reset Date.....</b>	The meaning given in the ISDA Definitions
<b>Responsible Persons .....</b>	The meaning given on page 4
<b>Retained Loan.....</b>	In relation to any STEP Loan owned by the Guarantor, an Other STEP Product or Additional STEP Loan that is not owned by the Guarantor, in either case that is secured by the same STEP Collateral Mortgage and other Related Security as such STEP Loan

<b>Revenue Ledger</b> .....	The ledger on the GDA Account of such name maintained by the Cash Manager pursuant to the Cash Management Agreement, to record credits and debits of Revenue Receipts in accordance with the terms of the Guarantor Agreement
<b>Revenue Receipts</b> .....	Any payment received in respect of any Loan, including payments pursuant to any insurance policies and any payment received from the Seller in respect of interest amounts on a Loan (otherwise than in respect of a Loan that has been repurchased by the Seller), whether as all or part of a Monthly Payment in respect of such Loan, on redemption (including partial redemption) of such Loan, on enforcement of such Loan (including the proceeds of sale of the relevant Mortgaged Property) or on the disposal of such Loan or otherwise, which in any such case is not a Principal Receipt in respect of such Loan (but excluding, in respect of any STEP Loan, any such amounts required to be distributed to the Seller or Other STEP Creditor in respect of any Additional STEP Loan having priority over or <i>pari passu</i> with such STEP Loans)
<b>Rule 144A</b> .....	Rule 144A under the Securities Act
<b>Rule 144A Covered Bond</b> .....	A Covered Bond represented by a Rule 144A Global Covered Bond or a Rule 144A Definitive Covered Bond
<b>Rule 144A Definitive Covered Bond</b> .....	A Registered Covered Bond sold in the United States to QIBs in reliance on Rule 144, which is in definitive form
<b>Rule 144A Global Covered Bond</b> .....	A Registered Global Covered Bond representing Covered Bonds sold in the United States to QIBs in reliance on Rule 144A
<b>Rules</b> .....	The rules, regulations and procedures creating and affecting DTC and its operations
<b>Scheduled Interest</b> .....	In relation to a Series of Covered Bonds, an amount equal to the amount in respect of interest which is or would have been due and payable under such Covered Bonds on each Interest Payment Date as specified in Condition 4 (but excluding any additional amounts relating to premiums, default interest or interest upon interest ( <b>Excluded Scheduled Interest Amounts</b> ) payable by the Bank following service of an Issuer Acceleration Notice, but including such amounts (whenever the same arose) following service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice), as if such Covered Bonds had not become due and payable prior to their Final Maturity Date and (if the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement specified that an Extended Due for Payment Date is applicable to

the relevant Covered Bonds) as if the maturity date of the Covered Bonds had been the Extended Due for Payment Date (but taking into account any principal repaid in respect of such Covered Bonds or any Guaranteed Amounts paid in respect of such principal prior to the Extended Due for Payment Date) or, where applicable, after the Final Maturity Date, such other amount of interest as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement but not including any additional amounts the Bank would be obliged to pay as a result of any gross-up in respect of any withholding or deduction made under the circumstances set out in Condition 7

<b>Scheduled Payment Date</b> .....	In relation to payments under the Covered Bond Guarantee in respect of a Series of Covered Bonds, each Interest Payment Date or the Final Maturity Date as if such Covered Bonds had not become due and payable prior to their Final Maturity Date
<b>Scheduled Principal</b> .....	In relation to a Series of Covered Bonds, an amount equal to the amount in respect of principal which is or would have been due and payable under such Covered Bonds on each Interest Payment Date or the Final Maturity Date (as the case may be) as specified in Conditions 6.1 and 6.7 (but excluding any additional amounts relating to prepayments, early redemption, broken funding indemnities, penalties, premiums or default interest ( <b>Excluded Scheduled Principal Amounts</b> )) payable by the Bank following service of an Issuer Acceleration Notice, but including such amounts (whenever the same arose) following service of a Guarantor Acceleration Notice), as if such Covered Bonds had not become due and payable prior to their Final Maturity Date and (if the Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement specified that an Extended Due for Payment Date is applicable to such relevant Covered Bonds) as if the maturity date of such Covered Bonds had been the Extended Due for Payment Date
<b>Scotiabank Group</b> .....	The Bank and its Subsidiaries collectively
<b>Screen Rate Determination</b> .....	If specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement, the manner in which the Rate of Interest on Floating Rate Covered Bonds is to be determined in accordance with Condition 4.2(b)(ii)
<b>Secured Creditors</b> .....	The Bond Trustee (in its own capacity and on behalf of the other Secured Creditors and on behalf of the Covered Bondholders), the Covered Bondholders, the Couponholders, the lender under the Intercompany Loan Agreement, the Seller, the Servicer, the Bond Trustee, the Account Bank, the GDA Provider, the Standby Account Bank, the Standby GDA Provider, the Cash Manager, the

Swap Providers, the Agents, the Administrative Agent, any New Secured Creditor and any other Person which becomes a Secured Creditor pursuant to the Security Agreement except, pursuant to the terms of the Guarantor Agreement, to the extent and for so long as such person is a Limited Partner

<b>Securities Act</b> .....	The meaning given on the cover page
<b>Security</b> .....	The meaning given on page 187
<b>Security Agreement</b> .....	The meaning given on page 97
<b>Security Sharing Agreement</b> .....	The meaning given in the CMHC Guide
<b>Selected Loan Offer Notice</b> .....	A notice from the Guarantor served on the Seller offering to sell Selected Loans for an offer price equal to amount specified in Schedule 9 of the Guarantor Agreement
<b>Selected Loan Repurchase Notice</b> .....	A notice from the Seller served on the Guarantor accepting an offer set out in a Selected Loan Offer Notice
<b>Selected Loans</b> .....	Loans and their Related Security in the Portfolio to be sold by the Guarantor, pursuant to the terms of the Guarantor Agreement or the Mortgage Sale Agreement, in accordance with Schedule 9 of the Guarantor Agreement
<b>Selection Date</b> .....	The meaning given in Condition 6.3
<b>Seller Arranged Policy</b> .....	Any property insurance policy arranged by the Seller for the purposes of the Borrower insuring the Mortgaged Property for an amount equal to the full rebuilding cost of the Mortgaged Property
<b>Seller</b> .....	The Bank, any New Seller and any Limited Partner
<b>Series</b> .....	The meaning given on page 97
<b>Series Reserved Matter</b> .....	In relation to Covered Bonds of a Series: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) 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 other than in accordance with the terms thereof;</li> <li>(b) alteration of the currency in which payments under the Covered Bonds and Coupons are to be made;</li> </ul>



- (c) alteration of the majority required to pass an Extraordinary Resolution;
- (d) 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 Covered Bondholders of any Series or an amendment which is in the sole opinion of the Bond Trustee of a formal, minor or technical nature or to correct a manifest error or an error which is, in the sole opinion of the Bond Trustee proven or is to comply with mandatory provisions of Law);
- (e) the sanctioning of any such scheme or proposal for the exchange or sale of the Covered Bonds 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 Bank, 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 aforesaid and partly for or into or in consideration of cash and for the appointment of some Person with power on behalf of the Covered Bondholders to execute an instrument of transfer of the Registered Covered Bonds held by them in favor of the Persons with or to whom the Covered Bonds are to be exchanged or sold respectively; and
- (f) alteration of the proviso to paragraph 5 or paragraph 6 of Schedule 5 to the Trust Deed

<b>Servicer</b> .....	The Seller in its capacity as Servicer under the Servicing Agreement (and any successor servicer)
<b>Servicer Deposit Threshold Ratings</b> .....	The threshold ratings of (i) P-1 (in respect of Moody's), (ii) F1 or A (in respect of Fitch), and (iii) BBB(low) or R-1 (middle) (in respect of DBRS) as applicable, of the unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations (or, in the case of Fitch, the issuer default rating) of the Servicer by the Rating Agencies
<b>Servicer Downgrade</b> .....	With respect to the Servicer that is an Affiliate of the Bank, a downgrade in the Ratings of the Bank or, with respect to any other Servicer, a downgrade in the Ratings of the Servicer or its guarantor, in each case below the

	levels specified in the Servicing Agreement
<b>Servicer Replacement Ratings</b>	The meaning given on page 162
<b>Servicer Termination Event</b> .....	The meaning given on page 161
<b>Servicing Agreement</b> .....	The servicing agreement made as of the Program Date as between the Servicer, the Seller, the Cash Manager, the Bond Trustee and the Guarantor
<b>Specified Currency</b> .....	Subject to any applicable legal or regulatory restrictions, euro, Sterling, U.S. Dollars, Canadian Dollars and such other currency or currencies as may be agreed from time to time by the Bank, the relevant Dealer(s), the Principal Paying Agent and the Bond Trustee and specified in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement
<b>Specified Denomination</b> .....	The meaning given in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement
<b>Specified Time</b> .....	11:00 a.m. (London time, in the case of determination of LIBOR, or Brussels time, in the case of a determination of EURIBOR)
<b>Stabilizing Manager</b> .....	If specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms Document or Pricing Supplement, the stabilizing manager for that Series of Covered Bonds, and any successor stabilizing manager or Person acting on behalf of the stabilizing manager
<b>Standardized Approach</b> .....	Annex VI (Standardized Approach) to the Capital Requirements Directive (or, after any amendment, variation, enactment or implementation of such Directive, the corresponding Annex)
<b>Standby Account Bank</b> .....	Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, acting through its offices at 11th Floor, 161 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2S8, in its capacity as standby account bank under the Standby Bank Account Agreement, together with any successor standby account bank
<b>Standby Account Bank Notice</b> .....	Written notice from the Guarantor (or the Cash Manager on its behalf) to the Standby Account Bank stating that the appointment of the Standby Account Bank, under the Standby Bank Account Agreement is to become operative and that the Standby GDA Account and the Standby Transaction Account (if indicated in such notice) are to be opened and held with the Standby Account Bank in the name of the Guarantor
<b>Standby Bank Account Agreement</b> .....	Standby bank account agreement entered into on the Program Date between the Guarantor, the Standby

Account Bank, the Standby GDA Provider, the Cash Manager and the Bond Trustee

<b>Standby GDA Account</b> .....	The account in the name of the Guarantor held with the Standby Account Bank and maintained subject to the terms of the Standby Guaranteed Deposit Account Contract, the Standby Bank Account Agreement and the Security Agreement or such additional or replacement account as may be in place from time to time
<b>Standby GDA Provider</b> .....	Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, acting through its offices at 11th Floor, 161 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2S8, in its capacity as standby GDA provider under the Standby Guaranteed Deposit Account Contract, together with any successor standby GDA provider
<b>Standby GDA Rate</b> .....	The variable rate of interest accruing on the balance standing to the credit of the Standby GDA Account being a variable rate at a floor of 0.10 percent below the average of the rates per annum for Canadian Dollar bankers' acceptances having a term of 30 days that appears on the Reuters Screen as of 10:00 a.m. (Toronto time) on the date of determination, as reported by the Standby GDA Provider (and if such screen is not available, any successor or similar service as may be selected by the Standby GDA Provider) (calculated on the basis of the actual number of days elapsed and a 365 day year) or such greater amount as the Guarantor (or the Cash Manager on its behalf) and the Standby GDA Provider may agree from time to time
<b>Standby Guaranteed Deposit Account Contract</b> .....	Standby guaranteed deposit account contract between the Standby GDA Provider, the Guarantor, the Cash Manager and the Bond Trustee dated the Program Date
<b>Standby Transaction Account</b> .....	The account in the name of the Guarantor held with the Standby Account Bank and maintained subject to the terms of the Standby Bank Account Agreement and the Security Agreement or such additional or replacement account as may be in place from time to time
<b>STEP Account</b> .....	A separate and distinct loan or other credit product that is made available by the Seller to a STEP Borrower under the STEP Plan, being a "Mortgage Loan", "Scotia Plan Loan", "ScotiaLine line of credit", "ScotiaLine Visa", and "Overdraft Protection", as such credit products are presently described in the documentation for STEP Plans at the date hereof and such credit products as they may be differently described under the documentation for STEP Plans after the date hereof, but have the same priorities and otherwise substantially the same attributes as those previously described in this definition
<b>STEP Borrower</b> .....	The Borrower under a STEP Loan

<b>STEP Collateral Mortgage</b> .....	In respect of a STEP Loan, the Mortgage that secures the outstanding indebtedness owing in respect of outstanding STEP Accounts extended by the Seller to the same STEP Borrower
<b>STEP Loan</b> .....	Each Loan that is a STEP Account and described in the documentation for STEP Plans at the date hereof as a "Mortgage Loan" (including a STEP Account under a successor description from time to time where the STEP Account under such successor description has the same priority and in all other respects has substantially the same attributes as a "Mortgage Loan" possesses under the documentation presently used in STEP Plans at the date hereof), which is made by the Seller to a STEP Borrower and is subject to the STEP Plan from time to time, and includes the First STEP Loan and each Additional STEP Loan advanced to such Borrower
<b>STEP Plan</b> .....	With respect to any Borrower, the umbrella agreement with the Seller for the provision of multiple secured credit products, which is currently marketed as the Scotia Total Equity Plan
<b>Sterling LIBOR</b> .....	LIBOR for sterling deposits having the relevant maturity
<b>Subsidiary</b> .....	Any company which is for the time being a subsidiary (within the meaning of Section 2 of the Bank Act)
<b>Substitute Assets</b> .....	The classes and types of assets from time to time eligible under the Covered Bond Legislative Framework and the CMHC Guide to collateralize covered bonds which include the following: (a) securities issued by the Government of Canada, and (b) repos of Government of Canada securities having terms acceptable to CMHC, <i>provided</i> that the total exposure to Substitute Assets shall not exceed 10 percent of the aggregate value of (x) the aggregate loan balance of the Loans in the Portfolio; (y) the face value of any Substitute Assets; and (z) cash balances held by the Guarantor (subject to the Prescribed Cash Limitation);

in each case, *provided* that

- (i) such exposures will have certain minimum long-term and short-term ratings from the Rating Agencies, as specified by such Rating Agencies from time to time;
- (ii) the maximum aggregate total exposures in general to classes of assets with certain ratings by the Rating Agencies will, if specified by the Rating Agencies, be limited to the maximum percentages specified by such Rating Agencies;

and

- (iii) in respect of investments of Available Revenue Receipts in such classes and types of assets, the Interest Rate Swap Provider has given its consent to investments in such classes and types of assets

<b>sub-unit</b> .....	The meaning given on page 110
<b>Superintendent</b> .....	The meaning given on page 24
<b>Swap Agreement Ratings</b> .....	The "Minimum Ratings" and "Subsequent Ratings" by the Rating Agencies, as applicable, as such terms are defined in the Covered Bond Swap Agreement and the Interest Rate Swap Agreement
<b>Swap Agreements</b> .....	The Covered Bond Swap Agreement together with the Interest Rate Swap Agreement, and each a <b>Swap Agreement</b>
<b>Swap Collateral</b> .....	At any time, any asset (including cash and/or securities) that is paid or transferred by a Swap Provider to the Guarantor as collateral in respect of the performance by such Swap Provider of its obligations under the relevant Swap Agreement together with any income or distributions received in respect of such asset and any equivalent of such asset into which such asset is transformed
<b>Swap Collateral Available Amounts</b> .....	At any time, the amount of Swap Collateral which under the terms of the relevant Swap Agreement may be applied at that time in satisfaction of the relevant Swap Provider's obligations to the Guarantor to the extent that such obligations relate to payments to be made in connection with the Pre-Acceleration Revenue Priority of Payments, the Pre-Acceleration Principal Priority of Payments or the Guarantee Priority of Payments
<b>Swap Collateral Excluded Amounts</b> .....	At any time, the amount of Swap Collateral which may not be applied under the terms of the relevant Swap Agreement at that time in satisfaction of the relevant Swap Provider's obligations to the Guarantor, including Swap Collateral which is to be returned to the relevant Swap Provider upon termination of the relevant Swap Agreement
<b>Swap Provider Default</b> .....	The occurrence of an Event of Default (or Termination Event) (each as defined in each of the Swap Agreements) where the relevant Swap Provider is the Defaulting Party or the sole Affected Party (each as defined in relevant Swap Agreement), as applicable other than a Swap Provider Downgrade Event
<b>Swap Provider Downgrade Event</b> .....	The occurrence of an Additional Termination Event (as

defined in the relevant Swap Agreement) following a failure by a Swap Provider to comply with the requirements of the ratings downgrade provisions set out in the relevant Swap Agreement

<b>Swap Providers</b> .....	The Covered Bond Swap Provider and the Interest Rate Swap Provider, and each a <b>Swap Provider</b>
<b>Talons</b> .....	The meaning given on page 97
<b>TARGET System</b> .....	The meaning given on page 108
<b>Tax Credit</b> .....	The meaning given in the relevant Swap Agreement
<b>Taxes</b> .....	All present and future taxes, levies, imposts, duties (other than stamp duty), fees, deductions, withholdings or charges of any nature whatsoever and wheresoever imposed, including, without limitation, income tax, corporation tax, goods and services tax or other tax in respect of added value and any franchise, transfer, sales, gross receipts, use, business, occupation, excise, personal property, real property or other tax imposed by any national, local or supranational taxing or fiscal authority or agency together with any penalties, fines or interest thereon and <b>Tax</b> and <b>Taxation</b> will be construed accordingly
<b>TEFRA</b> .....	United States Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982
<b>TEFRA C Rules</b> .....	The meaning given on page 72
<b>TEFRA D Rules</b> .....	The meaning given on page 72
<b>Temporary Global Covered Bond</b> .....	The meaning given on page 69
<b>Termination Date</b> .....	The earlier to occur of (a) January 24, 2028, and (b) the date which is 60 days after the date on which all Covered Bonds have been repaid in full and no longer remain outstanding and the Guarantor has satisfied all of its obligations under the Transaction Documents
<b>Terms and Conditions or Conditions</b> .....	The terms and conditions of the Covered Bonds as set out herein
<b>Third Party Amounts</b> .....	Each of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) payments of insurance premiums, if any, due to an insurer in respect of the Seller Arranged Policy to the extent not paid or payable by the Seller;</li> <li>(b) amounts under an unpaid direct debit which are repaid by the Seller to the issuer making such</li> </ul>

payment if such issuer is unable to recoup that amount itself from its customer's account; and

- (c) any amount received from a Borrower for the express purpose of payment being made to a third party for the provision of a service (including giving insurance cover) to any of that Borrower or the Seller or the Guarantor;

which amounts will be paid on receipt by the Guarantor to the Seller from funds on deposit in the GDA Account, with the Seller paying such amounts to the relevant third party

<b>Toronto Business Day</b> .....	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
<b>Total Assets</b> .....	The meaning given on page 36
<b>Total Credit Commitment</b> .....	The combined aggregate amount available to be drawn by the Guarantor under the terms of the Intercompany Loan Agreement, subject to increase and decrease in accordance with the terms of the Intercompany Loan Agreement, which amount is initially \$16,500,000,000
<b>Tranche</b> .....	The meaning given on page 97
<b>Transaction Account</b> .....	The account in the name of the Guarantor held with the Account Bank and maintained subject to the terms of the Bank Account Agreement and the Security Agreement or such additional or replacement account as may for the time being be in place with the prior consent of the Bond Trustee and designated as such
<b>Transaction Documents</b> .....	The following documents: (a) the Trust Deed (which includes the Covered Bond Guarantee and true form of the Global Covered Bonds, the Definitive Covered Bonds, the coupons and the talons); (b) the Security Agreement (and any documents entered into pursuant to the Security Agreement); (c) the Mortgage Sale Agreement and, if applicable, any New Mortgage Sale Agreement entered into from time to time; (d) the Servicing Agreement; (e) the Guarantor Agreement; (f) the Intercompany Loan Agreement; (g) the Interest Rate Swap Agreement; (h) the Covered Bond Swap Agreement; (i) the Cover Pool Monitor Agreement; (j) the Cash Management Agreement; (k) the Guaranteed Deposit Account Contract; (l) the Standby Guaranteed Deposit Account Contract; (m) the Bank Account Agreement; (n) the Standby Bank Account Agreement; (o) the Agency Agreement; (p) the Program Agreements; (q) the Master Definitions and Construction Agreement;

and (r) any Security Sharing Agreement entered into by the Guarantor.

<b>Transfer Agent</b> .....	The meaning given on page 96
<b>Transfer Date</b> .....	Each of the First Transfer Date and each other date on which a Loan and its Related Security is sold by the Seller to the Guarantor in accordance with the terms of the Mortgage Sale Agreement
<b>Treaty</b> .....	The meaning given in Condition 5.9
<b>Trust Deed</b> .....	The meaning given on page 96
<b>U.S. Registered Covered Bond</b> .....	A Covered Bond issued under the U.S. Registration Statement
<b>U.S. Registered Definitive Covered Bond</b> .....	A Definitive Covered Bond in registered form issued under the U.S Registration Statement
<b>U.S. Registered Global Covered Bond</b> .....	A Registered Global Covered Bond issued under the U.S Registration Statement
<b>U.S. Registration Statement</b> .....	A registration statement on Form F-3 (File No. 333-188984) in respect of certain issuances of Covered Bonds to be registered with the SEC, as revised, supplemented or amended from time to time
<b>UK Listing Authority</b> .....	The meaning given on the cover page
<b>Underwriting Agreement</b>	An underwriting agreement for the sale of Covered Bonds in the United States pursuant to the U.S. Registration Statement to be entered into on or after the Program Date between dealers named therein and the Bank
<b>Valuation Report</b> .....	The valuation report or reports for mortgage purposes, obtained by the Seller in respect of each Mortgaged Property or a valuation report in respect of a valuation of a Mortgaged Property made using a methodology that would be acceptable to reasonable and prudent institutional mortgage lenders in the Seller's market and which has been approved by the relevant officers of the Seller
<b>Zero Coupon Covered Bonds</b> .....	Covered Bonds which will be offered and sold at a discount to their nominal amount and which will not bear interest



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