

## CLEARANCE AND SETTLEMENT

### Introduction

The Facility has been designed so that Notes may be held through one or more international and domestic clearing systems, principally, the bookentry systems operated by the Federal Reserve and by DTC in the United States, and by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg in Europe. Electronic securities and payment transfer, processing, depositary and custodial links have been established among these systems and others, either directly or indirectly through custodians and depositaries, which enable Notes to be issued, held and transferred among the clearing systems across these links. Special procedures have been established among the Global Agent and these clearing systems to facilitate clearance and settlement of certain Notes traded across borders in the secondary market. Cross-market transfers of Notes denominated in certain currencies and issued in global form (as described below) may be cleared and settled using these procedures on a delivery against payment basis. Cross-market transfers of Notes in other than global form may be cleared and settled in accordance with other procedures established for this purpose among the Global Agent and the relevant clearing systems.

The relationship between IBRD and the holder of a Registered Note, a Fed Bookentry Note or a Bearer Note is governed by the terms and conditions of that Note. The holder of a Global Note or a Global Certificate will be one or more clearing systems. The beneficial interests in Notes held by a clearing system will be in bookentry form in the relevant clearing system or a depositary or nominee on its or their behalf. Each clearing system has its own separate operating procedures and arrangements with participants or accountholders which govern the relationship between them and the relevant clearing system and to which IBRD is not and will not be a party. IBRD will not impose fees payable by any holder with respect to any Notes held by one or more clearing systems; however, holders of beneficial interests in Notes may incur fees payable in respect of the maintenance and operation of the bookentry accounts in which Notes are held.

Each of the persons shown in the records of DTC, Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, or any other specified clearing system as the holder of a Note represented by a Global Note or a Global Certificate must look solely to such clearing system for his share of each payment made by IBRD to the bearer of such Global Note or the registered holder of the Registered Notes represented by such Global Certificate, as the case may be, and in relation to all other rights arising under the Global Notes or Global Certificates, subject to and in accordance with the respective rules and procedures of such clearing system. Such persons shall have no claim directly against IBRD in respect of payments due on the Notes for so long as the Notes are represented by such Global Note or Global Certificate and such obligations of IBRD will be discharged by payment to the bearer of such Global Note or the registered holder of the Registered Notes represented by such Global Certificate, as the case may be, in respect of each amount so paid.

Citibank, N.A., London Branch (“Citibank”) is the Global Agent for Notes held through DTC, Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and such other clearing systems as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York is the fiscal and paying agent for U.S. dollar denominated Notes issued in the United States and held through the bookentry system operated by the Federal Reserve Banks.

### The Global Agent and Paying Agents

Citibank will act as the Global Agent for Notes issued under the Facility. Citibank has direct custodial and depositary linkages with, and (unless otherwise provided in the applicable Final Terms) will act as custodian for Global Notes or Global Certificates held by, DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg to facilitate issue, transfer and custody of Notes in these clearing systems. As necessary (and as more fully described below), Citibank will act as Registrar, Transfer Agent, Exchange Agent and Paying Agent and, from time to time, Calculation Agent for the Notes as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms.

## **The Clearing Systems**

### *Federal Reserve Bookentry System*

The Federal Reserve Banks operate the Federal bookentry system which provides bookentry holding and settlement for all U.S. dollar denominated securities issued by the U.S. government, certain of its agencies and international organizations (including IBRD) in which the United States is a member. The system enables specified depositories and other institutions with an appropriate account with a Federal Reserve Bank or Branch (“Holding Institutions”) to hold, make payments and transfer securities and funds through the Federal Reserve Bank’s Fedwire electronic funds transfer system.

### *DTC*

DTC is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the laws of the State of New York, and is 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 the provisions of Section 17A of the Exchange Act. DTC holds securities for DTC participants and facilitates the clearance and settlement of transactions between DTC participants through electronic bookentry changes in accounts of DTC participants.

### *Euroclear*

Euroclear is incorporated in Belgium and has branch offices in Amsterdam, Paris and London. Euroclear holds securities for participating organizations and facilitates multicurrency clearance and settlement of securities transactions between its and Clearstream, Luxembourg accountholders through electronic bookentry changes in accounts of its accountholders.

### *Clearstream, Luxembourg*

Clearstream, Luxembourg is incorporated under the laws of Luxembourg as a professional depository. Clearstream, Luxembourg holds securities for its participating organizations and facilitates multicurrency clearance and settlement of securities transactions between its and Euroclear’s accountholders through electronic bookentry changes in accounts of its accountholders.

### *Other Clearing Systems*

Any other clearing system which IBRD, the Global Agent and the relevant Dealer(s) agree shall be available for a particular issue of Notes will be described in the applicable Final Terms, together with the clearance and settlement procedures for such clearing system.

## **Clearance and Settlement Procedures — Primary Distribution**

### *Introduction*

Distribution of Notes will be through one or more of the clearing systems described above or any other clearing system specified in the applicable Final Terms. Payment for Notes will be on a delivery versus payment or free delivery basis, as more fully described in the applicable Final Terms.

### *Registered Notes and Fed Bookentry Notes*

IBRD and the relevant Dealer(s) shall agree whether global clearance and settlement procedures or specific clearance and settlement procedures should be available for any issue of Notes, as specified in the applicable Final Terms. Clearance and settlement procedures may vary according to the Specified Currency of issue. The customary clearance and settlement procedures are described under the specific clearance and settlement procedures below. Application will be made to the relevant clearing system(s) for the Notes of the relevant issue to be accepted for clearance and settlement and the applicable clearance numbers will be specified in the applicable Final Terms.

Unless otherwise agreed between IBRD and the Global Agent, Citibank, N.A., acting through its relevant office, will act as the custodian or depository for all Notes in global form.

(i) Global Clearance and Settlement — Specified Currencies

Global clearance and settlement of Notes denominated in certain Specified Currencies will take place through those clearing systems specified in the applicable Final Terms. The procedures expected to be followed are those which relevant clearing systems have established to clear and settle single global issues in the Specified Currency and will be set out in the applicable Final Terms.

(ii) Specific Clearance and Settlement — Federal Reserve Bank of New York

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York will take delivery of and hold Fed Bookentry Notes as record owner and custodian for other Federal Reserve Banks and for Holding Institutions located in the Second Federal Reserve District. Holding Institutions located in other Federal Reserve Districts can hold Fed Bookentry Notes through their respective Federal Reserve Banks or Branches.

The aggregate holdings of Fed Bookentry Notes of each Holding Institution will be reflected in the bookentry account of such Holding Institution with its Federal Reserve Bank or Branch. The Notes may be held of record only by Holding Institutions, which are entities eligible to maintain bookentry accounts with the Federal Reserve Banks. A Holding Institution may not be the beneficial holder of a Note. Beneficial holders will ordinarily hold the Notes through one or more financial intermediaries, such as banks, brokerage firms and securities clearing organizations. Each Holding Institution, and each other intermediate holder in the chain to the ultimate beneficial holder, will have the responsibility of establishing and maintaining accounts for its customers having interests in Fed Bookentry Notes.

Federal Reserve Banks will be responsible only for maintaining the bookentry accounts of Holding Institutions, effecting transfers on their books and ensuring that payments from IBRD, through the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, are credited to appropriate Holding Institutions. With respect to Fed Bookentry Notes, Federal Reserve Banks will act only on the instructions of Holding Institutions for which they maintain such Fed Bookentry Notes. The Federal Reserve Banks will not record pledges of Fed Bookentry Notes.

(iii) Specific Clearance and Settlement — DTC

Registered Notes which are to be cleared and settled through DTC will be represented by a DTC Global Certificate. DTC participants acting on behalf of DTC investors holding Registered Notes through DTC will follow the delivery practices applicable to DTC's Same-Day Funds Settlement System. Registered Notes will be credited to DTC participants' securities accounts following confirmation of receipt of payment to IBRD on the relevant Issue Date.

(iv) Specific Clearance and Settlement — Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg

Registered Notes which are to be cleared and settled through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg will be represented by one or more Global Certificates registered in the name of a nominee of the Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg depositories. Investors holding Registered Notes through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg will follow the settlement procedures applicable to conventional eurobonds. Registered Notes will be credited to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg participants' securities clearance accounts either on the Issue Date or on the settlement day following the relevant Issue Date against payment in same day funds (for value on the relevant Issue Date).

*Bearer Notes*

IBRD will make applications to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg for acceptance in their respective bookentry systems of any issue of Bearer Notes. Customary clearance and settlement

procedures for each such clearing system applicable to bearer eurobonds denominated in the Specified Currency will be followed, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms.

### **Clearance and Settlement Procedures — Secondary Market Transfers**

#### *Transfers of Registered Notes*

Transfers of interests in a Global Certificate within the various clearing systems which may be clearing and settling interests therein will be made in accordance with the usual rules and operating procedures of the relevant clearing system applicable to the Specified Currency and the nature of the transfer. Further details concerning such rules and procedures may be set forth in the applicable Final Terms.

For issues that are cleared and settled through both DTC and another clearing system, because of time zone differences, in some cases the securities account of an investor in one clearing system may be credited during the settlement processing day immediately following the settlement date of the other clearing system and the cash account will be credited for value on the settlement date but may be available only as of the day immediately following such settlement date.

The laws of some states in the United States require that certain persons take physical delivery in definitive form of securities. Consequently, the ability to transfer interests in a DTC Global Certificate to such persons may be limited. Because DTC can only act on behalf of participants, who in turn act on behalf of indirect participants, the ability of a person having an interest in a DTC Global Certificate to pledge such interest to persons or entities that do not participate in DTC, or otherwise take actions in respect of such interest, may be affected by the lack of a definitive security in respect of such interest.

#### *Transfers of Fed Bookentry Notes*

Transfers of Fed Bookentry Notes between Holding Institutions can be made through the Federal Reserve Communications System.

#### *Transfer of Bearer Notes*

Transfers of interests in a Temporary Global Note or a Permanent Global Note and of Definitive Bearer Notes held by a clearing system will be made in accordance with the normal euromarket debt securities operating procedures of the relevant clearing system.

#### *General*

Although DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg have established procedures to facilitate transfers of beneficial interests in Notes in global form among participants and accountholders of DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, they are under no obligation to perform or continue to perform such procedures, and such procedures may be discontinued at any time. None of IBRD, the Global Agent or any other agent will have responsibility for the performance by DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg or their respective obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations.

#### *Pre-issue Trades Settlement*

It is expected that delivery of Notes will be made against payment therefor on the relevant Issue Date, which could be more than three business days following the date of pricing. Under Rule 15c6-1 of the Commission under the Exchange Act, trades in the United States secondary market generally are required to settle within three business days (T+3), unless the parties to any such trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers who wish to trade Notes in the United States on the date of pricing or the next succeeding business days until the relevant Issue Date will be required, by virtue of the fact the Notes initially will settle beyond T+3, to specify an alternate settlement cycle at the time of any such trade to prevent a failed settlement. Settlement procedures in other countries will vary. Purchasers of Notes may be affected by such local settlement practices and purchasers of Notes who wish to trade Notes between the date of pricing and the relevant Issue Date should consult their own adviser.