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LLOYDS BANKING GROUP ANNOUNCES THE SALE OF BANK OF SCOTLAND INTEGRATED FINANCE TO A JOINT VENTURE MAJORITY OWNED BY COLLER CAPITAL

Lloyds Banking Group plc announces today that it is selling a portfolio of 40 private equity investments in its Bank of Scotland Integrated Finance (BOSIF) business to a new joint venture called Cavendish Square Partners LP. The new joint venture will be majority owned (approximately 70%) by Collier Capital, a global leader in private equity secondary transactions, with Lloyds Banking Group owning a stake of approximately 30%.

The total cash consideration for Collier Capital's majority stake is £332 million. This values the portfolio at approximately £480 million, which is a small premium to current book value. The impact of the sale on the Group's accounts is not expected to be material. The Group held a competitive tender process before selecting Collier as its preferred bidder and will retain any associated corporate lending. The companies in the portfolio are UK headquartered trading businesses across a range of industry sectors and the Group's retained stake will ensure that it will share in any potential future investment upside.

This transaction is in line with the Group's strategy of divesting assets which are not core to its strategy and over the last twelve months the Group has now sold six businesses, raising over £750 million.

Collier Capital has decided to retain the existing BOSIF management team. It will transfer under TUPE into a newly formed management vehicle responsible for the day-to-day management of the portfolio. This will ensure continuity of management of the business.

The transaction is subject to certain conditions including regulatory approval, certain anti trust approvals, the transfer of the underlying investments to the joint venture and the TUPE transfer of the existing BOSIF management team to a newly formed management vehicle and is expected to complete in the third quarter of 2010.

Truett Tate, Group Executive Director, Wholesale, said:

"Through this transaction, we are crystallising value in these investments whilst retaining an interest in the investee companies with which we have had positive relationships for several years. This deal will ensure that we share in any future upside of our investments. We believe that the deal with Collier, a leading private equity investor, provides the investee companies with stability and support over the period ahead. This sale is part of our wider Wholesale Banking strategy of focusing on our core relationship based businesses."

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