

## PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

### Dealers

The Facility provides for the appointment of dealers in respect of any particular issue of Notes (all such dealers together, the “Dealers”). There are no sponsoring dealers with respect to the Facility. Any Dealer will be able to purchase Notes on an underwritten basis, either individually or as part of a syndicate, or on an agency basis.

### Standard Provisions

Notes may be sold from time to time by IBRD to or through any one or more Dealers and by IBRD itself. The arrangements under which the Notes may from time to time be agreed to be sold by IBRD to or through Dealers are set out in the Standard Provisions dated as of May 28, 2008 (as amended or supplemented from time to time, the “Standard Provisions”). The Standard Provisions will be incorporated by reference into the agreement by which Dealers are appointed in respect of a particular issue of Notes.

Any agreement for the sale of Notes will, *inter alia*, make provision for the form and terms and conditions of the relevant Notes, the method of distribution of the Notes, the price at which such Notes will be purchased by any Dealer and the commissions or other agreed deductibles (if any) which are payable or allowable by IBRD in respect of such purchase. In addition, each placement of Notes is subject to certain conditions, including the condition that there shall not have occurred any national or international calamity or development, crisis of a political or economic nature, or change in the money or capital markets in which the Notes are being offered, the effect of which on such financial markets shall be such as in the judgment of the relevant Dealer(s) or IBRD materially adversely affects the ability of the relevant Dealer(s) to sell or distribute the Notes, whether in the primary market or in respect of dealings in the secondary market.

### Sales Restrictions

No action has been or will be taken in any jurisdiction by any Dealer or IBRD that would permit a public offering of any of the Notes, or possession or distribution of this Prospectus, or any part thereof including any Final Terms, or any other offering or publicity material relating to the Notes, in such jurisdiction. The relevant Dealer(s) (and IBRD in connection with sales of Notes on its own behalf) will, to the best of its knowledge, comply with all relevant laws, regulations and directives in each jurisdiction in which it purchases, offers, sells, or delivers Notes or has in its possession or distributes this Prospectus, or any part thereof including any Final Terms, or any such other material, in all cases at its own expense.

No Dealer is authorized to make any representation or use any information in connection with the issue, offering and sale of the Notes other than as contained in this Prospectus, the applicable Final Terms or such other information relating to IBRD and/or the Notes which IBRD has authorized to be used.

Selling restrictions may be modified by the agreement of IBRD and the relevant Dealer(s) following a change in any relevant law, regulation or directive. Selling restrictions may also be added to reflect the requirements of any particular Specified Currency. Any such modification or addition will be set out in the Final Terms issued in respect of each issue of Notes to which such modification or addition relates or in a supplement to this Prospectus.

### *United States*

Under the provisions of Section 15(a) of the Bretton Woods Agreements Act, as amended, Notes are exempted securities within the meaning of Section 3(a)(2) of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 3(a)(12) of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Bearer Notes are subject to U.S. tax law requirements and may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or its possessions, except in certain transactions permitted by U.S. tax regulations. Accordingly, under U.S. federal tax laws and regulations, Bearer Notes (including Temporary Global Notes and Permanent Global Notes) with a maturity of more than one year may not be offered or sold during the restricted period (as defined in United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D)(7)) within the United States or to United States persons (each as defined below) other than to an office located outside the United States of a United States financial institution (as defined in United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.165-12(c)(1)(v)), purchasing for its own account or for resale or for the account of certain customers, that provides a certificate stating that it agrees to comply with the requirements of Section 165(j)(3)(A), (B) or (C) of the Code, and the United States Treasury Regulations thereunder, or to certain other persons described in United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D)(1)(iii)(B). Moreover, such Bearer Notes may not be delivered in connection with their sale during the restricted period within the United States. Any distributor (as defined in United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D)(4)) participating in the offering or sale of Bearer Notes with a maturity of more than one year must agree that it will not offer or sell during the restricted period any such Bearer Notes within the United States or to United States persons (other than the persons described above), it will not deliver in connection with the sale of such Bearer Notes during the restricted period any such Bearer Notes within the United States and it has in effect procedures reasonably designed to ensure that its employees and agents who are directly engaged in selling the Bearer Notes are aware of the restrictions on offers and sales described above. No Bearer Notes (other than a Temporary Global Note and certain Bearer Notes described in the following paragraph) with a maturity of more than one year may be delivered, nor may interest be paid on any such Bearer Note, until the person entitled to receive such Bearer Note or such interest furnishes a written certificate to the effect that the relevant Bearer Note (i) is owned by a person that is not a United States person, (ii) is owned by a United States person that is a foreign branch of a United States financial institution purchasing for its own account or for resale, or is owned by a United States person who acquired the Bearer Note through the foreign branch of such a financial institution and who holds the Bearer Note through such financial institution on the date of certification, provided, in either case, that such financial institution provides a certificate to IBRD or the distributor selling the Bearer Note to it, within a reasonable time of selling the Bearer Note, stating that it agrees to comply with the requirements of Section 165(j)(3)(A), (B) or (C) of the Code and the United States Treasury Regulations thereunder, or (iii) is owned by a financial institution for purposes of resale during the restricted period. A financial institution described in clause (iii) of the preceding sentence (whether or not also described in clause (i) or (ii)) must certify that it has not acquired the Bearer Note for purposes of resale directly or indirectly to a United States person or to a person within the United States. In the case of a Note represented by a Permanent Global Note, such certification must be given in connection with notation of a beneficial owner's interest therein.

A Bearer Note will not be subject to the certification requirements described in the preceding paragraph if the Bearer Note is sold during the restricted period and all of the following conditions are satisfied: (i) the interest and principal with respect to the Bearer Note are denominated only in the currency of a single foreign country; (ii) the interest and principal with respect to the Bearer Note are payable only within that foreign country; (iii) the Bearer Note is offered and sold in accordance with practices and documentation customary in that foreign country; (iv) the distributor of the Bearer Note agrees to use reasonable efforts to sell the Bearer Note within that foreign country; (v) the Bearer Note is not listed, or the subject of an application for listing, on an exchange located outside that foreign country; (vi) the U.S. Internal Revenue Service has designated the foreign country as a foreign country in which certification under Treasury Regulations Section 1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D)(3)(i) is not permissible; (vii) the issue of the Bearer Note is subject to guidelines or restrictions imposed by governmental, banking or securities authorities in that foreign country; and (viii) more than 80 per cent., by value, of the Bearer Notes included in the offering of which the Bearer Note is a part are sold to non-distributors by distributors maintaining an office located in that foreign country. Bearer Notes that are convertible into U.S. dollar denominated

debt obligations or which are otherwise linked by their terms to the U.S. dollar are not eligible for the certification exemption described in this paragraph. The only foreign countries that have been designated as foreign countries in which certification under Treasury Regulations Section 1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D)(3)(i) is not permissible are Switzerland and Germany.

Each Temporary Global Note, Permanent Global Note or Bearer Note with a maturity of more than one year, and any Talons and Coupons relating to such Bearer Notes, 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.”

As used herein, “United States person” means any citizen or resident of the United States, any corporation, partnership or other entity created or organized in or under the laws of the United States and any estate or trust the income of which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of its source, and “United States” means the United States of America (including the states thereof and the District of Columbia) and its possessions. Other terms used herein have the meanings given to them by the Code and the Treasury Regulations issued thereunder.

#### *United Kingdom*

Each Dealer will be required to represent, warrant and agree that it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 with respect to anything done by it in relation to the Notes in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

#### *Japan*

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan (the “Financial Instruments and Exchange Law”) and the Dealer has agreed that it will not offer or sell any Notes, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan (which term as used herein means any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organised under the laws of Japan), or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to a resident of Japan except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, or otherwise in compliance with, the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law and any applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan.

#### *France*

Any offer of Notes in France pursuant to this Prospectus falls within Article L.411-2 of the *Code monétaire et financier*. This Prospectus has not been reviewed by the *Autorité des marchés financiers*.

#### **Related Derivatives Transactions**

In connection with the issuance of Notes, IBRD may enter into negotiated currency and/or interest rate swap or other financial derivative transactions, as described in the Information Statement under “Risk Management — Derivatives”. IBRD’s counterparty in any such derivative transaction may be an institution that is also acting as Dealer with respect to the Notes, or an affiliate of a Dealer. Payments to be made and received by IBRD under any such derivative transaction may be calculated on the basis of the amounts payable by IBRD under the Notes and the proceeds payable to IBRD in connection with the sale of the Notes, either before or after deduction of the commissions described in the related Final Terms. However, IBRD’s rights and obligations under any such derivative transaction will be wholly independent of its rights and obligations under the Notes, and the holders of the Notes will have no interest in any such derivative transaction or any payment to which IBRD may be entitled thereunder. In addition, the hedging activities undertaken by a counterparty to a related derivative transaction may have an effect on the value or return of the related Notes.