

# Crédit Mutuel **Arkéa** Covered Bonds

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(duly licensed French credit institution)

**€10,000,000,000**

## **COVERED BOND PROGRAMME**

Under the Covered Bond Programme described in this Base Prospectus (the "**Programme**"), Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Covered Bonds (the "**Issuer**"), subject to compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and directives, may from time to time issue covered bonds to be governed by French law or German law (the "**Covered Bonds**"). The German law Covered Bonds will benefit from the same security and rights as the French law Covered Bonds.

The aggregate nominal amount of the Covered Bonds outstanding will not at any time exceed €10,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies) at the date of issue.

Application has been made to the *Commission de surveillance du secteur financier* (the "**CSSF**") for approval of this Base Prospectus in its capacity as competent authority in Luxembourg under the *loi relative aux prospectus pour valeurs mobilières* dated 10 July 2005 which implements Directive 2003/71/EC dated 4 November 2003 in Luxembourg. Application may be made to the Luxembourg Stock Exchange for the Covered Bonds (except the German law Covered Bonds) issued under the Programme during a period of twelve (12) months after the date of this Base Prospectus to be listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and admitted to trading on the regulated market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange. The regulated market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange is a regulated market for the purposes of Directive 2004/39/EC dated 21 April 2004 (each such market being a "**Regulated Market**"). Covered Bonds (except the German law Covered Bonds) issued under the Programme may also be unlisted or listed and admitted to trading on any other market, including any other Regulated Market in any member state of the European Economic Area ("**EEA**"). The relevant final terms (the "**Final Terms**") (a form of which is contained herein) in respect of the issue of any French law Covered Bonds will specify whether or not such Covered Bonds will be listed and admitted to trading on any market and, if so, the relevant market. The German law Covered Bonds will not be admitted to trading nor listed on any stock exchange.

French law Covered Bonds may be issued either in dematerialised form ("**Dematerialised Covered Bonds**") or in materialised form ("**Materialised Covered Bonds**") as more fully described herein.

Dematerialised Covered Bonds will at all times be in book entry form in compliance with Articles L. 211-3 *et seq.* of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*). No physical documents of title will be issued in respect of the Dematerialised Covered Bonds.

Dematerialised Covered Bonds may, at the option of the Issuer, be (i) in bearer form (*au porteur*) inscribed as from the issue date in the books of Euroclear France (acting as central depository) which shall credit the accounts of the Account Holders (as defined in "Terms and Conditions of the French Law Covered Bonds - Form, Denomination, Title and Redenomination") including Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. ("**Euroclear**") and the depository bank for Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme* ("**Clearstream, Luxembourg**"), or (ii) in registered form (*au nominatif*) and, in such a latter case, at the option of the relevant Bondholder (as defined in "Terms and Conditions of the French Law Covered Bonds - Form, Denomination, Title and Redenomination"), in either fully registered form (*au nominatif pur*), in which case they will be inscribed in an account maintained by the Issuer or by a registration agent (appointed in the relevant Final Terms) for the Issuer, or in administered registered form (*au nominatif administré*) in which case they will be inscribed in the accounts of the Account Holders designated by the relevant Bondholder.

Materialised Covered Bonds will be in bearer materialised form only and may only be issued outside France. A temporary global certificate in bearer form without interest coupons attached (a "**Temporary Global Certificate**") will initially be issued in relation to Materialised Covered Bonds. Such Temporary Global Certificate will subsequently be exchanged for definitive Materialised Covered Bonds with, where applicable, coupons for interest or talons attached (the "**Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds**"), on or after a date expected to be on or about the fortieth (40<sup>th</sup>) day after the issue date of the Covered Bonds (subject to postponement as described in "Temporary Global Certificate in respect of Materialised Covered Bonds") upon certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership as more fully described herein. Temporary Global Certificates will (a) in the case of a Tranche (as defined in "Terms and Conditions of the French Law Covered Bonds") intended to be cleared through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, be deposited on the issue date with a common depository for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, and (b) in the case of a Tranche intended to be cleared through a clearing system other than or in addition to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg or delivered outside a clearing system, be deposited as agreed between the Issuer and the Relevant Dealer(s) (as defined below). In the case of a Tranche which is not intended to be cleared through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, the Covered Bonds of such Tranche cannot be listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and traded on the Regulated Market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

Covered Bonds issued under the Programme are expected on issue to be rated AAA by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services ("**S&P**"). Credit ratings included or referred to in this Base Prospectus have been issued by S&P, which is established in the European Union and has applied to be registered under European Commission Regulation No 1060/2009 dated 16 September 2009 on credit rating agencies. A rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to suspension, change or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency.

See "**Risk Factors**" below for certain information relevant to an investment in the Covered Bonds to be issued under the Programme.

ARRANGER  
NATIXIS

PERMANENT DEALERS  
CREDIT MUTUEL ARKÉA  
NATIXIS

This Base Prospectus (together with all supplements thereto from time to time), constitutes a base prospectus for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council dated 4 November 2003 (the "Prospectus Directive") and contains or incorporates by reference all relevant information concerning the Issuer which is necessary to enable investors to make an informed assessment of the assets and liabilities, financial position, profit and losses and prospects of the Issuer, as well as the base terms and conditions of the Covered Bonds (except the German law Covered Bonds) to be issued under the Programme. The terms and conditions applicable to each Tranche (as defined in "General Description of the Programme") not contained or incorporated by reference herein (including, without limitation, the aggregate nominal amount, issue price, redemption price thereof, and interest, if any, payable thereunder) will be determined by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) at the time of the issue and will be set out in the relevant Final Terms.

This Base Prospectus is to be read and construed in conjunction with any document and/or information which is incorporated herein by reference in accordance with Article 15 of the *Loi relative aux prospectus pour valeurs mobilières* dated 10 July 2005 implementing the Prospectus Directive in Luxembourg and Article 28 of the European Commission Regulation N°809/2004 dated 29 April 2004 (see "Documents incorporated by Reference" below) as well as, in relation to any Tranche of Covered Bonds, with the relevant Final Terms.

This Base Prospectus (together with all supplements thereto from time to time) may only be used for the purposes for which it has been published.

The Arranger and the Dealers have not separately verified the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus. Neither the Arranger nor any of the Dealers makes any representation, express or implied, or accepts any responsibility, with respect to the accuracy or completeness of any of the information in this Base Prospectus. Neither this Base Prospectus nor any other information supplied in connection with the Programme (including any information incorporated by reference) is intended to provide the basis of any credit or other evaluation and should not be considered as a recommendation by any of the Issuer, the Arranger or the Dealers that any recipient of this Base Prospectus or any other financial statements should purchase the Covered Bonds. Each prospective investor in Covered Bonds should determine for itself the relevance of the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus and its purchase of Covered Bonds should be based upon such investigation as it deems necessary. Neither the Arranger nor any of the Dealers undertakes to review the financial condition or affairs of the Issuer during the life of the arrangements contemplated by this Base Prospectus nor to advise any investor or prospective investor in the Covered Bonds of any information that may come to the attention of the Dealers or the Arranger.

No person is or has been authorised to give any information or to make any representation other than those contained or incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus in connection with the issue or sale of the Covered Bonds and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Issuer, the Arranger or the Dealers (as defined in "General Description of the Programme"). Neither the delivery of this Base Prospectus nor any sale made in connection herewith shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Issuer since the date hereof or the date upon which this Base Prospectus has been most recently supplemented or that there has been no adverse change in the financial position of the Issuer since the date hereof or the date upon which this Base Prospectus has been most recently supplemented or that any other information supplied in connection with the Programme is correct as of any time subsequent to the date on which it is supplied or, if different, the date indicated in the document containing the same.

The distribution of this Base Prospectus and the offering or sale of Covered Bonds in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. The Issuer, the Arranger and the Dealers do not represent that this Base 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 Issuer, the Arranger or the Dealers which is intended to permit a public offering of any Covered Bonds or distribution of this Base Prospectus in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. Accordingly, no Covered Bond may be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, and neither this Base Prospectus nor any offering material may be distributed or published in any jurisdiction, except under circumstances that will result in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations. Persons into whose possession this Base Prospectus or any Covered Bonds

may come must inform themselves about, and observe, any such restrictions on the distribution of this Base Prospectus and the offering and sale of Covered Bonds.

This Base Prospectus has not been submitted to the clearance procedures of the French *Autorité des marchés financiers*.

The Covered Bonds have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") or with any securities regulatory authority of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act ("Regulation S"). The Covered Bonds may include Materialised Covered Bonds in bearer form that are subject to U.S. tax law requirements. Subject to certain exceptions, the Covered Bonds may not be offered or sold or, in the case of Materialised Covered Bonds in bearer form, delivered within the United States or, in the case of certain Materialised Covered Bonds in bearer form, to, or for the account or benefit of, United States persons as defined in the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The Covered Bonds are being offered and sold outside the United States of America to non-U.S. persons in reliance on Regulation S.

For a description of these and certain further restrictions on offers, sales and transfers of Covered Bonds and on distribution of this Base Prospectus, see "Subscription and Sale". In particular, there are restrictions on the distribution of this Base Prospectus and the offer or sale of Covered Bonds in the United States of America, Japan and the European Economic Area (including France, Italy, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom).

This Base Prospectus does not constitute an offer of, or an invitation by or on behalf of the Issuer, the Arranger or the Dealers to subscribe for, or purchase, any Covered Bonds.

In connection with the issue of any Tranche, the Dealer or Dealers (if any) named as the stabilising manager(s) (the "Stabilising Manager(s)") (or persons acting on behalf of any Stabilising Manager(s)) in the applicable Final Terms may over-allot Covered Bonds or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the Covered Bonds at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail. However, there is no assurance that the Stabilising Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of a Stabilising Manager) will undertake stabilisation action. Any stabilisation action may begin on or after the date on which adequate public disclosure of the final terms of the offer of the relevant Tranche is made and, if begun, may be ended at any time, but it must end no later than the earlier of thirty (30) days after the issue date of the relevant Tranche and sixty (60) days after the date of the allotment of the relevant Tranche. Any stabilisation action or over-allotment shall be conducted in accordance with all applicable laws and rules.

None of the Arranger, the Dealers or the Issuer makes any representation to any prospective investor on the Covered Bonds regarding the legality of its investment under any applicable laws. Any prospective investor in the Covered Bonds should be able to bear the economic risk of an investment in the Covered Bonds for an indefinite period of time.

In this Base Prospectus, unless otherwise specified or the context otherwise requires, references to "€", "Euro", "euro" and "EUR" are to the lawful currency of the member states of the European Union that have adopted the single currency in accordance with the Treaty establishing the European Community, as amended by the Treaty on European Union and as amended by the Treaty of Amsterdam, references to "£", "pounds sterling" and "Sterling" are to the lawful currency of the United Kingdom, references to "\$", "U.S.D" and "U.S. Dollar" are to the lawful currency of the United States of America, references to "¥", "JPY" and "Yen" are to the lawful currency of Japan and references to "CHF" and "Swiss Francs" are to the lawful currency of Switzerland.

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**PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INFORMATION  
GIVEN IN THE BASE PROSPECTUS**

Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Covered Bonds accepts responsibility for the information contained or incorporated by reference in this document. To the best of its knowledge (having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.

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## GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAMME

*Words and expressions defined in the section entitled "Terms and Conditions of the French law Covered Bonds" below shall have the same meanings in this general description. The expression "Covered Bonds" includes the German law Covered Bonds to the extent permitted by the terms and conditions applicable to the German law Covered Bonds.*

### 1. COVERED BONDS

<b>Issuer:</b>	Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Covered Bonds, a duly licensed French credit institution.
<b>Arranger:</b>	NATIXIS.
<b>Dealers:</b>	NATIXIS and Crédit Mutuel Arkéa.  The Issuer may from time to time terminate the appointment of any Dealer under the Programme or appoint additional dealers either in respect of one or more Tranches or in respect of the whole Programme. References in this Base Prospectus to " <b>Permanent Dealers</b> " are to the person listed above as Dealer and to any such additional persons that are appointed as dealers in respect of the whole Programme (and whose appointment has not been terminated) and references to " <b>Dealers</b> " are to all Permanent Dealers and any such persons appointed as a dealer in respect of one or more Tranches.
<b>Description:</b>	Covered Bond Programme.
<b>Programme Limit:</b>	Up to €10,000,000,000 (or the equivalent in other currencies at the date of issue) aggregate nominal amount of Covered Bonds outstanding at any one time.
<b>Fiscal Agent, Principal Paying Agent, Paris Paying Agent and Calculation Agent in respect of the French law Covered Bonds:</b>	BNP Paribas Securities Services.
<b>Luxembourg Listing Agent in respect of the French law Covered Bonds:</b>	BNP Paribas Securities Services, Luxembourg Branch.
<b>Method of Issue:</b>	The Covered Bonds are issued outside France and may be distributed on a syndicated or non-syndicated basis. The Covered Bonds will be issued in series (each a " <b>Series</b> ") having one or more issue dates and on terms otherwise identical (or identical other than in respect of the first payment of interest), the Covered Bonds of each Series being intended to be interchangeable with all other Covered Bonds of that Series.
<b>Tranche:</b>	Each Series of Covered Bonds may be issued in tranches (each a " <b>Tranche</b> ") on the same or different issue dates.  The specific terms of each Tranche (including, without limitation, the nominal amount, issue price, redemption price thereof, and interest, if any, payable thereunder and supplemented, where necessary, with supplemental terms and conditions which, save in respect of the issue date, issue price, first payment of interest and nominal amount of the Tranche, will be identical to the terms of other Tranches of the same Series) will be determined by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) at the time of the issue and will be set out in the final terms of such Tranche (the

**"Final Terms").****Maturities:**

Subject to compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and directives, the Covered Bonds may have any maturity as specified in the relevant Final Terms, subject to such minimum maturity as may be required by the applicable legal and/or regulatory requirements.

Covered Bonds may have hard bullet maturities or soft bullet maturities (allowing the Final Maturity Date of the relevant Series to be extended), as specified in the Final Terms of the relevant Series.

With respect to Series of Covered Bonds having a soft bullet maturity, an extended Final Maturity Date (the **"Extended Final Maturity Date"**) shall be specified as applying in relation to such Series in the applicable Final Terms. This means that if the Issuer fails to pay the Final Redemption Amount of the relevant Series on the Final Maturity Date, then payment of the unpaid amount shall be automatically deferred and shall become due and payable one (1) or several year(s) later on the Extended Final Maturity Date (the **"Extension of the Maturity"**). However, any amount representing the Final Redemption Amount due and remaining unpaid on the Final Maturity Date may be paid by the Issuer on any Interest Payment Date thereafter, up to (and including) the relevant Extended Final Maturity Date. Interest will continue to accrue on any unpaid amount during such extended period and be payable on each Interest Payment Date and on the Extended Final Maturity Date in accordance with the applicable Conditions.

Issue or amortisation of a Series with a soft bullet maturity shall not affect the issue or amortisation of any Series with a hard bullet maturity.

The Borrower Advances made under the Borrower Facility Agreement and financed by Series of Covered Bonds having a soft bullet maturity shall not mirror the potential Extension of the Maturity of such Covered Bonds. As a consequence, any default of payment under such Borrower Advances upon the occurrence of such Extension of the Maturity shall still constitute a Borrower Event of Default under the Borrower Facility Agreement (See section **"The Borrower and the Borrower Facility Agreement – The Borrower Facility Agreement"**).

**Currencies:**

Subject to Hedging Strategy and to compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and directives, Covered Bonds may be issued in Euro, U.S. dollars, Japanese yen, Swiss francs and, subject to prior Rating Affirmation, in any other currency agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s).

**Denomination(s):**

The Covered Bonds shall be issued in the Specified Denomination(s) set out in the relevant Final Terms, save that all French law Covered Bonds admitted to trading on a Regulated Market in circumstances which require the publication of a prospectus under the Prospectus Directive shall have a minimum denomination of €50,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency at the time of issue) or such higher amount as may be allowed or required from time to time in relation to the relevant Specified Currency. Dematerialised Covered Bonds shall be issued in one (1) denomination only.

**Status:**

The Covered Bonds, and, where applicable, any related Coupons and Receipts will constitute direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and secured obligations of the Issuer and will rank *pari passu* without any preference among themselves and (subject to certain exceptions) at least *pari passu* with all other present or future unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer.

**Negative Pledge:**

There will be a negative pledge as set out in Condition 5(a).

**Issuer Events of Default:**

The terms of the Covered Bonds will contain events of default as set out

in Condition 10.

<b>Issuer Security:</b>	The Bondholders will benefit from certain security interests and guarantees granted by the Issuer as security for the repayment of all sums due from time to time under the Covered Bonds, as set out in " <b>The Issuer Security</b> ".
<b>Redemption Amount:</b>	Subject to any laws and regulations applicable from time to time, the relevant Final Terms will specify the basis for calculating the redemption amounts payable.
<b>Optional Redemption:</b>	The Final Terms issued in respect of each Tranche will state whether such Covered Bonds may be redeemed prior to their stated maturity at the option of the Issuer (either in whole or in part) and/or the Bondholders, and if so the terms applicable to such redemption.
<b>Redemption by Instalments:</b>	The Final Terms issued in respect of each Tranche that are redeemable in two or more instalments will set out the dates on which, and the amounts in which, such Covered Bonds may be redeemed.
<b>Early Redemption:</b>	Except as provided in " <b>Optional Redemption</b> " above, Covered Bonds will be redeemable at the option of the Issuer prior to their stated maturity only for tax reasons (as provided in Condition 7(f)) or illegality (as provided in Condition 7(g)).
<b>Taxation:</b>	<p>1. All payments of principal and interest and other revenues to be made by or on behalf of the Issuer to non-French tax residents in respect of French law Covered Bonds constituting obligations or debt instruments (titres de créances) assimilated thereto for French tax purposes are exempted from the withholding tax which would otherwise be applicable under Article 125 A III of the French General Tax Code (Code général des impôts). In respect of the Covered Bonds shall be made free and clear of, and without withholding or deduction for, any taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed, levied, collected, withheld or assessed by or within France or any authority therein or thereof having power to tax, unless such withholding or deduction is required by law.</p> <p>2. Covered Bonds issued on or after 1 March 2010 (except Covered Bonds that are issued on or after 1 March 2010 and which are to be assimilated (<i>assimilables</i> for the purpose of French law) and form a single Series with Covered Bonds issued before 1 March 2010 having the benefit of Article 131 <i>quater</i> of the French General Tax Code) fall under the new French withholding tax regime pursuant to the French "<i>loi de finances rectificative pour 2009 n° 3</i>" (no. 2009-1674 dated 30 December 2009) applicable as from 1 March 2010 (the "<b>Law</b>"). Payments of interest and other revenues made by the Issuer on such Covered Bonds will not be subject to the withholding tax set out under Article 125 A III of the French General Tax Code unless such payments are made outside France in a non-cooperative State or territory (<i>Etat ou territoire non coopératif</i>) within the meaning of Article 238-0 A of the French General Tax Code (a "<b>Non-Cooperative State</b>"). If such payments under the Covered Bonds are made in a Non-Cooperative State, a 50% withholding tax will be applicable (subject to certain exceptions described below and the more favourable provisions of any applicable double tax treaty) by virtue of Article 125 A III of the French General Tax Code.</p>

Furthermore, interest and other revenues on such Covered Bonds will no longer be deductible from the Issuer's taxable income, as from the fiscal years starting on or after 1 January 2011, if they are paid or accrued to persons established in a Non-Cooperative State or paid in such a Non-Cooperative State. Under certain conditions, any such non-deductible



interest and other revenues may be recharacterised as constructive dividends pursuant to Article 109 of the French General Tax Code, in which case such non-deductible interest and other revenues may be subject to the withholding tax set out under Article 119 *bis* of the French General Tax Code, at a rate of 25% or 50%.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Law provides that neither the 50% withholding tax nor the non-deductibility will apply in respect of a particular issue of Covered Bonds if the Issuer can prove that the principal purpose and effect of such issue of Covered Bonds was not that of allowing the payments of interest or other revenues to be made in a Non-Cooperative State (the "**Exception**"). Pursuant to the ruling (*rescrit*) no. 2010/11 (FP and FE) of the *Direction générale des impôts* dated 22 February 2010, an issue of Covered Bonds will benefit from the Exception without the Issuer having to provide any proof of the purpose and effect of such issue of Covered Bonds, if such Covered Bonds are:

- (i) offered by means of a public offer within the meaning of Article L.411-1 of the French Monetary and Financial Code or pursuant to an equivalent offer in a State or territory other than a Non-Cooperative State. For this purpose, an "equivalent offer" means any offer requiring the registration or submission of an offer document by or with a foreign securities market authority; or
- (ii) admitted to trading on a regulated market or on a French or foreign multilateral securities trading system provided that such market or system is not located in a Non-Cooperative State, and the operation of such market is carried out by a market operator or an investment services provider, or by such other similar foreign entity, provided further that such market operator, investment services provider or entity is not located in a Non-Cooperative State; or
- (iii) admitted, at the time of their issue, to the operations of a central depository or of a securities clearing and delivery and payments systems operator within the meaning of Article L.561-2 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, or of one or more similar foreign depositories or operators provided that such depository or operator is not located in a Non-Cooperative State.

3. Interest and other revenues on Covered Bonds that are issued after 1 March 2010 and which are to be assimilated (*assimilables* for the purpose of French law) and form a single Series with Covered Bonds issued (or deemed issued) outside France before 1 March 2010 with the benefit of Article 131 quater of the French General Tax Code will be exempt from the withholding tax set out under Article 125 A III of the French General Tax Code.

In addition, interest and other revenues paid by the Issuer on Covered Bonds issued after 1 March 2010 and which are to be assimilated (*assimilables* for the purpose of French law) and form a single Series with Covered Bonds issued (or deemed issued) outside France before 1 March 2010 will not be subject to the withholding tax set out in Article 119 *bis* of the French General Tax Code solely on account of their being paid in a Non-Cooperative State or accrued or paid to persons established or domiciled in a Non-Cooperative State.

#### **Interest Periods and Interest Rates:**

The length of the interest periods for the Covered Bonds and the applicable interest rate or its method of calculation may differ from time to time or be constant for any Series. The Covered Bonds may have a maximum interest rate, a minimum interest rate or both. The use of interest accrual periods permits the Covered Bonds to bear interest at different rates in the same interest period. All such information will be set

	out in the relevant Final Terms.
<b>Fixed Rate Covered Bonds:</b>	Fixed interest will be payable in arrears on the date or dates in each year specified in the relevant Final Terms.
<b>Floating Rate Covered Bonds:</b>	<p>Floating Rate Covered Bonds will bear interest determined separately for each Series as follows:</p> <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 2006 ISDA Definitions published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, INC., and as amended and updated as at the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Covered Bonds of the relevant Series, or</li> <li>(b) on the basis of a reference rate appearing on an agreed screen page of a commercial quotation service (including, without limitation, EURIBOR, EONIA, LIBOR, CMS or TEC), or</li> <li>(c) on such other basis or benchmark as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms,</li> </ul> <p>in each case plus or minus any applicable margin, if any, and calculated and payable as indicated in the applicable Final Terms. Floating Rate Covered Bonds may also have a maximum rate of interest, a minimum rate of interest or both.</p>
<b>Zero Coupon Covered Bonds:</b>	Zero Coupon Covered Bonds may be issued at their nominal amount or at a discount to it and will not bear interest.
<b>Dual Currency Covered Bonds:</b>	Payments (whether in respect of principal or interest and whether at maturity or otherwise) in respect of Dual Currency Covered Bonds will be made in such currencies, and based on such rates of exchange, as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms.
<b>Index Linked Covered Bonds:</b>	Payments of principal or of interest in respect of Index Linked Covered Bonds will be calculated by reference to such index and/or formula as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms. Index Linked Covered Bonds may be issued by the Issuer subject to prior Rating Affirmation.
<b>Other Covered Bonds:</b>	Terms applicable to high interest Covered Bonds, low interest Covered Bonds, step-up Covered Bonds, step-down Covered Bonds, reverse dual currency Covered Bonds, optional dual currency Covered Bonds, Partly Paid Covered Bonds and any other type of Covered Bonds that the Issuer and any Dealer or Dealers may agree to issue under the Programme will be set out in the relevant Final Terms.
<b>Redenomination:</b>	French law Covered Bonds issued in the currency of any Member State of the EU which participates in the third stage (or any further stage) of the European Monetary Union may be redenominated into Euro, all as more fully provided in Condition 2(d).
<b>Consolidation:</b>	French law Covered Bonds of one Series may be consolidated with French law Covered Bonds of another Series as more fully provided in Condition 16.
<b>Form of Covered Bonds:</b>	<p>French law Covered Bonds may be issued either in dematerialised form ("<b>Dematerialised Covered Bonds</b>") or in materialised form ("<b>Materialised Covered Bonds</b>").</p> <p>Dematerialised Covered Bonds may, at the option of the Issuer, be issued in bearer form (<i>au porteur</i>) or in registered form (<i>au nominatif</i>) and, in</p>

such latter case, at the option of the relevant holder, in either fully registered form (*au nominatif pur*) or administered form (*au nominatif administré*). No physical documents of title will be issued in respect of Dematerialised Covered Bonds.

Materialised Covered Bonds will be in bearer form only. A Temporary Global Certificate will initially be issued in respect of each Tranche of Materialised Covered Bonds. Materialised Covered Bonds may only be issued outside France.

German law Covered Bonds will be issued in materialised registered form.

**Representation of French law Bondholders:**

French law Bondholders will, in respect of all Tranches in any Series, be grouped automatically for the defence of their common interests in a *masse* (in each case, the "**Masse**").

The Masse will be a separate legal entity and will act in part through a representative (the "**Representative**") and in part through a general meeting of the French law Bondholders (the "**General Meeting**").

**Governing Law:**

French law.

The Issuer may from time to time issue Covered Bonds governed by, and construed in accordance with, German law.

The French law Covered Bonds and German law Covered Bonds will benefit from the same security and rights. The terms and conditions of the German law Covered Bonds are contained in the Agency Agreement.

**Central Depositary:**

Euroclear France in respect of Dematerialised Covered Bonds.

**Clearing Systems:**

Euroclear France as central depositary in relation to Dematerialised Covered Bonds and, in relation to Materialised Covered Bonds, Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear or any other clearing system that may be agreed between the Issuer, the Fiscal Agent and the relevant Dealer(s).

**Initial Delivery of Dematerialised Covered Bonds:**

At least one (1) Paris business day before the issue date of each Tranche of Dematerialised Covered Bonds, the *Lettre comptable* relating to such Tranche shall be deposited with Euroclear France as Central Depositary.

**Initial Delivery of Materialised Covered Bonds:**

On or before the issue date for each Tranche of Materialised Covered Bonds, the Temporary Global Certificate issued in respect of such Tranche shall be deposited with a common depositary for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg or with any other clearing system or may be delivered outside any clearing system provided that the method of such delivery has been agreed in advance by the Issuer, the Fiscal Agent and the relevant Dealer(s).

**Issue Price:**

Covered Bonds may be issued at their nominal amount or at a discount or premium to their nominal amount. Partly Paid Covered Bonds may be issued, the issue price of which will be payable in two or more instalments.

**Listing and Admission to Trading:**

Application has been made for French law Covered Bonds to be listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and admitted to trading on the Regulated Market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and/or any other Regulated Market in the EEA in accordance with the Prospectus Directive and/or any other market as specified in the relevant Final Terms. As specified in the relevant Final Terms, a Series of Covered Bonds may be unlisted. The German law Covered Bonds will not be

admitted to trading.

**Rating:**

Covered Bonds issued under the Programme are expected on issue to be rated AAA by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services. The rating of the Covered Bonds will be specified in the relevant Final Terms.

A rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to suspension, change, or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency.

**Selling Restrictions:**

There are restrictions on the offer and sale of Covered Bonds and the distribution of offering material in various jurisdictions. In connection with the offering and sale of a particular Tranche of any particular Series, additional selling restrictions may be imposed in the relevant Final Terms (see section "**Subscription and Sale**").

The Issuer is Category 1 for the purposes of Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Materialised Covered Bonds will be issued in compliance with U.S. Treas. Reg. §1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D) (the "**D Rules**") unless (i) the relevant Final Terms states that such Materialised Covered Bonds are issued in compliance with U.S. Treas. Reg. §1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(C) (the "**C Rules**") or (ii) such Materialised Covered Bonds are issued other than in compliance with the D Rules or the C Rules but in circumstances in which the Covered Bonds will not constitute "registration required obligations" under the United States Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 ("**TEFRA**"), which circumstances will be referred to in the relevant Final Terms as a transaction to which TEFRA is not applicable.

Dematerialised Covered Bonds which are not in bearer form for U.S. tax purposes do not require compliance with the TEFRA rules.

## 2. THE BORROWER FACILITY AGREEMENT AND THE COLLATERAL SECURITY

### **The Borrower Facility Agreement:**

The proceeds from the issuance of the Covered Bonds under the Programme will be used by Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Covered Bonds, as lender (in such capacity, the "**Lender**") to fund advances (each a "**Borrower Advance**") to be made available to the Crédit Mutuel Arkéa ("**Crédit Mutuel Arkéa**"), as borrower (in such capacity, the "**Borrower**") under a multicurrency term facility agreement (the "**Borrower Facility**").

The Borrower Facility shall be made available to the Borrower in an aggregate maximum amount equal to €10,000,000,000 for the purpose of financing the general financial needs of the Borrower, including with respect to advances to be made available to the Collateral Providers, as contemplated in the Collateral Security Agreement and in accordance with the usual practice of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Group.

The terms and conditions regarding the calculation and the payment of principal and interest under a Borrower Advance shall mirror the equivalent terms and conditions of the corresponding Final Terms of Covered Bonds, it being provided that, as a principle, the interest to be paid by the Borrower under a Borrower Advance shall be the financing costs of the Lender under the Covered Bonds funding such Borrower Advance, increased by a margin (the "**Issuer Margin**"). Any amounts repaid or prepaid under any Borrower Advance may be re-borrowed.

Upon the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default (as defined in section "**The Borrower and the Borrower Facility Agreement – The Borrower Facility Agreement**"), the Administrator shall, by written notice (such notice to constitute a *mise en demeure*) to the Borrower (with a copy to the Rating Agency and to the Collateral Security Agent), declare that (i) no more Borrower Advances shall be made under the Borrower Facility, (ii) the Borrower Facility shall be cancelled, and (iii) the Borrower Advances shall immediately become due and payable and enforce its rights under the Security Documents (a "**Borrower Enforcement Notice**").

(see section "**The Borrower and the Borrower Facility Agreement**" – "**The Borrower Facility Agreement**").

### **The Collateral Security Agreement:**

The Collateral Security Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions upon which the Collateral Providers will grant Eligible Assets as collateral security (*garantie financière*) (the "**Collateral Security**") for the benefit of the Lender in order to secure, as they become due and payable, the payments of all and any amounts owed by the Borrower under the Borrower Facility, whether present or future (the "**Secured Liabilities**").

For the purposes of the Collateral Security Agreement, an Eligible Asset means any Home Loan Receivable that complies with the Home Loan Eligibility Criteria and any Substitution Asset (each as further described in "**The Collateral Security Agreement**").

The Collateral Security shall be created in accordance with Articles L.211-36 II and L.211-38 to L.211-40 (formerly L.431-7 *et seq.*) of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*). The Collateral Security shall not entail any transfer of title with respect to the relevant Eligible Assets until enforcement.

The Collateral Providers shall perform the servicing of the Collateral

Security Assets (as defined in "**The Collateral Security Agreement**") in accordance with applicable laws and its customary servicing procedures (the "**Servicing Procedures**"), using the degree of skill, care and attention as for servicing of its assets for its own account, without interfering with the Issuer's material rights under the Collateral Security Agreement.

In accordance with the Collateral Security Agreement, the Collateral Providers have appointed Crédit Mutuel Arkéa as agent (*mandataire*) of the Collateral Providers in order to manage the Collateral Security in the name and on behalf of such Collateral Providers (the "**Collateral Security Agent**").

(see section "**The Collateral Security – The Collateral Security Agreement**").

#### **The Cash Collateral Agreement:**

The Cash Collateral Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions upon which Crédit Mutuel Arkéa, as Cash Collateral Provider, shall fund certain amounts as cash collateral (*gage espèces*) (each, a "**Cash Collateral**") into a Cash Collateral Account so as to secure as they become due and payable the payments of all and any amounts owed by the Borrower under the Borrower Facility, whether present or future (the "**Secured Liabilities**").

The Cash Collateral Provider shall be requested to fund the Cash Collateral Account with the relevant Cash Collateral and up to the required amount upon non-compliance by the Borrower of certain pre-maturity ratings levels following the occurrence date of such non-compliance and during a certain pre-maturity test period (as further described in "**Asset Monitoring – The Pre-Maturity Test**").

Failure by the Cash Collateral Provider to fund the Cash Collateral Account with the relevant Cash Collateral and up to the required amount within the required period following any non-compliance with the relevant pre-maturity ratings levels and on any relevant test date following such non-compliance shall constitute a Breach of Pre-Maturity Test under the Cash Collateral Agreement. This breach shall in turn result in the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default under the Borrower Facility Agreement.

(see section "**The Collateral Security – The Cash Collateral Agreement**").

### **3. ASSET MONITORING**

#### **Asset Cover Test:**

Under the Collateral Security Agreement and for so long as no Borrower Event of Default has occurred and been enforced subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the Borrower Facility Agreement, the Collateral Security Agent, acting in the name and on behalf of the Collateral Providers, shall monitor the Collateral Security Assets so as to ensure compliance with an asset cover test (the "**Asset Cover Test**").

For so long as Covered Bonds remain outstanding, non-compliance with the Asset Cover Test would result from the Asset Cover Test Ratio (as specified in section "**Asset Monitoring – The Asset Cover Test**"), being strictly less than one (1). A non-compliance with the Asset Cover Test

will not constitute an Issuer Event of Default or a Borrower Event of Default but will prevent the Issuer from issuing any further Covered Bonds as long as it remains unremedied.

Failure by the Collateral Security Agent to cure a non-compliance with the Asset Cover Test occurring on any Asset Cover Test Date prior to the next following Asset Cover Test Date (as defined in section "**Asset Monitoring – The Asset Cover Test**") shall constitute a Breach of Asset Cover Test within the meaning of the Collateral Security Agreement.

A Breach of Asset Cover Test will result in a Borrower Event of Default within the meaning of, and subject to, the relevant terms of the Borrower Facility Agreement. A Breach of Asset Cover Test will not constitute an Issuer Event of Default but will prevent the Issuer from issuing any further Covered Bonds.

(see section "**Asset Monitoring – The Asset Cover Test**").

#### **Pre-Maturity Test:**

Under the Cash Collateral Agreement and for so long as no Borrower Event of Default has occurred and has been enforced subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the Borrower Facility Agreement, the Borrower shall fund the Cash Collateral Account up to an amount sufficient so as to ensure compliance with a pre-maturity test (the "**Pre-Maturity Test**").

For each Series of Covered Bonds (which are not Soft Bullet Covered Bonds) and for so long as Covered Bonds of such Series remain outstanding, at any time during the period starting from, and including, the one hundred and eightieth (180<sup>th</sup>) Business Day preceding the Final Maturity Date of such Series of Covered Bonds and ending on, and excluding, such Final Maturity Date, and if the Borrower fails to have the Pre-Maturity Rating Required Level (see section "**Asset Monitoring – The Pre-Maturity Test**"), the Cash Collateral Provider shall fund the Cash Collateral Account up to an amount determined in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Cash Collateral Agreement.

The failure by the Cash Collateral Provider to fund into the Cash Collateral Account the relevant amount shall constitute a Breach of Pre-Maturity Test within the meaning of the Cash Collateral Agreement.

A Breach of Pre-Maturity Test will result in a Borrower Event of Default within the meaning of, and subject to, the relevant terms of the Borrower Facility Agreement. A Breach of Pre-Maturity Test will not constitute an Issuer Event of Default.

(see section "**Asset Monitoring – The Pre-Maturity Test**").

#### **Amortisation Test:**

For so long as Covered Bonds remain outstanding and following the enforcement of a Borrower Event of Default subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the Borrower Facility Agreement, the Issuer shall ensure compliance with an amortisation test (the "**Amortisation Test**").

For so long as Covered Bonds remain outstanding, non-compliance with the Amortisation Test would result from the Amortisation Ratio (as specified in section "**Asset Monitoring – The Amortisation Test**") being strictly less than one (1).

A non-compliance with the Amortisation Test will constitute an Issuer Event of Default. (see section "**Asset Monitoring – The**

**Amortisation Test").**

#### **4. GENERAL INFORMATION**

**General Information:**

Copies of this Base Prospectus and various other documents are available free of charge during usual business hours on any weekday (Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted) from the registered office of the Issuer and at the specified office of the Paying Agent(s).



## RISK FACTORS

*The Issuer believes that the following factors may affect its ability to fulfil its obligations under the Covered Bonds issued under the Programme. Most of these factors are contingencies which may or may not occur and the Issuer is not in a position to express a view on the likelihood of any such contingency occurring.*

*In addition, factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with Covered Bonds issued under the Programme are also described below.*

*The Issuer believes that the factors described below represent the principal risks inherent in investing in Covered Bonds issued under the Programme. However, the Issuer does not represent that the statements below regarding the risks of holding any Covered Bonds are exhaustive. Investors must be aware that the list of factors set out below is not intended to be exhaustive and that other risks and uncertainties which, on the date of this Base Prospectus, are not known by the Issuer or are considered irrelevant, may have a significant impact on the Issuer, its activities, its financial condition or the Covered Bonds. Prospective investors should also read the detailed information set out elsewhere in this Base Prospectus (including any documents deemed to be incorporated by reference herein) and make their own opinion about risk factors prior to making any investment decision. Investors should in particular conduct their own analysis and evaluation of the risks relating to the Issuer, its financial condition and the Covered Bonds and consult their own financial or legal advisers about risks associated with the investment in a particular Series of Covered Bonds and the suitability of investing in the Covered Bonds in light of their particular circumstances.*

*The Issuer considers that the Covered Bonds shall only be purchased by investors who are (or are advised by) financial institutions or other professional investors who have sufficient knowledge and experience to appropriately evaluate the risks associated with the Covered Bonds.*

*Words and expressions defined elsewhere in this Base Prospectus shall have the same meanings when used below.*

### **Risks related to the Issuer**

#### *Issuer's sole liability under the Covered Bonds*

The Issuer is the only entity that has obligations to pay principal and interest in respect of the Covered Bonds. The Covered Bonds will not be obligations or responsibilities of any other entity, including (but not limited to) Crédit Mutuel Arkéa (in any capacity but in particular in its capacity as Borrower, Administrator, Issuer Calculation Agent, Collateral Security Agent or Cash Collateral Provider), the Arranger, the Collateral Providers, the Dealers, the Representative, the Paying Agents, the Asset Monitor, the Issuer Security Agent, any participant to the Hedging Strategy (as applicable) or any company in the same group of companies as any of them, or the shareholders or directors or agents of any company in the same group of companies as any of them.

Upon enforcement of the rights of the Issuer under the Issuer Receivables Pledge Agreement following an Issuer Event of Default, direct payment to an account to be opened with the Issuer Security Agent, acting on behalf of the Bondholders, of sums due under the outstanding Borrower Debt will be requested from the Borrower (see "**The Issuer Security – The Issuer Receivables Pledge Agreement**").

#### *Reliance of the Issuer on third parties*

The Issuer has entered into agreements with a number of third parties, which have agreed to perform services for the Issuer. In particular, but without limitation:

- the Administrator has been appointed in particular to provide the Issuer with all necessary advice and assistance and know-how, whether technical or otherwise, including in connection with the day-to-day management and corporate administration of the Issuer and to ensure that the Issuer will exercise each of its rights and perform each of its obligations under the Programme Documents; and
- the Issuer Calculation Agent has been appointed to make calculations as provided under the Programme Documents and in particular to make the calculations in relation to the Asset Cover Test, the Pre-Maturity Test and the Amortisation Test.

In the event that the Administrator, the Issuer Calculation Agent or any other relevant party providing services to the Issuer under the Programme Documents fails to perform its obligations under the relevant agreement(s) to which it is a party, the ability of the Issuer to make payments under the Covered Bonds may be affected. For instance, if the Collateral Providers or the Collateral Security Agent have failed to adequately administer the Collateral Security Assets and/or the Collateral Security, this may lead to an undermined value of the Collateral Security or any part thereof, and in turn, the ability of the Issuer to make payments under the Covered Bonds may be affected. Under the Hedging Strategy, the Issuer is also reliant on Crédit Mutuel Arkéa (only until a Borrower Event of Default) and/or any relevant Eligible Hedging Provider(s) to provide it with the funds matching its obligations under the Covered Bonds (see the "**Hedging Strategy**").

However, the Programme Documents provide for the ability of the Issuer under certain circumstances to terminate the appointment of any relevant third party which would be in default in respect of its obligations under the relevant Programme Documents.

*Modification, alteration or amendment without Bondholder prior consent*

Subject to the qualifications described in the relevant Programme Document(s) to which it is a party, the Issuer may, with prior Rating Affirmation and without the prior consent or sanction of any of the Bondholders, concur with any person in making or sanctioning any modifications, alterations or supplements to any Programme Document to which it is a party. Such modifications, alterations or supplements may materially and adversely affect the interest of the Issuer, however shall be subject to prior Rating Affirmation.

Subject to the qualifications described in the relevant Programme Document(s) to which it is a party, the Issuer may, without prior Rating Affirmation and without the prior consent or sanction of any of the Bondholders, concur with any person in making or sanctioning any modifications, alterations or supplements to any Programme Document to which it is a party if such modification, alteration or supplement is:

- to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency in the relevant Programme Document;
- to evidence or effect the transition of any party to a Programme Document to which it is a party to any successor;
- to add to the undertakings and other obligations of any party (except the Issuer) under a Programme Document to which it is a party; or
- to comply with any mandatory requirements of applicable laws and regulations.

*Substitution risk*

In the event of a downgrading of the short-term and/or long-term debt of one or more parties to the Programme Documents (such as the Eligible Hedging Providers, the Issuer Calculation Agent, the Cash Collateral Provider, the Administrator or the Issuer Accounts Bank) or under certain circumstances as described in the Programme Documents, leading to the substitution of another or more of these parties pursuant to the terms of the Programme Documents, no assurance can be given that a substitute entity will be found.

In particular, if a downgrading of the long-term debt of the Administrator or another Administrator Termination Event occurs pursuant to the terms of the Administrative Agreement, then the Issuer will be entitled to terminate the appointment of the Administrator and appoint a new administrator in its place. There can be no assurance that a substitute administrator with sufficient experience would be found and would be willing and able to perform the obligations and duties of the Administrator on the same terms as set out in the Administrative Agreement. In particular, upon the occurrence of any Borrower Event of Default and the subsequent enforcement of the Collateral Security and the transfer to the Issuer of the Collateral Security Assets, there can be no assurance that a substitute administrator with sufficient experience of servicing such transferred Collateral Security Assets would be found and who would be willing and able to service the Collateral Security Assets on the same terms as set out in the Administrative Agreement. The ability of a substitute Administrator to perform fully the required services would depend, amongst other things, on the information, software and records available at the time of the appointment. Any delay or inability to appoint a substitute Administrator may affect the realisable value of the Issuer Security or any part thereof, and/or the ability of the Issuer to make payments under the Covered Bonds. No Administrator has (nor will have, as applicable) any obligation to itself advance payments that the Borrower fails to make in a timely manner. Neither the Representative nor the Issuer Security Agent is

obliged under any circumstances to act as an Administrator or to monitor the performance by any Administrator of its obligations.

*Certain conflicts of interest*

Conflicts of interest may arise during the life of the Programme as a result of various factors involving certain Transaction Parties. For example, such potential conflicts may arise because Crédit Mutuel Arkéa acts in several capacities under the Programme Documents provided that its rights and obligations under the Programme Documents are not contractually conflicting and are independent from one another. Also during the course of their business activities, the Programme Parties and/or any respective affiliates may operate, service, acquire or sell properties, or finance loans secured by properties, which are in the same markets as the Home Loans. In such cases, the interest of any of those parties or their affiliates or the interest of other parties for whom they perform servicing functions may differ from, and compete with, the interest of the Issuer or of the Bondholders.

*Insolvency and examinership laws in France could limit the ability of the Bondholders to enforce their rights under the Covered Bonds*

As the Issuer is incorporated in France and, consequently, it is subject to French laws and proceedings affecting creditors, including Article 1244-1 of the French Civil Code (*Code civil*), conciliation proceedings (*procédure de conciliation*), safeguard proceedings (*procédure de sauvegarde*) and judicial reorganisation or liquidation proceedings (*redressement or liquidation judiciaire*). In general, French reorganisation or liquidation legislation favours the continuation of a business and protection of employment of the Issuer over the payment of its creditors.

The French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) contains specific provisions applicable in case of the opening of insolvency proceedings in respect of a credit institution (*établissement de crédit*). In particular, articles L.613-25 *et seq.* of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) specify the conditions of opening of insolvency proceedings against a credit institution (*établissement de crédit*) (prior information and opinion of the banking authority (*Autorité de Contrôle Prudentiel*), specific concept of suspension of payment (*cessation des paiements*), etc) and some specific rules of liquidation of a credit institution (*établissement de crédit*).

All such provisions apply to the Issuer but also to each party under the Programme that is regulated as a financial institution.

However, the Issuer is a special purpose entity, with exclusive and limited purpose and a financial institution license and is intended to be a ring-fenced entity that will be unaffected by the insolvency of the other Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Group's Entities, in particular by including limited recourse and non-petition wording in the relevant Programme Documents.

*Limited resources available to the Issuer*

In the absence of any Borrower Event of Default, the Issuer's ability to meet its obligations under the Covered Bonds will depend on the amount of scheduled principal and interest paid by the Borrower and the timing thereof and/or, as applicable, the amounts received under any hedging agreement concluded in accordance with the Hedging Strategy and/or the revenue proceeds generated by Permitted Investments.

Pursuant to the Cash Collateral Agreement, the Issuer will also benefit from the Cash Collateral to be provided by the Cash Collateral Provider under some circumstances.

Upon the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default and enforcement of the Collateral Security granted by the Collateral Providers, and without prejudice to any other unsecured recourse the Issuer may have against the Borrower under the Borrower Debt, the Issuer's ability to meet its obligations under all the Covered Bonds will depend on the revenue proceeds from the Collateral Security granted by the Collateral Providers which would have been enforced in favour of the Issuer (meaning the amount of principal and interest paid directly to the Issuer by the relevant debtors under the Home Loans which would have been transferred to the Issuer upon enforcement of such Collateral Security or the price or value of such Home Loans and related Home Loan Security upon the sale or refinancing thereof by the Issuer) and/or, as applicable the amounts received under any hedging agreement concluded in accordance with the Hedging Strategy, and/or the revenue proceeds generated by Permitted Investments, and/or the amount of the Cash Collateral provided by the Cash Collateral Provider under the Cash Collateral Agreement, and/or the available amount under the Share Capital Proceeds Account.

The Issuer will not have any source of funds available to meet its obligations under the Covered Bonds other than the recourse the Issuer has against the Borrower under the Borrower Debt until such Borrower Debt is repaid in full.

The occurrence for whatever reason of an Issuer Event of Default will not automatically trigger the cross occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default, and the Issuer (or, upon enforcement of the Issuer Collateral Security, the Bondholders or the Issuer Security Agent acting on their behalf) will then not be able to accelerate amounts of principal and/or interest which would have accrued under the Issuer Security Assets or enforce the Collateral Security securing the repayment of such Issuer Security Assets in order to cure such Issuer Event of Default if no Borrower Event of Default has occurred and is continuing. Therefore, notwithstanding the occurrence of such an Issuer Event of Default while no Borrower Event of Default has occurred, the Issuer's ability to meet its obligations under the Covered Bonds will depend only upon the amount of scheduled principal and interest paid by the Borrower under the Issuer Security Assets and the timing thereof and/or, as applicable, any amounts received under any hedging agreement concluded in accordance with the Hedging Strategy and/or the revenue proceeds generated by Permitted Investments and/or the Cash Collateral and/or the available amount under the Share Capital Proceeds Account.

If an Issuer Enforcement Notice is served following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default and the Issuer Security is enforced, the proceeds from such enforcement may not be sufficient to meet the claims of all the Bondholders. If, following enforcement of the Issuer Collateral Security, the Bondholders have not received the full amount due to them pursuant to the terms of the Programme Documents, then they may still have an unsecured claim against the Issuer for the shortfall. There is no guarantee that the Issuer will have sufficient funds to pay that shortfall.

Bondholders should note however that the credit enhancement features provided for under the Programme Documents (Cash Collateral, Asset Cover Test, etc.) have been structured to ensure that the risk of there ever being a shortfall be remote. However there is no assurance that there will not be a shortfall.

#### *Restrictions on recourse and enforcement*

Recourse against the Issuer is restricted by the then applicable Priority Payment Order and amounts payable by the Issuer shall be recoverable only from and to the extent of the amount of the Available Funds. No enforcement action under the Covered Bonds may be taken prior to the date which is eighteen (18) months and one (1) day after the earlier of (i) the Final Maturity Date of the last Series issued by the Issuer under the Programme, or (ii) the date of payment of any sums outstanding and owing under the latest outstanding Covered Bond.

#### *Permitted Investments*

Any available funds standing to the credit of the Issuer Accounts (prior to their allocation and distribution) shall be invested by the Administrator in Permitted Investments. The value of the Permitted Investments may fluctuate depending on the financial markets and the Issuer may be exposed to a credit risk in relation to the issuers of such Permitted Investments. None of the Arranger, the Issuer, the Administrator or any other party to the Programme Documents guarantees the market value of the Permitted Investments. None of them shall be liable if the market value of any of the Permitted Investments fluctuates and decreases.

### **Risks related to the Borrower**

#### *Borrower's ability to pay under the Borrower Debt*

Neither the Issuer nor any other party to the Programme Documents (other than, upon certain circumstances, the Cash Collateral Provider and without prejudice to the Collateral Security granted by the Collateral Providers) guarantees or warrants full and timely payment by the Borrower of any sums of principal or interest payable under the Borrower Debt, being part of the Issuer Security Assets.

In addition, should the Borrower be subjected to any applicable insolvency proceedings (including, the procedures of safeguard, moratorium, suspension of payments, controlled management, liquidation or similar insolvency proceedings), this would impair the ability of the Issuer to claim against such Borrower for obtaining timely payment of amounts of principal and interest due and payable under the Borrower Debt and the Issuer will not be entitled to accelerate the payment of such amounts.

However, the ability of the Issuer to use the funds made available to it by the Cash Collateral Provider under the relevant Cash Collateral or the ability of the Issuer (or of the Issuer Security Agent acting on its behalf) to enforce the Collateral Security granted by the Collateral Providers (and then the ability of the Issuer to be transferred full title to (i) the Home Loans and the related Home Loan Security and (ii) any Substitution Assets, granted as Collateral Security by Crédit Mutuel Arkéa as Collateral Provider) will not be affected by the opening of insolvency proceedings against the Borrower or any Collateral Provider.

### **Risks related to the Collateral Security**

#### *No interpretation by French courts of rules applicable to Collateral Security*

The Home Loans and related Home Loan Security which will be granted as Collateral Security in favour of the Issuer for the repayment of the Borrower Debt extended by the Issuer will be granted in accordance with the recent applicable rules of French law implementing the Directive 2002/47/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 June 2002 on financial collateral arrangements (the "**EU Collateral Directive**").

Although such rules of French law are in full force and effect as of the date of this Base Prospectus, Bondholders should note that French courts have not yet had the opportunity to interpret such rules.

#### *Method of establishment and enforceability of the Collateral Security – Notion of control*

The Collateral Security shall not entail any transfer of title with respect to the relevant assets until enforcement. The Collateral Security shall be created and perfected in accordance with Article L.211-38 (formerly L.431-7-3) of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*). Pursuant to Article L.211-38 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*): "the establishment of such security interests and their enforceability are not subject to any formality."

However, said Article L. 211-38 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) further states that such establishment and enforceability "derive from the transfer of the relevant property and rights, the dispossession of the grantor or their control by the beneficiary or a person acting on his behalf".

There are no guidelines in the EU Collateral Directive, in Article L. 211-38 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), in legal commentaries or in French case law on how to satisfy the "control" requirement in practice and in the context of security over loan receivables such as the security purported to be created over the Home Loans receivables under the Collateral Security Agreement. However, given that the Collateral Security Agreement will provide that the Issuer will be entitled to control changes to the servicing procedures of the Collateral Providers and will benefit from the following Controlling Rights and Covenants (as described below), this should give to the Issuer a certain level of control over the Collateral Security Assets which should be sufficient for it to represent that it benefits from the "control" required by Article L. 211-38 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*).

Pursuant and subject to the Collateral Security Agreement, each Collateral Provider will appoint Crédit Mutuel Arkéa as agent in order to grant, in the name and on behalf such Collateral Provider, as Collateral Security any Eligible Assets selected by the Collateral Security Agent pursuant to the Collateral Security Agreement (to the extent required to meet the Asset Cover Test) and each Collateral Provider will undertake:

- to maintain the Collateral Security Assets free from any Encumbrance or any option to purchase or similar rights, except as contemplated under the Collateral Security Agreement;
- not to transfer, assign, pledge, delegate or in any way encumber any of the Collateral Security Assets other than pursuant to, or as permitted under, the Collateral Security Agreement and shall not permit that similar restrictions apply which may materially affect the security created hereunder; and
- to perform the servicing of the Collateral Security Assets it has granted in accordance with applicable laws and its customary servicing procedures (which may provide for the servicing of certain Collateral Security Assets by another Collateral Provider) (the "**Servicing Procedures**");
- not to materially alter the Servicing Procedures without the consent of the Issuer, the Administrator, the Issuer Calculation Agent and the Collateral Security Agent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld);

- for the purpose of satisfying itself whether the Collateral Security Assets remain Eligible Assets or controlling the information contained in the Asset Reports, to grant (at reasonable times and intervals and upon reasonable notice) the Issuer (or any agent acting on its behalf) with access to each Collateral Provider's premises or to premises where the Asset Records are located, in order to inspect or audit such Asset Records (such right of inspection or audit including taking copies of all or any document or data).

*No prior notification to debtors under the Home Loans granted as Collateral Security*

The Collateral Security Agreement will provide that the relevant Home Loans and Home Loan Security will be granted as collateral security without notification or information of the underlying debtors of such Home Loans. Such debtors will only be notified if and when the relevant collateral security is enforced following a Borrower Event of Default and then title to the relevant Home Loans and related Home Loan Security has been transferred to the Issuer. Notification of such debtors will only be effected once following such Borrower Event of Default, the relevant collateral security has been enforced. As long as no such notification has taken place, any payments made by any debtor under the relevant Home Loans will continue to be validly made by such debtors to the relevant Collateral Provider, even though title to such Home Loans would have been validly transferred to the Issuer upon enforcement of the relevant collateral security.

There is no guarantee that the notification to the debtors under the relevant Home Loans will be made at the times required and there can be no guarantee or assurance as to the ability of the Issuer to obtain effective direct payment from the debtors under the relevant Home Loans in a sufficient timely manner, which may affect payments under the Covered Bonds. In this situation, a shortfall in distributions of interest to Bondholders may result. However, the Hedging Agreement concluded in accordance with the Hedging Strategy is designed to cover limited amounts of interest on the related Series of Covered Bonds for a limited period of time in this situation.

Until notification to the debtors has been made and provided that, at such time, insolvency proceedings have been opened against the Collateral Providers, a statutory stay of execution under mandatory rules of French insolvency law will prevent the Issuer from taking recourse against the Collateral Providers for repayment of collections received by the Collateral Providers under the relevant Home Loans which are commingled with other funds of the Collateral Providers.

However, this commingling risk is mitigated by the obligation of the Borrower to grant cash as Collateral Security to cover such risk upon a downgrading of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa credit rating below A-2 (short term) by S&P (or any other credit rating trigger which may be agreed with the Rating Agency after the date hereof) (see "**The Collateral Security – The Collateral Security Agreement – Collection Loss Trigger Events**").

*Set-off by debtors*

Set-off under French law can operate by statute (*compensation légale*) or be agreed by contract (*compensation contractuelle*) or be ordered by court (*compensation judiciaire*). Set-off may also be invoked if claims are deemed mutual or inter-related (*dettes connexes*).

Statutory set-off operates as of right between two reciprocal debts (*dettes réciproques*) provided that such debts are, at the same time, fungible (*fongibles*), certain (*certaines*), liquid (*liquides*) as well as due and payable (*exigibles*). A contract or a court may expand statutory set-off possibilities where, with respect to two reciprocal and fungible debts, such debts are not at the same time certain, liquid and due and payable. A set off between debts which are deemed mutual by contract or on an economic standpoint is available as of right.

Since no provision under the Home Loan agreements expressly allows a debtor to expand statutory set-off possibilities nor expressly provides for a mutuality (*connexité*) between claims owed by a debtor to a Collateral Provider and claims that such debtor may have against such Collateral Provider under other contracts, such as a bank account or a deposit contract, etc. but, at the same time, no provision under the Home Loan agreements expressly provides for a waiver of set-off (see "**The Collateral Security – The Collateral Security Agreement – Home Loan Eligibility Criteria**"), a debtor under a Home Loan is entitled to invoke either (i) a statutory or a judicial set-off, or (ii) a set-off based on a mutuality of claims (*connexité*) should such mutuality be provided for by another contract than the Home Loan agreement or the global economic relationship which would exist between a debtor under a Home Loan and a Collateral Provider.

However, a set off such as referred to in (i) or (ii) above may become a risk for the Issuer under the sole circumstances where the Home Loans would have been transferred to the Issuer following the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default.

Following such transfer and as long as the debtors under the Home Loans would have not been notified of such transfer, the debtors would be entitled to invoke statutory and judicial set-off as if no transfer had taken place. After notification of the transfer, a debtor under a Home Loan would still be entitled to invoke statutory set-off against the Issuer if prior to the notification of the transfer, the above mentioned conditions for statutory set-off were satisfied.

A set off between inter-related debts (*dettes connexes*) is available as of right. Inter-related debts (*dettes connexes*) mainly result from economic inter-relationship. In this latter case, mutuality of claims will be determined on a case by case basis, depending on the factual circumstances then existing. The most likely circumstances where set off would have to be considered are when counterclaims resulting from a current account relationship will allow a debtor to set off such counterclaims against sums due under a Home Loan. In this situation however, French case law stated that there was no mutuality of claims, notwithstanding that the instalment under the home loan was to be paid by way of direct debit from the funds standing to the credit of the relevant current account since the parties did not intend to inter relate their current account relationship and the lending transaction on an economical standpoint.

*Maintenance of value of the Collateral Security prior to or following enforcement thereof*

If the collateral value of the Home Loans and related Home Loan Security granted as Collateral Security in favour of the Issuer pursuant to the Collateral Security Agreement has not been maintained in accordance with the terms of the Asset Cover Test or the Amortisation Test or the other provisions of the Programme Documents, then that may affect the value of the relevant collateral security or any part thereof (both before and after the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default) or the price or value of such Home Loans and related Home Loan Security upon the sale or refinancing thereof by the Issuer.

The value of the properties securing the Collateral Security may decrease as a result of any number of factors, including the national or international economic climate, regional economic or housing conditions, changes in tax laws, mortgage interest rates, inflation, the availability of financing, yields on alternative investments, increasing utility costs and other day-to-day expenses, political developments and government policies.

*Sale or refinancing of Home Loans and related Home Loan Security by the Issuer following enforcement of the Collateral Security*

After title to Home Loans and related Home Loan Security and Substitution Assets has been transferred to the Issuer upon enforcement of the Collateral Security following the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default (the "**Transferred Assets**"), the Administrator (or the Substitute Administrator) acting on behalf of the Issuer has undertaken to sell or refinance such Home Loans, related Home Loan Security and Substitution Assets in order for the Issuer to receive sufficient Available Funds to make payments when due under the relevant Series of Covered Bonds (after taking into account all payments to be made in priority thereto according to the relevant Priority Payment Order and the relevant payment dates and Final Maturity Date under each relevant Series of Covered Bonds).

The Administrator (or the Substitute Administrator) acting on behalf of the Issuer will be obliged to sell or refinance Home Loans, related Home Loan Security and Substitution Assets in accordance with the Administrative Agreement (see "**The Issuer – The Administrative Agreement**").

The Administrative Agreement provides that the Administrator (or the Substitute Administrator) acting on behalf of the Issuer shall ensure that the Home Loans, related Home Loan Security and Substitution Assets which are proposed for sale or refinancing (the "**Selected Assets**") at any relevant date (the "**SARA Relevant Date**") will be selected on a random basis, provided that (i) no more Selected Assets will be selected than are necessary for the estimated sale or refinancing proceeds to equal the Adjusted Required Redemption Amount, and (ii) the aggregate outstanding principal amount or value (and interest accrued thereon) of such Selected Assets shall not exceed the "**Selected Assets Required Amount (SARA)**", which is calculated as follows:

$$\text{SARA} = \text{Adjusted Required Redemption Amount} \times A/B$$

where:

**"Adjusted Required Redemption Amount"** means an amount equal to the euro equivalent of the outstanding principal amount (together with Interest Amount accrued thereon) of the first Series of Covered Bonds maturing after the SARA Relevant Date less amounts standing to the credit of the Issuer Accounts (excluding all amounts to be applied on the first Payment Date following the SARA Relevant Date to repay higher ranking amounts in the relevant Priority Payment Order and those amounts that are required to repay any Series which mature prior to or on the same date as the relevant Series);

**"A"** means the euro equivalent of the aggregate of the outstanding principal amount or value (together with interest accrued thereon) of all Transferred Assets; and

**"B"** means the euro equivalent of the outstanding principal amount (together with Interest Amount accrued thereon) in respect of all Series of Covered Bonds then outstanding.

The Administrator (or the Substitute Administrator) acting on behalf of the Issuer will offer the Selected Assets for sale to prospective buyers for the best price reasonably available but in any event for an amount not less than the Adjusted Required Redemption Amount.

If the Selected Assets have not been sold or refinanced (in whole or in part) in an amount equal to the Adjusted Required Redemption Amount by the date which is six (6) months prior to the Final Maturity Date of the Series of Covered Bonds maturing after the SARA Relevant Date (after taking into account all payments, provisions and credits to be made in priority thereto), then the Administrator (or the Substitute Administrator) acting on behalf of the Issuer will (i) offer the Selected Assets for sale for the best price reasonably available or (ii) seek to refinance the Selected Assets on the best terms reasonably available, notwithstanding that such amount may be less than the Adjusted Required Redemption Amount.

For the purpose hereof, the Administrator (or the Substitute Administrator) acting on behalf of the Issuer may through a tender process appoint a portfolio manager of recognised standing on a basis intended to incite the portfolio manager to achieve the best price for the sale or refinancing of the relevant Home Loans, related Home Loan Security and the relevant Substitution Assets (if such terms are commercially available in the market) and to advise it in relation to the sale or refinancing of the same to prospective buyers.

In respect of any sale or refinancing of the Selected Assets, the Administrator or (the Substitute Administrator) acting on behalf of the Issuer shall use all reasonable endeavours to procure that the same are sold as quickly as reasonably practicable (in accordance, as the case may be, with the recommendations of the portfolio manager) taking into account the market conditions at that time.

There is no guarantee that a buyer will be found to acquire Home Loans, related Home Loan Security or Substitution Assets at the times required and there can be no guarantee or assurance as to the price which may be able to be obtained, which may affect the ability of the Issuer to make payments when due under the Covered Bonds.

In addition, in respect of any sale or refinancing of Home Loans, related Home Loan Security and Substitution Assets to third parties, the Issuer will not be permitted to give warranties or indemnities in respect of those assets. There is no assurance that representations or warranties previously given by the Collateral Providers in respect of such assets pursuant to the terms of the Collateral Security Agreement may benefit to third party purchaser of such assets upon sale or refinancing thereof by the Issuer. Accordingly, there is a risk that the price or value of such assets upon the sale or refinancing thereof by the Issuer be adversely affected by the lack of representations and warranties which in turn could adversely affect the ability of the Issuer to make payments when due under the relevant Series of Covered Bonds.



## **Risk related to the Home Loans and related Home Loan Security**

### *Debtors' ability to pay under the Home Loans*

The debtors under the Home Loans are individuals having borrowed under the Home Loans in order to finance the acquisition of real estate property.

If following enforcement of the Collateral Security, the Issuer does not receive the full amount due from the debtors in respect of such Home Loans, this may affect the ability of the Issuer to make payments under the Covered Bonds.

The Issuer may therefore be exposed to the occurrence of credit risk in relation to the debtors under the Home Loans.

None of the Borrower, the Collateral Providers, the Issuer or any other party to the Programme Documents does guarantee or warrant full and timely payment by the debtors under the Home Loans of any sums payable under such Home Loans.

The ability of a debtor under the Home Loans to make timely payment of amounts due under such Home Loans will mainly depend on his assets and his liabilities as well as his ability to generate sufficient income to make payments under the relevant Home Loans. His ability to generate income may be adversely affected by a large number of factors, some of which (i) relate specifically to the debtor himself (including but not limited to his age and health, employment situation, family situation, creditworthiness or expropriation) or (ii) are more general in nature (such as changes in governmental regulations, fiscal policy, etc.).

Furthermore, the debtors under the Home Loans may benefit from the favourable legal and statutory provisions of the French Consumer Code (*Code de la consommation*), pursuant to which any individual may, under certain circumstances, and subject to certain conditions, request and obtain from the competent court a grace period, a reduction of the amount of all and any of its indebtedness and any interest relating thereto and, as the case may be, (pursuant to (i) law no. 98-657 dated 29 July 1998, as amended, and (ii) law no. 2003-710 dated 1st August 2003) a full or partial extinguishment of its indebtedness against a credit institution.

### *No independent investigation – representations and warranties*

None of the Issuer, the Arranger, the Administrator or any other party to any Programme Document has undertaken or will undertake any investigations, searches or other due diligence regarding the Home Loans, the related Home Loan Security or as to the status and/or the creditworthiness of the debtors under the Home Loans. Each of them has relied solely on the representations and warranties given by the Collateral Providers under the Collateral Security Agreement.

If any breach of eligibility criteria relating to any Home Loan is material and (if capable of remedy) is not remedied, the Collateral Providers shall be required under the Collateral Security Agreement to provide sufficient eligible Homes Loans or Substitution Assets in order to maintain compliance with the Asset Cover Test.

### *Limited description of the Home Loans*

The Bondholders will not receive detailed statistics or information in relation to the Home Loans or to the Collateral Security Assets, because it is expected that the constitution of the security over the Collateral Security Assets may constantly change due to, for instance, the Collateral Providers granting security over additional and/or new Collateral Security Assets or new Collateral Providers acceding to the Programme. However, each Eligible Home Loan and Substitution Asset will be required to meet the applicable eligibility criteria.

### *Prepayment*

The rate of prepayment of Homes Loans is influenced by a wide variety of economic, social and other factors, including prevailing market interest rates, changes in tax laws (including but not limited to amendments to mortgage interest tax deductibility), local and regional economic conditions and changes in debtor's behaviour (including but not limited to home-owner mobility). No guarantee can be given as to the level of prepayment that the Home Loans may experience, and variation in the rate of prepayments of principal on the Home Loans may affect the ability of the Issuer to realise sufficient funds to make payments under the Covered Bonds upon the service of a Borrower Enforcement Notice and then transfer of title to the Home Loans and Home Loan Security in favour of the Issuer.

### *Changes to the lending criteria of the Collateral Providers*

Each of the Home Loans originated by the Collateral Providers will have been originated in accordance with its lending criteria at the time of origination. It is expected that each Collateral Provider's lending criteria will generally consider type of financed property, term of loan, age of applicant, the loan-to-value ratio, status of applicants and credit history. One of the Home Loans Eligibility Criteria requires that, prior to the date upon which the Home Loan has been made available to the borrower thereof, all lending criteria and preconditions as applied by the originator of the Home Loan pursuant to its customary lending procedures were satisfied. Each of the Collateral Providers retains the right to revise its lending criteria from time to time. If the lending criteria change in a manner that affects the creditworthiness of the Home Loans, that may lead to increased defaults by borrowers thereof and may affect the realisable value of the Collateral Security Assets or part thereof, and the ability of the Issuer to make payments under the Covered Bonds upon the service of a Borrower Enforcement Notice and then transfer of title to the Home Loans and Home Loan Security in favour of the Issuer.

### *Foreclosing on real property granted as security under French law governed Mortgages*

The French legal procedures to be followed in relation to the enforcement of French law governed Mortgages and related expenses may affect the Issuer's ability to liquidate the properties secured under such Mortgages efficiently and in a timely manner. An outline of these procedures is set out below (Specific rules are provided for lender's privileges and mortgages to be registered in the departments of *Haut-Rhin*, *Bas-Rhin* and *Moselle*. However, these specific rules do not substantially change the outline of these procedures set out below.)

Foreclosure on property situated in France by secured creditors (*saisie immobilière*) may require the sale of the property at a public auction (*vente aux enchères*) if the sale cannot be made voluntarily by the debtor (*conversion en vente volontaire* or *à l'amiable*). The foreclosure procedure may take up to one (1) year and a half in normal circumstances. The beneficiary of a lender's privilege or a mortgage will thus rank in respect of the sale proceeds in the order of priority of registration of the privileges and mortgages (*droits de préférence*) encumbering such seized property (Article 2458 of the French Civil Code (*Code civil*)). The first step in the foreclosure procedure consists of delivering a foreclosure notice to the debtor by a bailiff or *huissier* (a process server or *commandement de saisie immobilière*). This notice should be filed at the French Land and Charges Registry having jurisdiction in the district where the relevant real property is located. The next step is to instruct a local lawyer (*avocat*) to prepare the terms of the sale of the property at auction, including the reserve price of the relevant real property (such instruction is not mandatory in the departments of *Haut-Rhin*, *Bas-Rhin* and *Moselle*). Finally, a number of legal notices are required to be given prior to the sale. The debtor may file objections against such foreclosure (including the reserve price), the validity of which will be decided by a competent court. If no bid is made at the public auction, and provided there is only one foreclosing creditor, such foreclosing creditor is declared the highest bidder and is thus obliged to purchase the property at a reserve price specified in the terms of the sale. Rules applicable to the *saisie immobilière* procedure have been recently modified by an act (*ordonnance n° 2006-461 réformant la saisie immobilière*) dated 21 April 2006. This new legislation (Articles 2190 *et seq.* of the French Civil Code (*Code civil*)) has come into force on 1 January 2007. The purpose of the legislation is to simplify the foreclosure process by encouraging voluntary sales (*ventes à l'amiable*) and to reduce the duration and complexity of the process.

In accordance with Article 2461 of the French Civil Code (*Code civil*), secured creditors will continue to benefit from the lender's privilege or mortgage, even if the property is transferred, by the debtor to a third party without the Lenders' consent. This right is known as *droit de suite*. If the secured creditor wishes to exercise this right, an order to pay is required to be served on the debtor by a bailiff and notice is required to be served on the third party to whom the relevant secured property was transferred (*tiers détenteur de l'immeuble hypothéqué*) with a view either to pay the debt secured over the property or to surrender such property at an auction.

The exercise of such *droit de suite* is often paralysed due to an "advanced clearing" of the privileges and mortgages granted over the relevant property (*purge des privilèges et hypothèques*). If the debtor and all secured creditors agree, in accordance with Article 2475 of the French Civil Code (*Code civil*), for the sale proceeds to be allocated (*affecté*) to them, the secured creditors exercise their preferential rights (*droits de préférence*) over the sale proceeds, the payment of which will discharge all privileges and mortgages granted over the property (*purge amiable*). And if no agreement is reached (for instance if the sale price of the property is substantially below the amount of the secured debt), the third party will still be entitled to offer to pay the sale price to the secured creditors in order to clear all privileges and mortgages granted over the relevant property (*purge judiciaire*).

Secured creditors may refuse this offer if they consider that the sale price has been underestimated by the debtor and the third party. In this case, an auction will be ordered with a minimum bid which is the price offered by the relevant third party being made to the secured creditor, plus ten per cent (10%).

#### *Enforcement of Home Loan Guarantees*

If following enforcement of the Collateral Security and then transfer of title to the Home Loans and Home Loan Security in favour of the Issuer and then notification of the debtors under such Home Loans and then enforcement of its rights by the Issuer under the relevant Home Loan Guarantees against the guarantor thereunder, such guarantor does not pay in whole or in part any amounts due under the relevant Home Loan Guarantees for whatever reason or does not pay such amounts in a timely manner, this may affect the ability of the Issuer to make payments under the Covered Bonds.

### **Risks relating to swaps and options derivatives**

#### *Interest and currency risks*

Each Borrower Advance granted by the Issuer to the benefit of the Borrower under the Borrower Facility Agreement shall be made available in the same Specified Currency and according to the same interest conditions to those applicable to the Covered Bonds funding such Borrower Advance. As a consequence, as long as a Borrower Event of Default has not occurred, the Issuer shall not be exposed to any currency and interest risk regarding the Borrower Debt and the Covered Bonds.

There is no assurance that the Loans being part of the Collateral Security bear interest in the same conditions as those of the Covered Bonds and are denominated in the same currency as those of the Covered Bonds. Upon the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default and the enforcement of the Collateral Security, Home Loans and related Homes Loans Security will be transferred to the Issuer. In this case, in order to hedge the potential mismatch of the interest rates applicable to the Covered Bonds and to the Home Loans and the potential mismatch of currencies, the Issuer shall apply the Hedging Strategy as from the occurrence of a Hedging Rating Trigger Event. However, there can be no assurance that the Hedging Strategy will adequately address such hedging risks.

#### *Hedging strategy*

Upon the occurrence of a Hedging Rating Trigger Event, no assurance can be given that the hedging documentation agreed under the Hedging Strategy will be concluded, and in particular, that all the relevant Eligible Hedging Provider(s) will be found and will accept to conclude the hedging documentation agreed under the Hedging Strategy. Upon the occurrence of a Hedging Rating Trigger Event, (i) any failure by the Issuer (or the Administrator on its behalf) to enter into (a) appropriate Issuer Hedging Agreements and related Issuer Hedging Transactions with Eligible Hedging Provider(s) or (b) appropriate Borrower Hedging Agreement(s) and related Borrower Hedging Transaction(s) with the Borrower, in each case within thirty (30) Business Days from the date of occurrence of the relevant Hedging Rating Trigger Event, as described under the Hedging Strategy, will constitute an Issuer Event of Default and a Borrower Event of Default under the Borrower Facility Agreement and (ii) any failure by the Borrower (a) to enter into appropriate Borrower Hedging Agreement(s) and related Borrower Hedging Transaction(s) with the Issuer within thirty (30) Business Days from the date of occurrence of the relevant Hedging Rating Trigger Event or (b) to pay any costs and expenses necessary to allow the Issuer to enter into the agreements referred to above will constitute a Borrower Event of Default under the Borrower Facility Agreement. Moreover, in certain circumstances, the hedging documentation contemplated under the Hedging Strategy may be terminated and as a result the Issuer may be unhedged if replacement interest rate and/or currency derivative transactions are not entered into.

### **Risks related to the Issuer Security**

#### *The Issuer Security in case of insolvency of the Issuer*

The validity of the Issuer Security granted by the Issuer in the Issuer Security Assets could be challenged in the event that insolvency proceedings were commenced in respect of the Issuer during the eighteen (18) month period following the date on which such security interest is granted.

Article L.632-1-6° of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*) provides that any security interest granted after the date on which the underlying debt it secures was incurred (*dettes antérieurement*

*contractées*) and which was determined to have been granted during the hardening period, is null and void. The hardening period (*période suspecte*) is a period of time the duration of which is determined by the bankruptcy judge upon the judgement recognising that the cessation of payments of the insolvent company has occurred. The hardening period commences on the date of such judgement and extends for up to eighteen (18) months previous to the date of such judgement. The same consequences will apply to any security granted after the Programme Date in certain circumstances and which secures a debt existing prior to the taking of the security. In particular, in the event of new issuances of Covered Bonds or in case the Issuer Accounts are transferred into the books of a new Issuer Accounts Bank (following the occurrence of the Issuer Accounts Bank Rating Trigger Event), the Issuer Security will be released and retaken in favour of any and all Covered Bonds.

Furthermore, Article L.632-2, 1st paragraph, of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*) provides that the bankruptcy court may declare void any agreement involving a consideration (*acte à titre onéreux*) entered into during the hardening period if the bankrupt debtor's contracting party knew that such debtor was insolvent (*cessation des paiements*).

However, the risk that the Issuer is insolvent (*cessation des paiements*) at the time the Issuer Security is retaken is limited since (i) the Issuer is a special purpose entity, with exclusive and limited purpose and a financial institution license and is intended to be a ring-fenced entity that will be unaffected by the insolvency of any other Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Group's Entity, in particular by including limited recourse and non-petition wording in the relevant Programme Documents, and (ii) the Issuer shall not issue further Covered Bonds (and, as a consequence, shall not be in a position to retake the Issuer Security) in case an Issuer Enforcement Notice or a Borrower Enforcement Notice has been served, a Non-Compliance Notice has been served regarding the Pre-Maturity Test and is not withdrawn, a Non-Compliance with Amortisation Test or a Non-Compliance with Asset Cover Test has been served (see "**Terms and Conditions of the French Law Covered Bond**" – Conditions 5 (j)).

*Bondholders may be required to pay a soulte in the event they decide to enforce the Issuer Security over the Issuer Securities Accounts by attribution of the securities rather than by a sale of the securities in a public auction*

Under French law, a pledge over securities may be enforced at the option of the secured creditor either by a sale of the pledged securities in a public auction (the proceeds of the sale being paid to the secured creditors) or by attribution of the securities to the secured creditor, following which the secured creditor is the legal owner of the securities inscribed in the relevant Issuer Securities Accounts. In a proceeding for attribution, a court appointed expert will determine the value of the collateral (in this case, the securities inscribed in the relevant Issuer Securities Accounts) and, if the value of the collateral exceeds the amount of the secured debt, the secured creditors may be required to pay the obligor a balance in cash amount (*soulte*), equal to the difference between the value of the securities as asserted by such expert and the amount of the secured debt. This is true regardless of the actual amount of proceeds ultimately received by the secured creditors from a subsequent sale of the collateral.

*Enforcement of the Issuer Security upon insolvency of the Issuer*

The Issuer is subject to the provisions of French insolvency legislation. Although the Issuer has been incorporated as single purpose vehicle and ring fenced entity, it may, nonetheless, become insolvent or subject to moratorium proceedings under French law. The rights of creditors of insolvent French companies are limited by law; self-help remedies, for example appointing a receiver in respect of the Collateral Security Assets and controlling the manner and timing of the enforcement of the Issuer Security, are also generally prohibited by mandatory provisions of French law.

## **Risks related to Covered Bonds generally**

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

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

- (a) have sufficient knowledge and experience to make a meaningful evaluation of the Covered Bonds, the merits and risks of investing in the relevant Covered Bonds and the information contained in this Base Prospectus or any applicable supplement to this Base Prospectus and the relevant Final Terms;
- (b) have access to, and knowledge of, appropriate analytical tools to evaluate, in the context of its particular financial situation, an investment in the relevant Covered Bonds and the impact the relevant Covered Bonds will have on its overall investment portfolio;
- (c) 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 (1) or more currencies, or where the currency for principal or interest payments is different from the prospective investor's currency;
- (d) understand thoroughly the terms of the relevant Covered Bonds and be familiar with the behaviour of any relevant indices and financial markets;
- (e) 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; and
- (f) ensure that, in terms of any legislation or regulatory regime applicable to such investor, what restrictions (if any) there are on its ability to invest in Covered Bonds generally and in any particular type of Covered Bonds.

Some Covered Bonds are complex financial instruments and such instruments may be purchased as a way to reduce risk or enhance yield with an understood, measured, appropriate addition of risk to their overall portfolios. A prospective 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 effects on the value of such Covered Bonds and the impact this investment will have on the prospective investor's overall investment portfolio.

### *Modification of the Conditions*

Except as otherwise provided in the relevant Final Terms, the Bondholders will, in respect of all Tranches in any Series, be grouped automatically for the defence of their common interest in a *Masse*, as defined in Condition 12, and a General Meeting can be held. The Terms and Conditions permit in certain cases defined majorities to bind all Bondholders including Bondholders who did not attend and vote at the relevant General Meeting and Bondholders who voted in a manner contrary to the majority. The General Meeting may deliberate on any proposal relating to the modification of the Conditions including any proposal, whether for arbitration or settlement, relating to rights in controversy or which were the subject of judicial decisions, as more fully described in Condition 12.

### *Change of law*

The Terms and Conditions of the French Law Covered Bonds are based on French law in effect as at the date of this Base Prospectus. No assurance can be given as to the impact of any possible judicial decision or change in French law or administrative practice after the date of this Base Prospectus.

### *Taxation*

Prospective purchasers and sellers of the Covered Bonds should be aware that they may be required to pay taxes or other documentary charges or duties in accordance with the laws and practices of the country where the Covered Bonds are transferred or other jurisdictions. In some jurisdictions, no official statements of the tax authorities or court decisions may be available for financial instruments such as the Covered Bonds. Prospective investors are advised not to rely upon the tax summary contained in this Base Prospectus and/or in the Final Terms but to ask for their own tax adviser's advice on their individual taxation with respect to the acquisition, holding, sale and redemption of the Covered Bonds. Only these advisors are in a position to duly consider the specific situation of the prospective investor. This investment

consideration has to be read in connection with the taxation sections of this Base Prospectus and the additional tax sections, if any, contained in the relevant Final Terms.

#### *EU Savings Directive*

On 3 June 2003, the European Council of Economics and Finance Ministers adopted a directive 2003/48/EC regarding the taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments (the "**Directive**"). The Directive requires Member States, subject to a number of conditions being met, to provide to the tax authorities of other Member States details of payments of interest and other similar income made by a paying agent located within their jurisdiction to a beneficial owner (within the meaning of the Directive) resident in that other Member State, except that, for a transitional period, Luxembourg and Austria will instead withhold an amount on interest payments unless the relevant beneficial owner of such payment elects otherwise and authorises the paying agent to disclose the above information (see "**Taxation – EU Savings Directive**").

For these purposes, the term "**paying agent**" is defined widely and includes in particular any economic operator who is responsible for making interest payments, within the meaning of the Directive, for the immediate benefit of individuals.

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 Issuer nor any paying agent 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. If a withholding tax is imposed on payment made by a paying agent, the Issuer will be required to maintain a paying agent in a Member State that will not be obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to the Directive.

On 15 September 2008 the European Commission issued a report to the Council of the European Union on the operation of the Directive, which included the Commission's advice on the need for changes to the Directive. On 13 November 2008, the European Commission published a detailed proposal for amendments to the Directive, which included a number of suggested changes. The European Parliament approved an amended version of this proposal on 24 April 2009. If any of those proposed changes are made in relation to the Directive they may amend or broaden the scope of the requirements described above.

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

Covered Bonds issued under the Programme will either be fungible with an existing Series or have different terms to an existing Series (in which case they will constitute a new Series). All Covered Bonds issued from time to time will rank *pari passu* with each other in all respects and will share equally in the Issuer Security.

A wide range of Covered Bonds may be issued under the Programme. A number of these Covered Bonds may have features which contain particular risks for prospective investors. Set out below is a description of the most common such features.

##### *Covered Bonds subject to optional redemption by the Issuer*

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

The Issuer will redeem Covered Bonds when it appears that the Borrower is about to redeem the corresponding Borrower Advance(s) and the Borrower may be expected to redeem such corresponding Borrower Advance(s) when the general cost of borrowing of the Borrower is lower than the interest rate on such Borrower Advance(s). 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 Covered Bonds being redeemed and may only be able to do so at a significantly lower rate. Prospective investors should consider reinvestment risk in light of other investments available at that time.

##### *Fixed Rate Covered Bonds*

Investment in Covered Bonds which bear interest at a fixed rate involves the risk that subsequent changes in market interest rates may adversely affect the value of the relevant Tranche of Covered Bonds.

### *Floating Rate Covered Bonds*

Investment in Covered Bonds which bear interest at a floating rate comprises (i) a reference rate and (ii) a margin to be added or subtracted, as the case may be, from such base rate. Typically, the relevant margin will not change throughout the life of the Covered Bonds but there will be a periodic adjustment (as specified in the relevant Final Terms) of the reference rate (e.g., every three months or six months) which itself will change in accordance with general market conditions. Accordingly, the market value of floating rate Covered Bonds may be volatile if changes, particularly short term changes, to market interest rates evidenced by the relevant reference rate can only be reflected in the interest rate of these Covered Bonds upon the next periodic adjustment of the relevant reference rate.

### *Index Linked Covered Bonds and Dual Currency Covered Bonds*

Subject to prior Rating Affirmation, the Issuer may issue Covered Bonds with principal or interest determined by reference to an index or formula, to changes in the prices of securities or commodities, to movements in currency exchange rates or other factors (each, a "**Relevant Factor**"). In addition, the Issuer may issue Covered Bonds with principal or interest payable in one (1) or more currencies which may be different from the currency in which the Bonds are denominated. Prospective investors should be aware that:

- (a) the market price of such Covered Bonds may be volatile;
- (b) they may receive no interest;
- (c) payment of principal or interest may occur at a different time or in a different currency than expected;
- (d) the amount of principal payable at redemption may be less than the nominal amount of such Covered Bonds or even zero (0);
- (e) a Relevant Factor may be subject to significant fluctuations that may not correlate with changes in interest rates, currencies or other indices;
- (f) if a Relevant Factor is applied to Covered Bonds in conjunction with a multiplier greater than one (1) or contains some other leverage factor, the effect of changes in the Relevant Factor on principal or interest payable likely will be magnified; and
- (g) the timing of changes in a Relevant Factor may affect the actual yield to investors, even if the average level is consistent with their expectations. In general, the earlier the change in the Relevant Factor, the greater the effect on yield.

### *Zero Coupon Covered Bonds*

Changes in market interest rates have a substantially stronger impact on the prices of Zero Coupon Covered Bonds than on the prices of ordinary Covered Bonds because the discounted issue prices are substantially below par. If market interest rates increase, Zero Coupon Covered Bonds can suffer higher price losses than other Covered Bonds having the same maturity and credit rating. Due to their leverage effect, Zero Coupon Covered Bonds are a type of investment associated with a particularly high price risk.

### *Partly Paid Covered Bonds*

The Issuer may issue Covered Bonds where the issue price is payable in more than one instalment. Failure to pay any subsequent instalment could result in an investor losing some or all of his investment.

### *Variable rate Covered Bonds with a multiplier or other leverage factor*

Covered Bonds with variable interest rates can be volatile investments. If they are structured to include multipliers or other leverage factors, or caps or floors, or any combination of those features or other similar related features, their market values may be even more volatile than those for securities that do not include those features.

### *Inverse Floating Rate Covered Bonds*

Inverse Floating Rate Covered Bonds have an interest rate equal to a fixed rate minus a rate based upon a reference rate. The market values of such Covered Bonds typically are more volatile than market values of other conventional floating rate debt securities based on the same reference rate (and with otherwise comparable terms). Inverse Floating Rate Covered Bonds are more volatile because an increase in the reference rate not only decreases the interest rate of the Covered Bonds, but may also reflect an increase in prevailing interest rates, which further adversely affects the market value of these Covered Bonds.

### *Fixed/Floating Rate Covered Bonds*

Fixed/Floating Rate Covered Bonds may bear interest at a rate that the Issuer may elect to convert from a fixed rate to a floating rate, or from a floating rate to a fixed rate. The Issuer's ability to convert the interest rate will affect the secondary market and the market value of such Covered Bonds since the Issuer may be expected to convert the rate when it is likely to produce a lower overall cost of borrowing. If the Issuer converts from a fixed rate to a floating rate, the spread on the Fixed/Floating Rate Covered Bonds may be less favourable than then 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 other Covered Bonds. If the Issuer converts from a floating rate to a fixed rate, the fixed rate may be lower than then prevailing rates on its Covered Bonds.

### *Covered Bonds issued at a substantial discount or premium*

The market values of securities issued at a substantial discount or premium from their principal amount tend to fluctuate more in relation to general changes in interest rates than do prices for conventional interest-bearing securities. Generally, the longer the remaining term of the securities, the greater the price volatility as compared to conventional interest-bearing securities with comparable maturities.

### *Certain decisions of Bondholders taken at Programme level*

Any resolution to direct the Representative to serve an Issuer Enforcement Notice, and any direction to the Representative to take any action as provided under this Base Prospectus must be passed at a single meeting of the Bondholders of a single Series then outstanding and can not be decided upon at a meeting of the Bondholders of all Series. Any resolution to direct the Representative to serve an Issuer Enforcement Notice will be effective for all the Bondholders, including the Bondholders who did not attend and vote at the relevant meeting and the Bondholders who voted in a manner contrary.

### *Ratings of the Covered Bonds and Rating Affirmation*

The rating assigned to the Covered Bonds by the Rating Agency is based on the Issuer Security Assets, the Collateral Security, the Home Loans and Home Loan Security, the Cash Collateral and the other relevant structural and credit enhancement features provided for under the Programme Documents, including, among other things, the short-term and/or long-term unsecured, unguaranteed and unsubordinated debt ratings of the parties to the Programme Documents, and reflects only the views of the Rating Agency. The rating addresses the likelihood of full and timely receipt by any of the relevant Bondholders of interest on the Covered Bonds and the likelihood of receipt by any of the relevant Bondholders of principal of the Covered Bonds by the relevant Final Maturity Date. There is no assurance that any such rating will continue for any period of time or that it will not be reviewed, revised, suspended or withdrawn entirely by the Rating Agency as a result of changes in or unavailability of information or if, in the judgement of the Rating Agency, circumstances so warrant.

A qualification, downgrade or withdrawal of the rating mentioned above may impact upon both the value of the Covered Bonds or their marketability in secondary market transactions.

The Rating Agency will be notified of the exercise of certain discretions exercised by or on behalf of the Issuer under the Programme Documents. However, the Rating Agency is under no obligation to revert to the Issuer (or any of its agents) regarding the impact of the exercise of such discretion on the rating of the Covered Bonds and any decision as to whether or not to confirm, downgrade, withdraw or qualify the rating of all classes or any class of Covered Bonds based on such notification may be made at the sole discretion of the Rating Agency at any time, including after the relevant action has been taken.

Where, after the Programme Date, a particular matter such as that referred to in the preceding paragraph or any other matter involves the Rating Agency being requested a prior Rating Affirmation, the Rating Agency, at its sole discretion, may or may not give such affirmation. It should be noted that, 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 the Rating Agency cannot provide the relevant affirmation in the time available or at



all and it will not be held responsible for the consequences thereof. Any affirmation received from the Rating Agency, 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 part since the Programme Date. Furthermore, in the event that the Rating Agency gives a Rating Affirmation, this will be on the basis of full and timely receipt by the relevant Bondholders of interest on the Covered Bonds and the likelihood of receipt of principal of the Covered Bonds by the relevant Final Maturity Date. There is no assurance that after any such affirmation, the then current rating of the Covered Bonds will continue for any period of time or that it will not be reviewed, revised, suspended or withdrawn entirely by the Rating Agency for any of the reasons specified above in relation to the original rating of the Covered Bonds. As such an affirmation of the rating of the Covered Bonds by the Rating Agency is not a representation or warranty that, as a result of a particular matter, the interest and principal due under the Covered Bonds will be paid or repaid in full and when due.

Agencies other than the Rating Agency could seek to rate the Covered Bonds and if such unsolicited ratings are lower than the comparable rating assigned to the Covered Bonds by the Rating Agency, those unsolicited ratings could have an adverse effect on the value and the marketability of the Covered Bonds. For the avoidance of doubt and unless the context otherwise requires, any references to "ratings" or "rating" in this Base Prospectus are to rating assigned by the specified Rating Agency only.

#### *Implementation of Basel II Risk-Weighted Asset Framework*

In June 1999, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (the "**Basel Committee**") issued proposals for the reform of the 1988 Basel Capital Accord and proposed a new capital adequacy framework which would place enhanced emphasis on risk sensitivity and market discipline. On 26 June 2004, the Basel Committee published a new Capital Accord under the title "Basel II International Convergence of Capital Measurement and Capital Standards: a Revised Framework" ("**Basel II**"), an updated version of which was published in November 2005. Basel II has been implemented into the EU legislation through the directives no. 2006/48 and no. 2006/49 (the "**Capital Requirements Directives**") both dated 14 June 2006. In France, the provisions of the Capital Requirements Directives providing for a new solvency ratio have been implemented through the *arrêtés* dated 20 February 2007 and the *ordonnance* dated 19 April 2007.

This implementation has brought about many substantial changes to the current system of capital requirements, prudential oversight and risk-management systems, including those of the Issuer. The direction and the magnitude of the impact of Basel II obviously depend on the particular asset structure of each bank and its precise impact on the Issuer cannot be quantified with certainty at this time. The Issuer may operate its business in ways that may be less profitable than its present operation in complying with the new guidelines resulting from the transposition of the Capital Requirements Directives.

In addition, the implementation of Basel II could affect the risk weighting of the Covered Bonds in respect of certain investors if those investors are subject to the new guidelines resulting from the implementation of the Capital Requirements Directives. Accordingly, recipients of this Base Prospectus should consult their own advisers as to the consequences and effects the implementation of the Capital Requirements Directives could have on them.

#### *Forecasts and estimates*

Estimates of the weighted average lives of the Covered Bonds contained in this Base Prospectus, together with any other projections, forecasts and estimates in this Base Prospectus are forward-looking statements. Such projections are speculative in nature and it can be expected that some or all of the assumptions underlying the projections will not prove to be wholly correct or will vary from actual results. Consequently, the actual results might differ from the projections and such differences might be significant.

### **Risks related to the market generally**

#### *Market value of the Covered Bonds*

The market value of the Covered Bonds will be affected by the creditworthiness of the Issuer and a number of additional factors, including the value of the reference assets or an index, including, but not limited to, the volatility of the reference assets or an index, or the dividend on the securities taken up in the index, market interest and yield rates and the time remaining to the maturity date.

#### *The secondary market generally*

Covered Bonds may have no established trading market when issued, and one may never develop. If a market does develop, it may not be liquid. Therefore, investors may not be able to sell their Covered Bonds easily or at prices that will provide them with a yield comparable to similar investments that have a developed secondary market. 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 have an adverse effect on the market value of Covered Bonds.

In addition, Bondholders should be aware of the prevailing and widely reported global credit market conditions (which continue at the date of this Base Prospectus), whereby there is a general lack of liquidity in the secondary market for instruments similar to the Covered Bonds. Such lack of liquidity may result in investors suffering losses on the Covered Bonds in secondary resales even if there is no decline in the credit strength of the Issuer or the performance of the Collateral Security Assets. The Issuer cannot predict when these circumstances will change and if and when they do whether there will be a more liquid market for the Covered Bonds and instruments similar to the Covered Bonds at that time.

*Exchange rate risks and exchange controls*

The Issuer will pay principal and interest on the Covered Bonds in the Specified Currency. 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 the Specified Currency. These include the risk that exchange rates may significantly change (including changes due to devaluation of the Specified Currency 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 Specified Currency would decrease (1) the Investor's Currency-equivalent yield on the Covered Bonds, (2) the Investor's Currency-equivalent value of the principal payable on the Covered Bonds and (3) the Investor's Currency-equivalent market value of the Covered Bonds.

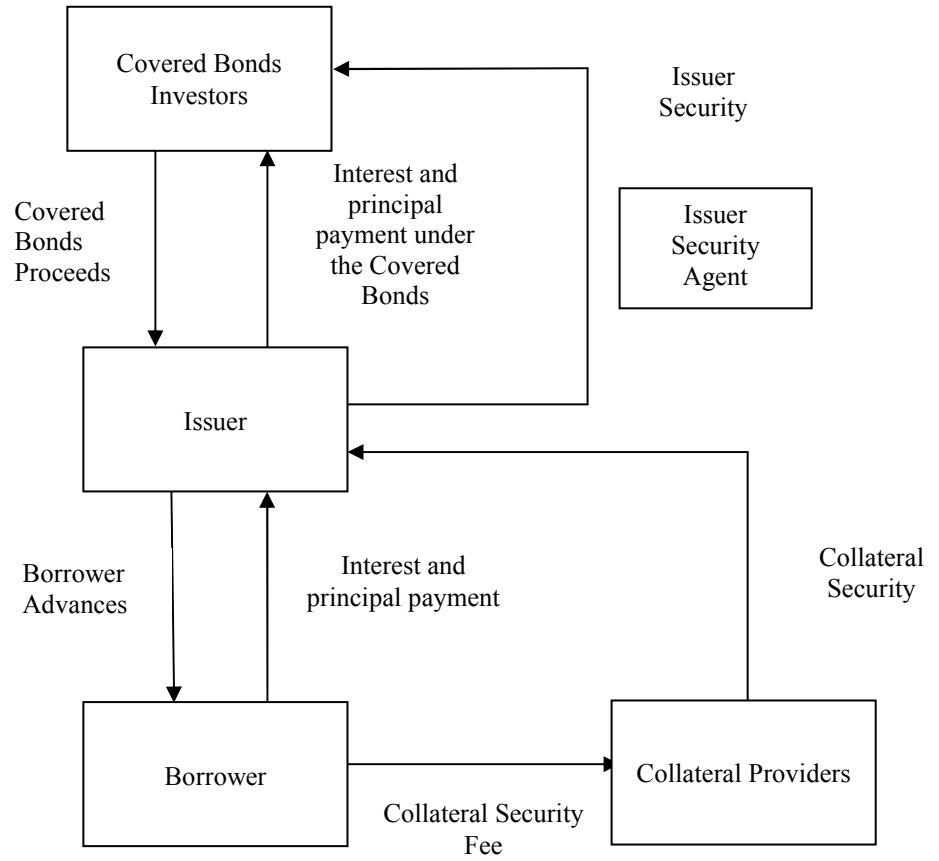
Government and monetary authorities may impose (as some have done in the past) exchange controls that could adversely affect an applicable exchange rate. As a result, investors may receive less interest or principal than expected, or no interest or principal.

*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.

*Legal investment considerations may restrict certain investments*

The investment activities of certain investors are subject to investment laws and regulations, or review or regulation by certain authorities. Each prospective investor should consult its legal advisers to determine whether and to what extent (1) Covered Bonds are legal investments for it, (2) Covered Bonds can be used as collateral for various types of borrowing and (3) other restrictions apply to its purchase or pledge of any Covered Bonds. Financial institutions should consult their legal advisors or the appropriate regulators to determine the appropriate treatment of Covered Bonds under any applicable risk-based capital or similar rules.

**STRUCTURE DIAGRAM – PRINCIPAL PROGRAMME PARTIES****Structure Diagram**

### Principal Programme Parties

The following list does not purport to be complete and is qualified in all respects by the remainder of the Base Prospectus.

<b>Issuer:</b>	Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Covered Bonds
<b>Administrator:</b>	Crédit Mutuel Arkéa
<b>Borrower:</b>	Crédit Mutuel Arkéa
<b>Collateral Providers:</b>	Crédit Mutuel Arkéa and/or Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Group's Entities
<b>Collateral Security Agent:</b>	Crédit Mutuel Arkéa
<b>Cash Collateral Provider:</b>	Crédit Mutuel Arkéa
<b>Arranger:</b>	NATIXIS
<b>Permanent Dealers:</b>	NATIXIS and Crédit Mutuel Arkéa
<b>Bondholders Representative:</b>	BNP Paribas Securities Services
<b>Issuer Security Agent:</b>	BNP Paribas Securities Services
<b>Fiscal Agent, Calculation Agent, Principal Paying Agent, Paris Paying Agent in respect of the French law Covered Bonds:</b>	BNP Paribas Securities Services
<b>Luxembourg Listing Agent in respect of the French law Covered Bonds:</b>	BNP Paribas Securities Services, Luxembourg Branch
<b>Rating Agency:</b>	Standard & Poor's
<b>Issuer Calculation Agent:</b>	Crédit Mutuel Arkéa
<b>Issuer Accounts Bank:</b>	Crédit Mutuel Arkéa
<b>Asset Monitor:</b>	Deloitte & Associés

## DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

This Base Prospectus shall be read and construed in conjunction with the following documents which have been previously or simultaneously published and filed with the CSSF and which are incorporated in, and shall be deemed to form part of, this Base Prospectus:

- the English language version of the financial statements of the Issuer as at, and for the six-month period ended, 30 June 2010 (the "**2010 Interim Financial Statements**") and the auditors' report thereon (together with the 2010 Interim Financial Statements, the "**2010 Interim Financial Information**");
- the English language version of the financial statements of the Issuer as at, and for the year ended, 31 December 2009 (the "**2009 Financial Statements**") and the auditors' report thereon (together with the 2009 Financial Statements, the "**2009 Financial Information**"); and
- the English language version of the financial statements of the Issuer as at, and for the year ended, 31 December 2008 (the "**2008 Financial Statements**") and the auditors' report thereon (together with the 2008 Financial Statements, the "**2008 Financial Information**").

The documents incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus may be obtained, without charge on request, at the principal office of the Issuer and the Paying Agents set out at the end of this Base Prospectus during normal business hours so long as any of the Covered Bonds are outstanding. Such documents will be published on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)).

The information incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus shall be read in connection with the cross reference list below. Any information not listed in the cross reference list but included in the documents incorporated by reference is given for information purposes only.

### Cross-reference list

INFORMATION INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (Annex VII of the European Regulation 809/2004/EC)	REFERENCE
<b>8. FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ISSUER'S ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, FINANCIAL POSITION AND PROFITS AND LOSSES</b>	
<b><u>8.2 Historical financial information</u></b>	
<i>2010 Interim Financial Information</i>	
- <b>Balance sheet</b>	Page 1 of the 2010 Interim Financial Statements
- <b>Income statements</b>	Page 2 of the 2010 Interim Financial Statements
- <b>Notes</b>	Pages 3 to 7 of the 2010 Interim Financial Statements
- <b>Auditor's report relating to the above</b>	2010 interim statutory auditors' report (separate document)
<i>2009 Financial Information</i>	
- <b>Balance sheet</b>	Page 1 of the 2009 Financial Statements
- <b>Income statements</b>	Page 2 of the 2009 Financial Statements
- <b>Notes</b>	Pages 3 to 7 of the 2009 Financial Statements
- <b>Auditor's report relating to the above</b>	2009 statutory auditors' report (separate document)

<b>INFORMATION INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE</b> (Annex VII of the European Regulation 809/2004/EC)	<b>REFERENCE</b>
<i>2008 Financial Information</i>	
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- <b>Auditor's report relating to the above</b>	2008 statutory auditors' report (separate document)

## SUPPLEMENT TO THE BASE PROSPECTUS

In connection with Covered Bonds admitted to trading on a Regulated Market, unless the Issuer does not intend to issue Covered Bonds under the Programme for the time being, if at any time during the duration of the Programme there is a significant change affecting any matter contained in this base prospectus (the "**Base Prospectus**"), including any modification of the terms and conditions or generally any significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information included in this Base Prospectus which is capable of affecting the assessment of any Covered Bonds, which inclusion would reasonably be required by investors, and would reasonably be expected by them to be found in this Base Prospectus for the purpose of making an informed assessment of the assets and liabilities, financial position, profits and losses and prospects of the Issuer and the rights attaching to the Covered Bonds, the Issuer shall prepare a supplement to the Base Prospectus in accordance with Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive or publish a replacement Base Prospectus for use in connection with any subsequent offering of the Covered Bonds, submit such supplement to the Base Prospectus to the *Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier* in Luxembourg for approval and supply each Dealer, the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and the *Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier* in Luxembourg with such number of copies of such supplement to the Base Prospectus as may reasonably be requested.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE FRENCH LAW COVERED BONDS

*The following is the text of the terms and conditions that, as supplemented in accordance with the provisions of the relevant Final Terms, shall be applicable to the French law Covered Bonds. In this section, "Covered Bonds" will include French law Covered Bonds only. In the case of Dematerialised Covered Bonds, the text of the terms and conditions will not be endorsed on physical documents of title but will be constituted by the following text as supplemented by the relevant Final Terms. In the case of Materialised Covered Bonds, either (i) the full text of these terms and conditions together with the relevant provisions of the Final Terms (and subject to simplification by the deletion of non-applicable provisions) or (ii) these terms and conditions as so supplemented shall be endorsed on Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds. All capitalised terms that are not defined in these Conditions will have the meanings given to them in the relevant Final Terms. References in the Conditions to "Covered Bonds" are to the Covered Bonds of one Series only, not to all Covered Bonds that may be issued under the Programme.*

The Covered Bonds are issued outside France by Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Covered Bonds (the "**Issuer**") in series (each a "**Series**") having one or more issue dates and on terms otherwise identical (or identical save as to the first payment of interest), the Covered Bonds of each Series being intended to be interchangeable with all other Covered Bonds of that Series. Each Series may be issued in tranches (each a "**Tranche**") on the same or different issue dates. The specific terms of each Tranche (including, without limitation, the nominal amount, issue price, redemption price thereof, and interest, if any, payable thereunder and supplemented, where necessary, with supplemental terms and conditions which, save in respect of the issue date, issue price, first payment of interest and nominal amount of the Tranche, will be identical to the terms of other Tranches of the same Series) will be determined by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) at the time of the issue and will be set out in the final terms of such Tranche (the "**Final Terms**").

The Covered Bonds are issued with the benefit of an amended and restated agency agreement dated 22 December 2010 (the "**Agency Agreement**") entered into between the Issuer, BNP Paribas Securities Services as fiscal agent and principal paying agent and the other agents named therein. The fiscal agent, the paying agents and the calculation agent(s) for the time being (if any) are referred to below respectively as the "**Fiscal Agent**", the "**Paying Agents**" (which expression shall include the Fiscal Agent) and the "**Calculation Agent(s)**". The holders of the interest coupons (the "**Coupons**") relating to interest bearing Materialised Covered Bonds and, where applicable in the case of such Covered Bonds, talons (the "**Talons**") for further Coupons and the holders of the receipts for the payment of instalments of principal (the "**Receipts**") relating to Materialised Covered Bonds of which the principal is redeemable in instalments are respectively referred to below as the "**Couponholders**" and the "**Receiptholders**".

References below to "**Conditions**" are, unless the context requires otherwise, to the numbered paragraphs below.

### 1. Definitions

"**Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Group**" means Crédit Mutuel Arkéa and the Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Group's Entities.

"**Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Group's Entity**" means any CM Entity and/or BPE.

"**Bondholder**" or, as the case may be, "holder of any Covered Bond" means (a) in the case of Dematerialised Covered Bonds, the individual or entity whose name appears in the account of the relevant Account Holder, the Issuer or the Registration Agent (as the case may be) as being entitled to such Covered Bonds; (b) in the case of Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds, the bearer of any Definitive Materialised Covered Bond and the Coupons, Receipts or Talons relating to it; and (c) in the case of Materialised Covered Bonds in respect of which a Temporary Global Certificate has been issued and is outstanding, each person (other than a clearing institution) who appears as the holder of such Covered Bonds or of a particular nominal amount of interests in such Covered Bonds, in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations and with the applicable rules and procedure of any relevant clearing institution including, without limitation, Euroclear France, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as appropriate.



**"Borrower Debt"** means the Borrower's indebtedness outstanding from time to time under the Borrower Facility.

**"BPE"** means Banque Privée Européenne, a French *société anonyme*, duly licensed as a French credit institution (*établissement de crédit*), registered in the *Registre du commerce et des sociétés* of Paris under number 384 282 968 and having its registered office at 62 rue du Louvre, 75008 Paris, France.

**"Crédit Mutuel Arkéa"** means Crédit Mutuel Arkéa, a French *société anonyme coopérative de crédit à capital variable*, duly licensed as a French credit institution (*établissement de crédit*), registered in the *Registre du commerce et des sociétés* of Brest under number 775 577 018 and having its registered office at 1 rue Louis Lichou, 29480 Le Relecq Kerhuon, France.

**"CM Entity"** means any *Caisse de Crédit Mutuel* (within the meaning of Articles L.512-55 *et seq.* of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*)) which is affiliated to the *Fédération de Crédit Mutuel de Bretagne*, the *Fédération de Crédit Mutuel du Sud-Ouest* or the *Fédération de Crédit Mutuel du Massif Central*.

**"Closing Date"** means the date of the issuance of the first Series of Covered Bonds (including German law Covered Bonds) by the Issuer.

**"EEA"** means the European Economic Area.

**"Issuer Event of Default"** means the occurrence of any of the following events:

- (a) at any relevant time following the service of a Borrower Enforcement Notice (as defined in section **"The Borrower and the Borrower Facility Agreement – The Borrower Facility Agreement"** of this Base Prospectus), a Breach of Amortisation Test (as defined in section **"Asset Monitoring"** of this Base Prospectus) occurs; or
- (b) the Issuer is in default in the payment of principal of, or interest on, any Covered Bond (including the payment of any additional amounts mentioned in Condition 9) when due and payable, unless such default has arisen by reason of technical default or error and payment is made within five (5) Business Days of the due date thereof; or
- (c) the Issuer is in default in the performance or observance of any of its other material obligations under any Covered Bond and such default has not been cured within thirty (30) days after the receipt by the Fiscal Agent (with copy to the Issuer) of the written notice of such default by (i) in the case of any French Law Covered Bond, the Representative, and (ii) in the case of any German Law Covered Bond, a Bondholder, requiring such default to be remedied and indicating that this provision may be invoked if it is not so remedied; or
- (d) any other present or future indebtedness of the Issuer (including any Covered Bonds of any other Series (including German law Covered Bonds)) becomes or becomes capable of being declared due and payable prior to its stated maturity as a result of a default thereunder, or any such indebtedness shall not be paid when due or, as the case may be, within any originally applicable grace period therefore or any steps shall be taken to enforce any security in respect of any such indebtedness or any guarantee or indemnity given by the Issuer for, or in respect of, any such indebtedness of others shall not be honoured when due and called upon (a **"Covered Bonds Cross Acceleration Event"**); or
- (e) an order is made or an effective resolution passed for the liquidation or winding up of the Issuer (except in the case of a liquidation or winding up for the purpose of a reconstruction, amalgamation, merger or following the transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer, the terms of which have previously been approved by the Majority Bondholders of all Series for which Covered Bonds or, if applicable, any Receipts or Coupons relating to them, are Outstanding, and such liquidation or winding up being subject to prior Rating Affirmation); or
- (f) the Issuer makes any proposal for a general moratorium in relation to its debt or applies for, or is subject to, the appointment of a *mandataire ad hoc* or has applied to enter into a conciliation procedure (*procédure de conciliation*) or a judgement is issued for the judicial liquidation (*liquidation judiciaire*) or the transfer of the whole or part of the business (*cession totale ou partielle de l'entreprise*) of the Issuer or, to the extent permitted by applicable law, if the Issuer is subject to any other insolvency or bankruptcy proceedings or makes any conveyance, assignment or other arrangement for the benefit of its creditors or enters into a composition with its creditors; or

- (g) the Issuer ceases to carry on all or a material part of its business (except in the case of a cessation for the purpose of a reconstruction, amalgamation, merger or following the transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer, in each case the terms of which have previously been approved by the Majority Bondholders of all Series for which Covered Bonds (including German Law Covered Bonds) or, if applicable, any Receipts or Coupons relating to them, are Outstanding and such liquidation or winding up being subject to prior Rating Affirmation); or
- (h) upon the occurrence of a Hedging Rating Trigger Event (as defined in section "**The Hedging Strategy**" of this Base Prospectus), the Issuer (or the Administrator on its behalf) fails to enter into (i) appropriate Issuer Hedging Agreements and related Issuer Hedging Transactions (as defined in section "**The Hedging Strategy**" of this Base Prospectus) with Eligible Hedging Provider(s) (as defined in section "**The Hedging Strategy**" of this Base Prospectus) or (ii) appropriate Borrower Hedging Agreement(s) and related Borrower Hedging Transaction(s) (as defined in section "**The Hedging Strategy**" of this Base Prospectus) with the Borrower, in each case within thirty (30) Business Days from the occurrence date of such Hedging Rating Trigger Event, as described under the Hedging Strategy (as defined in section "**The Hedging Strategy**" of this Base Prospectus).

**"Majority Bondholders"** means (i) in relation to any Series of Covered Bonds, a decision of the General Meeting (as defined in Condition 12 of the Terms and Conditions) of such Series taken in accordance with Condition 12(e) of the Terms and Conditions and (ii) in relation to German law Covered Bonds, an approval of one or more German law Bondholders holding at least two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of the then outstanding principal amount of such German law Covered Bonds.

**"Outstanding"** means, in relation to Covered Bonds of any Series, all the Covered Bonds (including German law Covered Bonds) issued other than (a) those that have been redeemed in accordance with these Conditions, (b) those in respect of which the date for redemption has occurred and the redemption moneys (including all interest accrued on such Covered Bonds to the date for such redemption and any interest payable after such date) have been duly paid as provided in Condition 8 of the Terms and Conditions, (c) those which have become void or in respect of which claims have become prescribed, (d) those which have been purchased and cancelled as provided in these Conditions, (e) in the case of Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds (i) those mutilated or defaced Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds that have been surrendered in exchange for replacement Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds, (ii) (for the purpose only of determining how many such Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds are outstanding and without prejudice to their status for any other purpose) those Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed and in respect of which replacement Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds have been issued and (iii) any Temporary Global Certificate to the extent that it shall have been exchanged for one or more Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds, pursuant to its provisions.

**"Payment Date"** means, with respect to a Series or Tranche of Covered Bonds, the payment date of any principal or interest amount applicable to the Issuer and specified as such in the relevant Final Terms of the Covered Bonds.

**"Programme Date"** means the date of this Base Prospectus.

**"Programme Documents"** means:

- (a) the Shareholder Letter of Undertaking (see "**the Issuer – Issuer Share capital, Subordinated Loans and Issuer Majority Shareholder's undertakings**");
- (b) the Subordinated Loan agreements (see "**the Issuer – Issuer Share capital, Subordinated Loans and Issuer Majority Shareholder's undertakings**") to be entered into, from time to time, after the Closing Date;
- (c) the Administrative Agreement (see "**the Issuer – The Administrative Agreement**");
- (d) the *Convention d'Externalisation et de Mise à Disposition de Moyens* (see "**the Issuer – Issuer Risk Management**");
- (e) the Issuer Accounts Agreement (see "**the Issuer – The Issuer Accounts Agreement**");
- (f) the Terms and Conditions;
- (g) the Agency Agreement (including the Terms and Conditions of the German law Covered Bonds);

- (h) the Dealer Agreement (see "**Subscription and Sale**");
- (i) the Issuer Security Agreements (see "**The Issuer Security**");
- (j) the Borrower Facility Agreement (see "**The Borrower and the Borrower Facility Agreement – The Borrower Facility Agreement**");
- (k) the Collateral Security Agreement (see "**The Collateral Security – The Collateral Security Agreement**");
- (l) the Cash Collateral Agreement (see "**The Collateral Security – The Cash Collateral Agreement**");
- (m) the Calculation Services Agreement (see "**Asset Monitoring – The Calculation Services Agreement**");
- (n) the Asset Monitor Agreement and the engagement letter of the Asset Monitor (see "**Asset Monitoring – The Asset Monitor Agreement**");
- (o) the Master Definitions and Construction Agreement, provided for the definitions of defined terms used under some other Programme Documents;
- (p) the Hedging Approved Form Letter (see "**The Hedging Strategy**"); and
- (q) the Hedging Agreement(s) (if any) (see "**The Hedging Strategy**").

**"Rating Affirmation"** means, with respect to any specified action, determination or appointment, receipt by the Issuer (and sent to the relevant Representative) of written confirmation from the Rating Agency, for so long as any Covered Bonds are rated by the Rating Agency, that such specified action, determination or appointment will not result in a downgrading, or withdrawal, of the ratings then assigned to the Covered Bonds.

**"Rating Agency"** means Standard and Poor's Ratings Services ("**S&P**").

**"Regulated Market"** means a regulated market (within the meaning of Directive 2004/39/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council dated 21 April 2004, as amended from time to time) within the EEA.

**"Representative Consent"** means, with respect to any specified action, determination or appointment, receipt by the Issuer of (i) written confirmation of consent of 2/3 of the holders of each Series of Outstanding German Law Covered Bonds, as described in the Agency Agreement, and (ii) written confirmation of consent of the Representative (acting upon instructions of the Majority Bondholders of the relevant Series of Outstanding French Law Covered Bonds), in each case to such proposed action, determination or appointment.

**"Signing Date"** means 5 December 2008.

## 2. Form, Denomination, Title and Redenomination

### (a) Form

Covered Bonds may be issued either in dematerialised form ("**Dematerialised Covered Bonds**") or in materialised form ("**Materialised Covered Bonds**"), as specified in the relevant Final Terms.

- (i) Title to Dematerialised Covered Bonds will be evidenced in accordance with Articles L.211-3 *et seq.* of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) by book entries (*inscriptions en compte*). No physical document of title (including *certificats représentatifs* pursuant to Article R.211-7 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*)) will be issued in respect of the Dematerialised Covered Bonds.

Dematerialised Covered Bonds are issued, at the option of the Issuer, in either bearer form (*au porteur*), which will be inscribed in the books of Euroclear France (acting as central depository) which shall credit the accounts of the Account Holders, or in registered form (*au nominatif*) and, in such latter case, at the option of the relevant holder in either administered registered form (*nominatif administré*) inscribed in the books of an Account Holder designated by the relevant holder of Covered Bonds or in fully registered form (*au nominatif pur*) inscribed in an account maintained by the Issuer or a registration agent

(designated in the relevant Final Terms) acting on behalf of the Issuer (the "**Registration Agent**").

For the purpose of these Conditions, "**Account Holder**" means any authorised intermediary institution entitled to hold accounts, directly or indirectly, with Euroclear France, and includes Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. ("**Euroclear**") and Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme* ("**Clearstream, Luxembourg**").

- (ii) Materialised Covered Bonds are issued in bearer form only. Materialised Covered Bonds in definitive form ("**Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds**") are serially numbered and are issued with Coupons (and, where appropriate, a Talon) attached, save in the case of Zero Coupon Covered Bonds in which case references to interest (other than in relation to interest due after the Final Maturity Date), Coupons and Talons in these Conditions are not applicable. Instalment Covered Bonds are issued with one or more Receipts attached.

In accordance with Articles L.211-3 *et seq.* of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), securities (such as Covered Bonds constituting obligations under French law) in materialised form and governed by French law must be issued outside the French territory.

The Covered Bonds may be "**Fixed Rate Covered Bonds**", "**Floating Rate Covered Bonds**", "**Zero Coupon Covered Bonds**", "**Dual Currency Covered Bonds**" or a combination of any of the foregoing, depending on the Interest Basis and the redemption method specified in the relevant Final Terms. Subject to prior Rating Affirmation, the Issuer may issue Covered Bonds which are "**Index Linked Covered Bonds**".

**(b) Denomination**

Covered Bonds shall be issued in the specified denomination(s) set out in the relevant Final Terms (the "**Specified Denomination(s)**"), save that the minimum denomination of each Covered Bond admitted to trading on a Regulated Market in circumstances which require the publication of a prospectus under the Prospectus Directive will be of €50,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency) or such higher amount as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant monetary authority or any laws or regulations applicable to the relevant Specified Currency.

Dematerialised Covered Bonds shall be issued in one (1) Specified Denomination only.

**(c) Title**

- (i) Title to Dematerialised Covered Bonds in bearer form (*au porteur*) and in administered registered form (*au nominatif administré*) shall pass upon, and transfer of such Covered Bonds may only be effected through, registration of the transfer in the accounts of the Account Holders. Title to Dematerialised Covered Bonds in fully registered form (*au nominatif pur*) shall pass upon, and transfer of such Covered Bonds may only be effected through, registration of the transfer in the accounts maintained by the Issuer or by the Registration Agent.
- (ii) Title to Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds, including, where appropriate, Receipt(s), Coupons and/or a Talon attached, shall pass by delivery.
- (iii) Except as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or as required by law, the holder of any Covered Bond (as defined below), Coupon, Receipt or Talon shall be deemed to be and may be treated as its absolute owner for all purposes, whether or not it is overdue and regardless of any notice of ownership, or an interest in it, any writing on it or its theft or loss and no person shall be liable for so treating the holder.

**(d) Redenomination**

The Issuer may (if so specified in the relevant Final Terms), on any date, without the consent of the holder of any Covered Bond, Coupon, Receipt or Talon, by giving at least thirty (30) days' notice in accordance with Condition 17 and on or after the date on which the European Member State in whose national currency the Covered Bonds are denominated has become a participating Member State in the single currency of the European Economic and Monetary Union (as provided in the Treaty establishing the European Community (the "**EC**", as amended from time to time (the "**Treaty**")) or events have occurred which have substantially the same effects (in either case, "**EMU**"), redenominate all, but not some only, of the Covered Bonds of any Series into Euro and adjust the aggregate principal

amount and the Specified Denomination(s) set out in the relevant Final Terms accordingly, as more fully described in the relevant Final Terms.

**(e) Method of Issue**

The Covered Bonds will be issued on a syndicated or non-syndicated basis. The Covered Bonds will be issued in series (each a "**Series**") having one or more issue dates and on terms otherwise identical (or identical other than in respect of the first payment of interest), the Covered Bonds of each Series being intended to be interchangeable with all other Covered Bonds of that Series. Each Series may be issued in tranches (each a "**Tranche**") on the same or different issue dates. The specific terms of each Tranche (which will be supplemented, where necessary, with supplemental terms and conditions and, save in respect of the issue date, issue price, first payment of interest and nominal amount of the Tranche, will be identical to the terms of other Tranches of the same Series) will be set out in the relevant Final Terms.

**3. Conversions and Exchanges of Covered Bonds**

**(a) Dematerialised Covered Bonds**

- (i) Dematerialised Covered Bonds issued in bearer form (*au porteur*) may not be converted for Dematerialised Covered Bonds in registered form, whether in fully registered form (*au nominatif pur*) or in administered registered form, (*au nominatif administré*).
- (ii) Dematerialised Covered Bonds issued in registered form (*au nominatif*) may not be converted for Dematerialised Covered Bonds in bearer form (*au porteur*).
- (iii) Dematerialised Covered Bonds issued in fully registered form (*au nominatif pur*) may, at the option of the holder of such Covered Bonds, be converted into Covered Bonds in administered registered form (*au nominatif administré*), and vice versa. The exercise of any such option by such holder shall be made in accordance with Article R.211-4 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*). Any such conversion shall be effected at the cost of such holder.

**(b) Materialised Covered Bonds**

Materialised Covered Bonds of one (1) Specified Denomination may not be exchanged for Materialised Covered Bonds of another Specified Denomination.

**4. Status**

The Covered Bonds, and, where applicable, any relative Coupons and Receipts are direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and secured (in accordance with the provisions of Condition 5(b)) obligations of the Issuer and rank and will rank *pari passu* without any preference among themselves and (subject to such exceptions as are from time to time mandatory under French law and to the provisions of Condition 5(b)) at least *pari passu* with all other present or future unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer (including the German law Covered Bonds).

**5. Covenants**

So long as any of the Covered Bonds or, if applicable, any Receipts or Coupons relating to them, is Outstanding:

**(a) Negative Pledge**

Except in accordance with Condition 5(b), the Issuer will not create or permit to subsist any mortgage, charge, pledge or other form of security interest (*sûreté réelle*) upon any of its assets or revenues, present or future, to secure any Relevant Undertaking (as defined below) of, or guaranteed by, the Issuer unless, at the same time or prior thereto, the Issuer's obligations under the Covered Bonds, and, if applicable, Receipts or Coupons relating to them, are equally and rateably secured therewith;

where "**Relevant Undertaking**" means any present or future (i) indebtedness for borrowed money or (ii) undertaking in relation to interest or currency swap transactions.

**(b) Security**

The Bondholders shall benefit from the following security (the "**Issuer Security**"):

- (i) the pledge of the Issuer Accounts granted pursuant to an accounts pledge agreement dated the Signing Date and made between the Issuer in its capacity as pledgor, Crédit Mutuel Arkéa in its capacity as Administrator and BNP Paribas Securities Services acting in the name and on behalf of the Bondholders or in the name and on behalf of the *Masses* of the Bondholders, in their capacity as beneficiaries under the pledge (the "**Issuer Accounts Pledge Agreement**"), and
- (ii) the pledge of the Borrower Facility Receivables granted pursuant to a receivables pledge agreement dated the Signing Date and made between the Issuer in its capacity as pledgor, Crédit Mutuel Arkéa in its capacity as Administrator and BNP Paribas Securities Services acting in the name and on behalf of the Bondholders or in the name and on behalf of the *Masses* of the Bondholders, in their capacity as beneficiaries under the pledge (the "**Issuer Receivables Pledge Agreement**" and, together with the Issuer Accounts Pledge Agreement, "**Issuer Security Agreements**").

Bondholders are deemed to have notice of the provisions of the Issuer Security Agreements. Certain statements in the Conditions and under sections "**The Issuer Security – The Issuer Accounts Pledge Agreement**" and "**Issuer Security – The Issuer Receivables Pledge Agreement**" of this Base Prospectus are summaries of the detailed provisions of the Issuer Security Agreements, copies of which are available for inspection at the specified office of the Paying Agents.

As more fully described in the Issuer Security Agreements, upon the issue of further Series of Covered Bonds on each issue date after the Closing Date, the existing Issuer Security securing the repayment of all and any amount owed in respect of the then Outstanding Covered Bonds will be (a) released by the Issuer Security Agent and (b) re-taken by the Issuer Security Agent, as security for the repayment of all and any amount owed in respect of the then Outstanding Covered Bonds and the new Series of Covered Bonds issued on such issue date.

As more fully described in the Issuer Security Agreements, the subscription or purchase of Covered Bonds results by force of law in the (i) acceptance that all the Bondholders of any Series, present or future, will benefit *pari passu* from the Issuer Security provided under the Issuer Security Agreements and any Issuer Accounts Pledge Agreement Deed of Retake or any Receivables Pledge Agreement Deed of Retake (as such terms are defined in the Issuer Security Agreements) and (ii) appointment of the Issuer Security Agent as agent in order to manage the Issuer Security in their name and on their behalf.

The Bondholders will share the benefit of the Security with the holders of any German law Covered Bond.

Bondholders may be required to pay a *soulte* in the event they decide to enforce the Issuer Security over the Issuer Securities Accounts by attribution of the securities rather than by a sale of the securities in a public auction, pursuant to the Issuer Accounts Pledge Agreement.

**(c) Limitation on Indebtedness**

The Issuer undertakes not to incur any indebtedness other than as contemplated by the Programme Documents unless:

- (i) such indebtedness is fully subordinated to the outstanding indebtedness incurred in relation to the Covered Bonds, as the case may be; or
- (ii) prior Rating Affirmation has been delivered in relation to such indebtedness.

**(d) Restrictions on mergers or reorganisations**

The Issuer undertakes not to enter into any merger, re-organisation or similar transaction without prior Representative Consent and Rating Affirmation.

**(e) Separateness covenants**

The Issuer undertakes (except as permitted under the Programme Documents or the Issuer's by-laws):

- (i) to maintain books and records separate from any other person or entity;
- (ii) to maintain its accounts separate from those of any other person or entity;

- (iii) not to commingle assets with those of any other entity;
- (iv) to conduct its own business in its own name;
- (v) to maintain separate financial statements;
- (vi) to pay its own liabilities out of its own funds;
- (vii) to observe all corporate, partnership or other formalities required by its constituting documents;
- (viii) not to guarantee or to become obligated for the debts of any other entity or to hold out its credit as being available to satisfy the obligations of others;
- (ix) not to acquire capital shares of its partners or shareholders;
- (x) to use its own separate stationery, invoices and cheques;
- (xi) to hold itself out as a separate entity;
- (xii) not to have any employees;
- (xiii) not to voluntarily wind up; and
- (xiv) to correct any known misunderstanding regarding its separate identity.

**(f) Amortisation Test**

Following the enforcement of a Borrower Event of Default subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the Borrower Facility Agreement, the Issuer undertakes to comply with the Amortisation Test. For the purposes hereof, the terms of section "**Asset Monitoring**" of this Base Prospectus are incorporated in this Condition 5(f).

**(g) Hedging Strategy**

Upon the occurrence of a Hedging Rating Trigger Event, and, as applicable, upon the occurrence of any Borrower Event of Default, the Issuer undertakes to take all reasonable steps to implement the Hedging Strategy as described under section "**Hedging Strategy**" of this Base Prospectus.

**(h) Programme Documents**

Subject to the qualifications described in the relevant Programme Document(s) to which it is a party, the Issuer undertakes that no amendment, modification, alteration or supplement shall be made to any Programme Document to which it is a party without prior Rating Affirmation if the same materially and adversely affects the interests of the Issuer or the Bondholders.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Issuer may amend, modify, alter or supplement any Programme Document to which it is a party without prior Rating Affirmation:

- (i) to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency;
- (ii) to evidence or effect the transition of any party to any Programme Document to which it is a party to any successor;
- (iii) to add to the undertakings and other obligations of any party (except the Issuer) under any Programme Document to which it is a party; or
- (iv) to comply with any mandatory requirements of applicable laws and regulations.

In addition, the Issuer undertakes that:

- (i) each Programme Document to which the Issuer is or will become a party will include limited recourse language pursuant to which the creditors of the Issuer (including the holders of the Covered Bonds) will agree that their recourse will be limited to the funds that are available to the Issuer at any relevant date; and
- (ii) each Programme Document submitted to French or English law to which the Issuer is or will become a party will also include non-petition language, whereby the creditors of the Issuer (including the holders of the Covered Bonds) will agree not to commence or to join

any proceedings for the insolvency of the Issuer prior to the end of an eighteen (18)-month period and one (1) day after all Covered Bonds have been paid and discharged in full.

**(i) Notification of Issuer Events of Default**

In respect of any Series, the Issuer undertakes to promptly inform the Rating Agency, the Representative and the Administrator of the occurrence of any Issuer Event of Default. Upon receipt of a written request to that effect from the Rating Agency, the Representative or the Administrator, the Issuer shall confirm to the Rating Agency, the Representative and the Administrator that, save as previously notified to each of them or as notified in such confirmation, no Issuer Event of Default has occurred or is continuing.

**(j) No further Issuance**

The Issuer undertakes not to issue any further Covered Bonds (including German law Covered Bonds) under the Programme:

- (i) as from the date a Borrower Enforcement Notice (as defined in section "**The Borrower and the Borrower Facility Agreement – The Borrower Facility Agreement**" of this Base Prospectus) has been served;
- (ii) as from the date an Issuer Enforcement Notice has been served;
- (iii) for so long as a Non-Compliance with Asset Cover Test (as defined in section "**Asset Monitoring**" of this Base Prospectus) has occurred and is not remedied;
- (iv) for so long as a Non-Compliance with Amortisation Test (as defined in section "**Asset Monitoring**" of this Base Prospectus) has occurred and is not remedied; or
- (v) for so long as, regarding the Pre-Maturity Test (as defined in section "**Asset Monitoring**" of this Base Prospectus), a Non-Compliance Notice (as defined in section "**Asset Monitoring**" of this Base Prospectus) has been delivered and is not withdrawn.

**(k) Rating of further Issuance**

Subject to Condition (j) above, the Issuer undertakes that any new further issuance of Covered Bonds will be rated by the Rating Agency.

**6. Interest and other Calculations**

**(a) Definitions**

In these Conditions, unless the context otherwise requires, the following defined terms shall have the meanings set out below:

**"Benchmark"** means the reference rate as set out in the relevant Final Terms.

**"Business Day"** means:

- (i) in the case of Euro, a day on which the Trans European Automated Real Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer payment system (TARGET 2) or any successor thereto (the "**TARGET System**") is operating (a "**TARGET Business Day**"), and/or
- (ii) in the case of a Specified Currency other than Euro, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in the principal financial centre for that currency, and/or
- (iii) in the case of a Specified Currency and/or one or more additional business centre(s) specified in the relevant Final Terms (the "**Business Centre(s)**"), a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in such currency in the Business Centre(s) or, if no currency is indicated, generally in each of the Business Centres so specified.



**"Day Count Fraction"** means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest on any Covered Bond for any period of time (from and including the first day of such period to but excluding the last) (whether or not constituting an Interest Period, the **"Calculation Period"**):

- (i) if **"Actual/365"**, **"Actual/Actual"** or **"Actual/Actual-ISDA"** is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by three hundred and sixty-five (365) (or, if any portion of that Calculation Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (A) the actual number of days in that portion of the Calculation Period falling in a leap year divided by three hundred and sixty-six (366) and (B) the actual number of days in that portion of the Calculation Period falling in a non-leap year divided by three hundred and sixty-five (365);
  - (ii) if **"Actual/Actual-ICMA"** is specified in the relevant Final Terms:
    - (A) if the Calculation Period is equal to or shorter than the Determination Period during which it falls, the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Periods normally ending in any year; and
    - (B) if the Calculation Period is longer than one (1) Determination Period, the sum of:
      - (x) the number of days in such Calculation Period falling in the Determination Period in which it begins divided by the product of (1) the number of days in such Determination Period and (2) the number of Determination Periods normally ending in any year; and
      - (y) the number of days in such Calculation Period falling in the next Determination Period divided by the product of (1) the number of days in such Determination Period and (2) the number of Determination Periods normally ending in any year,
- in each case, where:
- "Determination Period"** means the period from and including a Determination Date in any year to but excluding the next Determination Date, and
- "Determination Date"** means the date specified in the relevant Final Terms or, if none is so specified, the Interest Payment Date;
- (iii) if **"Actual/365 (Fixed)"** is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by three hundred and sixty-five (365);
  - (iv) if **"Actual/360"** is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by three hundred and sixty (360);
  - (v) if **"30/360"**, **"360/360"** or **"Bond Basis"** is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by three hundred and sixty (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 (1<sup>st</sup>) day of the Calculation 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 Calculation Period falls;

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

"D<sub>1</sub>" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Calculation Period, unless such number would be thirty-one (31), in which case D<sub>1</sub> will be thirty (30); and

"D<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period, unless such number would be thirty-one (31) and D<sub>1</sub> is greater than twenty-nine (29), in which case D<sub>2</sub> will be thirty (30);

- (vi) if "**30E/360**" or "**Eurobond Basis**" is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by three hundred and sixty (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 (1<sup>st</sup>) day of the Calculation 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 Calculation Period falls;

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

"D<sub>1</sub>" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Calculation Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February or (ii) such number would be thirty-one (31), in which case D<sub>1</sub> will be thirty (30); and

"D<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February but not the Maturity Date or (ii) such number would be thirty-one (31), in which case D<sub>2</sub> will be thirty (30).

**"Effective Date"** means, with respect to any Floating Rate to be determined on an Interest Determination Date, the date specified as such in the relevant Final Terms or, if none is so specified, the first day of the Interest Accrual Period to which such Interest Determination Date relates.

**"Euro Zone"** means the region comprised of member states of the European Union that have adopted or adopt the single currency in accordance with the Treaty establishing the European Community as amended from time to time.

**"Interest Accrual Period"** means the period beginning on (and including) the Interest Commencement Date and ending on (but excluding) the first Interest Period Date and each successive period beginning on (and including) an Interest Period Date and ending on (but excluding) the next succeeding Interest Period Date.

**"Interest Amount"** means the amount of interest payable, and in the case of Fixed Rate Covered Bonds, means the Fixed Coupon Amount or Broken Amount, as specified in the relevant Final Terms, as the case may be.

**"Interest Commencement Date"** means the Issue Date or such other date as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms.

**"Interest Determination Date"** means, with respect to a Rate of Interest and Interest Accrual Period, the date specified as such in the relevant Final Terms or, if none is so specified, (i) the day falling two (2) TARGET Business Days prior to the first day of such Interest Accrual Period if the Specified Currency is Euro or (ii) the first day of such Interest Accrual Period if the Specified Currency is Sterling or (iii) the day falling two (2) Business Days in the city specified in the Final Terms for the Specified Currency prior to the first day of such Interest Accrual Period if the Specified Currency is neither Sterling nor Euro.

**"Interest Payment Date"** means the date(s) specified in the relevant Final Terms.

**"Interest Period"** means the period beginning on (and including) the Interest Commencement Date and ending on (but excluding) the first Interest Payment Date and each successive period beginning on

(and including) an Interest Payment Date and ending on (but excluding) the next succeeding Interest Payment Date.

**"Interest Period Date"** means each Interest Payment Date unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms.

**"ISDA Definitions"** means the 2006 ISDA Definitions, as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc., unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms.

**"Rate of Interest"** means the rate of interest payable from time to time in respect of the Covered Bonds and that is either specified or calculated in accordance with the provisions in the relevant Final Terms.

**"Reference Banks"** means the institutions specified as such in the relevant Final Terms or, if none, four major banks selected by the Calculation Agent in the interbank market (or, if appropriate, money, swap or over-the-counter index options market) that is most closely connected with the Benchmark (which, if EURIBOR or EONIA is the relevant Benchmark, shall be the Euro-zone, and if LIBOR is the relevant Benchmark, shall be London).

**"Relevant Financial Centre"** means, with respect to any Floating Rate to be determined in accordance with a Screen Rate Determination on an Interest Determination Date, the financial centre as may be specified as such in the relevant Final Terms or, if none is so specified, the financial centre with which the relevant Benchmark is most closely connected (which, in the case of EURIBOR or EONIA, shall be the Euro-zone and in the case of LIBOR, shall be London) or, if none is so connected, Paris.

**"Relevant Date"** means, in respect of any Covered Bond or Coupon, the date on which payment in respect of it first became due or (if any amount of the money payable is improperly withheld or refused) the date on which payment in full of the amount outstanding is made or (in the case of Materialised Covered Bonds if earlier) the date seven (7) days after that on which notice is duly given to the holders of such Materialised Covered Bonds that, upon further presentation of the Materialised Covered Bond, Receipt or Coupon being made in accordance with the Conditions, such payment will be made, provided that payment is in fact made upon such presentation.

**"Relevant Rate"** means the Benchmark for a Representative Amount of the Specified Currency for a period (if applicable or appropriate to the Benchmark) equal to the Specified Duration commencing on the Effective Date.

**"Relevant Time"** means, with respect to any Interest Determination Date, the local time in the Relevant Financial Centre specified in the relevant Final Terms or, if no time is specified, the local time in the Relevant Financial Centre at which it is customary to determine bid and offered rates in respect of deposits in the Specified Currency in the interbank market in the Relevant Financial Centre and for this purpose **"local time"** means, with respect to Europe and the Euro-zone as a Relevant Financial Centre, 11:00 a.m. (Brussels time).

**"Representative Amount"** means, with respect to any Floating Rate to be determined in accordance with a Screen Rate Determination on an Interest Determination Date, the amount specified as such in the relevant Final Terms or, if none is specified, an amount that is representative for a single transaction in the relevant market at the time.

**"Specified Currency"** means the currency specified as such in the relevant Final Terms or, if none is specified, the currency in which the Covered Bonds are denominated.

**"Specified Duration"** means, with respect to any Floating Rate to be determined in accordance with a Screen Rate Determination on an Interest Determination Date, the duration specified in the relevant Final Terms or, if none is specified, a period of time equal to the relative Interest Accrual Period, ignoring any adjustment pursuant to Condition 6(c)(ii).

**(b) Interest on Fixed Rate Covered Bonds**

Each Fixed Rate Covered Bond bears interest on its outstanding nominal amount from the Interest Commencement Date at the rate per annum (expressed as a percentage) equal to the Rate of Interest, such interest being payable in arrear on each Interest Payment Date except as otherwise provided in the relevant Final Terms.

If a fixed amount of interest ("**Fixed Coupon Amount**") or a broken amount of interest ("**Broken Amount**") is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the amount of interest payable on each Interest Payment Date will amount to the Fixed Coupon Amount or, if applicable, the Broken Amount so specified and in the case of the Broken Amount will be payable on the particular Interest Payment Date(s) specified in the relevant Final Terms.

**(c) Interest on Floating Rate Covered Bonds and Index Linked Covered Bonds**

- (i) *Interest Payment Dates:* Each Floating Rate Covered Bond and Index Linked Interest Covered Bond bears interest on its outstanding nominal amount from the Interest Commencement Date at the rate per annum (expressed as a percentage) equal to the Rate of Interest, such interest being payable in arrears on each Interest Payment Date. Such Interest Payment Date(s) is/are either shown in the relevant Final Terms as Specified Interest Payment Dates or, if no Specified Interest Payment Date(s) is/are shown in the relevant Final Terms, Interest Payment Date shall mean each date which falls the number of months or other period shown in the relevant Final Terms as the Specified Period after the preceding Interest Payment Date or, in the case of the first Interest Payment Date, after the Interest Commencement Date.
- (ii) *Business Day Convention:* If any date referred to in these Conditions that is specified to be subject to adjustment in accordance with a Business Day Convention would otherwise fall on a day that is not a Business Day, then, if the Business Day Convention specified is (A) the Floating Rate Business Day Convention, such date shall be postponed to the next day that is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event (x) such date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day and (y) each subsequent such date shall be the last Business Day of the month in which such date would have fallen had it not been subject to adjustment, (B) the Following Business Day Convention, such date shall be postponed to the next day that is a Business Day, (C) the Modified Following Business Day Convention, such date shall be postponed to the next day that is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event such date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day or (D) the Preceding Business Day Convention, such date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the applicable Final Terms specify that the relevant Business Day Convention is to be applied on an "unadjusted" basis, the Interest Amount payable on any date shall not be affected by the application of that Business Day Convention.
- (iii) *Rate of Interest for Floating Rate Covered Bonds:* The Rate of Interest in respect of Floating Rate Covered Bonds for each Interest Accrual Period shall be determined in the manner specified in (i) the relevant Final Terms and/or (ii) the provisions below relating to either ISDA Determination or Screen Rate Determination, depending upon which is specified in the relevant Final Terms.

**(A) ISDA Determination for Floating Rate Covered Bonds**

Where ISDA Determination is specified in the relevant Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Accrual Period shall be determined by the Calculation Agent as a rate equal to the relevant ISDA Rate. For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (A), "**ISDA Rate**" for an Interest Accrual Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rate that would be determined by the Calculation Agent under a 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 relevant Final Terms
- (b) the Designated Maturity is a period specified in the relevant Final Terms and
- (c) the relevant Reset Date is the first day of that Interest Accrual Period unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms.

For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (A), "**Floating Rate**", "**Calculation Agent**", "**Floating Rate Option**", "**Designated Maturity**", "**Reset Date**" and "**Swap Transaction**" have the meanings given to those terms in the ISDA Definitions.

## (B) Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Covered Bonds:

Where Screen Rate Determination is specified in the relevant Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Accrual Period shall be determined by the Calculation Agent at or about the Relevant Time on the Interest Determination Date in respect of such Interest Accrual Period in accordance with the following:

- (1) if the Primary Source for Floating Rate is a Page, subject as provided below, the Rate of Interest shall be:
  - (I) the Relevant Rate (where such Relevant Rate on such Page is a composite quotation or is customarily supplied by one entity); or
  - (II) the arithmetic mean of the Relevant Rates of the persons whose Relevant Rates appear on that Page, in each case appearing on such Page at the Relevant Time on the Interest Determination Date as disclosed in the relevant Final Terms, plus or minus (as indicated in the relevant Final Terms) the Margin (if any); and
- (2) if the Primary Source for the Floating Rate is Reference Banks or if sub-paragraph (1)(I) applies and no Relevant Rate appears on the Page at the Relevant Time on the Interest Determination Date or if sub-paragraph (1)(II) applies and fewer than two (2) Relevant Rates appear on the Page at the Relevant Time on the Interest Determination Date, subject as provided below, the Rate of Interest shall be the arithmetic mean of the Relevant Rates that each of the Reference Banks is quoting to leading banks in the Relevant Financial Centre at the Relevant Time on the Interest Determination Date, as determined by the Calculation Agent, plus or minus (as indicated in the relevant Final Terms) the Margin (if any), and
- (3) if paragraph (2) above applies and the Calculation Agent determines that fewer than two Reference Banks are so quoting Relevant Rates, subject as provided below, the Rate of Interest shall be the arithmetic mean of the rates per annum (expressed as a percentage) that the Calculation Agent determines to be the rates (being the nearest equivalent to the Benchmark) in respect of a Representative Amount of the Specified Currency that at least two out of five leading banks selected by the Calculation Agent in the principal financial centre of the country of the Specified Currency or, if the Specified Currency is Euro, in the Euro-zone as selected by the Calculation Agent (the "**Principal Financial Centre**") are quoting at or about the Relevant Time on the date on which such banks would customarily quote such rates for a period commencing on the Effective Date for a period equivalent to the Specified Duration (I) to leading banks carrying on business in Europe, or (if the Calculation Agent determines that fewer than two of such banks are so quoting to leading banks in Europe) (II) to leading banks carrying on business in the Principal Financial Centre; except that, if fewer than two of such banks are so quoting to leading banks in the Principal Financial Centre, the Rate of Interest shall be the Rate of Interest determined on the previous Interest Determination Date (after readjustment for any difference between any Margin, Rate Multiplier or Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest applicable to the preceding Interest Accrual Period and to the relevant Interest Accrual Period).
- (iv) *Rate of Interest for Index Linked Covered Bonds:* The Rate of Interest in respect of Index Linked Covered Bonds for each Interest Accrual Period shall be determined in the manner specified in the relevant Final Terms and interest will accrue by reference to an Index or Formula as specified in the relevant Final Terms.

## (d) Zero Coupon Covered Bonds

Where a Covered Bond the Interest Basis of which is specified to be Zero Coupon is repayable prior to the Final Maturity Date pursuant to an Issuer's Option or, if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, pursuant to Condition 7(e) or otherwise and is not paid when due, the amount due and payable

prior to the Final Maturity Date shall, unless otherwise provided in the relevant Final Terms, be the Early Redemption Amount. As from the Final Maturity Date, the Rate of Interest for any overdue principal of such a Covered Bond shall be a rate per annum (expressed as a percentage) equal to the Amortisation Yield (as described in Condition 7(e)(i)).

**(e) Dual Currency Covered Bonds**

In the case of Dual Currency Covered Bonds, if the rate or amount of interest falls to be determined by reference to a Rate of Exchange or a method of calculating a Rate of Exchange, the rate or amount of interest payable shall be determined in the manner specified in the relevant Final Terms.

**(f) Partly Paid Covered Bonds**

In the case of Partly Paid Covered Bonds (other than Partly Paid Covered Bonds which are Zero Coupon Covered Bonds), interest will accrue as aforesaid on the paid-up nominal amount of such Covered Bonds and otherwise as specified in the relevant Final Terms.

**(g) Accrual of Interest**

Interest shall cease to accrue on each Covered Bond on the due date for redemption unless (i) in the case of Dematerialised Covered Bonds, on such due date or (ii) in the case of Materialised Covered Bonds, upon due presentation, payment is improperly withheld or refused, in which event interest shall continue to accrue (as well after as before judgement) at the Rate of Interest in the manner provided in this Condition 6 to the Relevant Date.

**(h) Margin, Maximum/Minimum Rates of Interest, Instalment Amounts and Redemption Amounts and Rounding:**

- (i) If any Margin is specified in the relevant Final Terms (either (x) generally, or (y) in relation to one (1) or more Interest Accrual Periods), an adjustment shall be made to all Rates of Interest, in the case of (x), or the Rates of Interest for the specified Interest Accrual Periods, in the case of (y), calculated in accordance with (c) above by adding (if a positive number) or subtracting (if a negative number) the absolute value of such Margin, subject always to the next paragraph.
- (ii) If any Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest, Instalment Amount or Redemption Amount is specified in the relevant Final Terms, then any Rate of Interest, Instalment Amount or Redemption Amount shall be subject to such maximum or minimum, as the case may be.
- (iii) For the purposes of any calculations required pursuant to these Conditions (unless otherwise specified), (x) all percentages resulting from such calculations shall be rounded, if necessary, to the nearest fifth decimal (with halves being rounded up), (y) all figures shall be rounded to seven (7) figures (with halves being rounded up) and (z) all currency amounts that fall due and payable shall be rounded to the nearest unit of such currency (with halves being rounded up), save in the case of yen, which shall be rounded down to the nearest yen. For these purposes "unit" means the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the country of such currency.

**(i) Calculations**

The amount of interest payable in respect of any Covered Bond for any period shall be calculated by multiplying the product of the Rate of Interest and the outstanding nominal amount of such Covered Bond by the Day Count Fraction, unless an Interest Amount (or a formula for its calculation) is specified in respect of such period, in which case the amount of interest payable in respect of such Covered Bond for such period shall equal such Interest Amount (or be calculated in accordance with such formula). Where any Interest Period comprises two (2) or more Interest Accrual Periods, the amount of interest payable in respect of such Interest Period shall be the sum of the amounts of interest payable in respect of each of those Interest Accrual Periods.

**(j) Determination and Publication of Rates of Interest, Interest Amounts, Final Redemption Amounts, Early Redemption Amounts, Optional Redemption Amounts and Instalment Amounts**

The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable on such date as the Calculation Agent may be required to calculate any rate or amount, obtain any quotation or make any determination or calculation, determine such rate and calculate the Interest Amounts in respect of each Specified Denomination of the Covered Bonds for the relevant Interest Accrual Period, calculate the Final

Redemption Amount, Early Redemption Amount, Optional Redemption Amount or Instalment Amount, obtain such quotation or make such determination or calculation, as the case may be, and cause the Rate of Interest and the Interest Amounts for each Interest Period and the relevant Interest Payment Date and, if required to be calculated, the Final Redemption Amount, Early Redemption Amount, Optional Redemption Amount or any Instalment Amount to be notified to the Fiscal Agent, the Issuer, each of the Paying Agents, the holders of Covered Bonds, any other Calculation Agent appointed in respect of the Covered Bonds that is to make a further calculation upon receipt of such information and, if the Covered Bonds are admitted to trading on a Regulated Market and the rules of such Regulated Market so require, such Regulated Market as soon as possible after their determination but in no event later than (i) the commencement of the relevant Interest Period, if determined prior to such time, in the case of notification to such Regulated Market of a Rate of Interest and Interest Amount, or (ii) in all other cases, the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Business Day after such determination. Where any Interest Payment Date or Interest Period Date is subject to adjustment pursuant to Condition 6(c)(ii), the Interest Amounts and the Interest Payment Date so published 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. The determination of any rate or amount, the obtaining of each quotation and the making of each determination or calculation by the Calculation Agent(s) shall (in the absence of manifest error) be final and binding upon all parties.

**(k) Calculation Agent and Reference Banks**

The Issuer shall procure that there shall at all times be four Reference Banks (or such other number as may be required) with offices in the Relevant Financial Centre and one or more Calculation Agents if provision is made for them in the relevant Final Terms and for so long as any Covered Bond is Outstanding. If any Reference Bank (acting through its relevant office) is unable or unwilling to continue to act as a Reference Bank, then the Issuer shall appoint another Reference Bank with an office in the Relevant Financial Centre to act as such in its place. Where more than one Calculation Agent is appointed in respect of the Covered Bonds, references in these Conditions to the Calculation Agent shall be construed as each Calculation Agent performing its respective duties under the Conditions. If the Calculation Agent is unable or unwilling to act as such or if the Calculation Agent fails duly to establish the Rate of Interest for an Interest Period or Interest Accrual Period or to calculate any Interest Amount, Instalment Amount, Final Redemption Amount, Early Redemption Amount or Optional Redemption Amount, as the case may be, or to comply with any other requirement, the Issuer shall appoint a leading bank or investment banking firm engaged in the interbank market (or, if appropriate, money, swap or over-the-counter index options market) that is most closely connected with the calculation or determination to be made by the Calculation Agent (acting through its principal Paris or Luxembourg office, as appropriate, or any other office actively involved in such market) to act as such in its place. The Calculation Agent may not resign its duties without a successor having been appointed as aforesaid.

**7. Redemption, Purchase and Options**

**(a) Final Redemption**

Unless previously redeemed, purchased and cancelled as provided below or its maturity is extended pursuant to any Issuer's or Bondholders' option in accordance with Condition 7(c) or 7(d), each Covered Bond shall be finally redeemed on the Final Maturity Date specified in the relevant Final Terms at its Final Redemption Amount (which, unless otherwise provided, is its nominal amount) or, in the case of a Covered Bond falling within Condition 7(b) below, its final Instalment Amount.

**(b) Redemption by Instalments**

Unless previously redeemed, purchased and cancelled as provided in this Condition 7, or the relevant Instalment Date (being one of the dates so specified in the relevant Final Terms) is extended pursuant to any Issuer's or Bondholders' option in accordance with Conditions 7(c) or 7(d), each Covered Bond that provides for Instalment Dates and Instalment Amounts shall be partially redeemed on each Instalment Date at the related Instalment Amount specified in the relevant Final Terms. The outstanding nominal amount of each such Covered Bond shall be reduced by the Instalment Amount (or, if such Instalment Amount is calculated by reference to a proportion of the nominal amount of such Covered Bond, such proportion) for all purposes with effect from the related Instalment Date, unless payment of the Instalment Amount is improperly withheld or refused (i) in the case of Dematerialised Covered Bonds, on the due date for such payment or (ii) in the case of Materialised

Covered Bonds, on presentation of the related Receipt, in which case, such amount shall remain outstanding until the Relevant Date relating to such Instalment Amount.

**(c) Redemption at the Option of the Issuer, Exercise of Issuer's Options and Partial Redemption**

If a Call Option or any other Issuer's option (as may be described in the relevant Final Terms) is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the Issuer may, subject to compliance by the Issuer of all the relevant laws, regulations and directives and on giving not less than fifteen (15) nor more than thirty (30) days' irrevocable notice in accordance with Condition 17 to the holders of Covered Bonds (or such other notice period as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms) redeem, or exercise any other option in relation to all or, if so provided, some, of the Covered Bonds on any Optional Redemption Date or Option Exercise Date, as the case may be. Any such redemption of Covered Bonds shall be at their Optional Redemption Amount together with interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption, if any. Any such redemption must relate to Covered Bonds of a nominal amount at least equal to the Minimum Redemption Amount to be redeemed as specified in the relevant Final Terms and no greater than the Maximum Redemption Amount to be redeemed as specified in the relevant Final Terms.

All Covered Bonds in respect of which any such notice is given shall be redeemed, or the Issuer's Option shall be exercised, on the date specified in such notice in accordance with this Condition.

In the case of a partial redemption or a partial exercise of an Issuer's Option in respect of Materialised Covered Bonds, the notice to holders of such Materialised Covered Bonds shall also contain the numbers of the Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds to be redeemed, which shall have been drawn in such place and in such manner as may be fair and reasonable in the circumstances, taking account of prevailing market practices, subject to compliance with any applicable laws and Regulated Market requirements.

In the case of a partial redemption or a partial exercise of an Issuer's Option in respect of Dematerialised Covered Bonds, the redemption may be effected, at the option of the Issuer, either (i) by reducing the nominal amount of all such Dematerialised Covered Bonds in a Series in proportion to the aggregate nominal amount redeemed or (ii) by redeeming in full some only of such Dematerialised Covered Bonds and, in such latter case, the choice between those Dematerialised Covered Bonds that will be fully redeemed and those Dematerialised Covered Bonds of any Series that will not be redeemed shall be made in accordance with Article R.213-16 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) and the provisions of the relevant Final Terms, subject to compliance with any other applicable laws and Regulated Market requirements.

So long as the Covered Bonds are listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and admitted to trading on the Regulated Market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and the rules thereof so require, the Issuer shall, once in each year in which there has been a partial redemption of the Covered Bonds, cause to be published either on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)) or in a leading newspaper of general circulation in Luxembourg a notice specifying the aggregate nominal amount of Covered Bonds outstanding and, in the case of Materialised Covered Bonds a list of any Materialised Covered Bonds, drawn for redemption but not surrendered.

**(d) Redemption at the Option of Bondholders and Exercise of Bondholders' Options**

If a Put Option is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the Issuer shall, at the option of the Bondholder, upon the Bondholder giving not less than fifteen (15) nor more than thirty (30) days' notice to the Issuer (or such other notice period as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms) redeem such Covered Bond on the Optional Redemption Date(s) at its Optional Redemption Amount together with interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption.

To exercise such option or any other Bondholders' Option as may be set out in the relevant Final Terms (which must be exercised on an Option Exercise Date) the Bondholder must deposit with a Paying Agent at its specified office a duly completed option exercise notice (the "**Exercise Notice**") in the form obtained during normal business hours from any Paying Agent or the Registration Agent, as the case may be, within the notice period. In the case of Materialised Covered Bonds, the Exercise Notice shall have attached to it the relevant Covered Bonds (together with all unmatured Receipts and Coupons and unexchanged Talons). In the case of Dematerialised Covered Bonds, the Bondholder shall transfer, or cause to be transferred, the Dematerialised Covered Bonds to be redeemed to the account of the Paying Agent with a specified office in Paris, as specified in the Exercise Notice. No



option so exercised and, where applicable, no Covered Bond so deposited or transferred, may be withdrawn without the prior consent of the Issuer.

**(e) Early Redemption**

*(i) Zero Coupon Covered Bonds*

- (A) The Early Redemption Amount payable in respect of any Zero Coupon Covered Bond, the amount of which is not linked to an index and/or a formula, upon redemption of such Covered Bond pursuant to Condition 7(f) or (g) or upon it becoming due and payable as provided in Condition 10 shall be the Amortised Nominal Amount (calculated as provided below) of such Covered Bond unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms.
- (B) Subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph (C) below, the amortised nominal amount of any such Covered Bond (the "**Amortised Nominal Amount**") shall be the scheduled Final Redemption Amount of such Covered Bond on the Final Maturity Date discounted at a rate per annum (expressed as a percentage) equal to the amortisation yield (which, if none is shown in the relevant Final Terms, shall be such rate as would produce an Amortised Nominal Amount equal to the issue price of the Covered Bonds if they were discounted back to their issue price on the Issue Date) (the "**Amortisation Yield**") compounded annually.
- (C) If the Early Redemption Amount payable in respect of any such Covered Bond upon its redemption pursuant to Condition 7(f) or (g) or upon it becoming due and payable as provided in Condition 10 is not paid when due, the Early Redemption Amount due and payable in respect of such Covered Bond shall be the Amortised Nominal Amount of such Covered Bond as defined in sub-paragraph (B) above, except that such sub-paragraph shall have effect as though the date on which the Covered Bond becomes due and payable was the Relevant Date. The calculation of the Amortised Nominal Amount in accordance with this sub-paragraph shall continue to be made (both before and after judgement) until the Relevant Date, unless the Relevant Date falls on or after the Final Maturity Date, in which case the amount due and payable shall be the scheduled Final Redemption Amount of such Covered Bond on the Final Maturity Date together with any interest that may accrue in accordance with Condition 6(d).

Where such calculation is to be made for a period of less than one (1) year, it shall be made on the basis of the Day Count Fraction as provided in the relevant Final Terms.

*(ii) Other Covered Bonds*

The Early Redemption Amount payable in respect of any Covered Bond (other than Covered Bonds described in (i) above), upon redemption of such Covered Bond pursuant to Condition (f) or (g) or upon it becoming due and payable as provided in Condition 10 shall be the Final Redemption Amount together with interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms.

**(f) Redemption for Taxation Reasons**

- (i) If, by reason of any change in French law, or any change in the official application or interpretation of such law, becoming effective after the Issue Date, the Issuer would on the occasion of the next payment of principal or interest due in respect of the Covered Bonds, not be able to make such payment without having to pay additional amounts as specified under Condition 9(b) below, the Issuer may, at its option, on any Interest Payment Date or, if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, at any time, subject to having given not more than forty-five (45) nor less than thirty (30) days' notice to the Bondholders (which notice shall be irrevocable), in accordance with Condition 17, redeem all, but not some only, of the Covered Bonds at their Early Redemption Amount together with, unless otherwise specified in the Final Terms, any interest accrued to the date set for redemption provided that the due date for redemption of which notice hereunder may be given shall be no earlier than the latest practicable date on which the Issuer could make payment of principal and interest without withholding for French taxes.
- (ii) If the Issuer would, on the next payment of principal or interest in respect of the Covered Bonds, be prevented by French law from making payment to the Bondholders or, if applicable, Couponholders of the full amounts then due and payable, notwithstanding the undertaking to pay additional amounts contained in Condition 9(b) below, then the Issuer shall forthwith give notice of such fact to the Fiscal Agent and the Issuer shall upon giving not less than seven (7)

days' prior notice to the Bondholders in accordance with Condition 17, redeem all, but not some only, of the Covered Bonds then Outstanding at their Early Redemption Amount together with, unless otherwise specified in the Final Terms, any interest accrued to the date set for redemption on (A) the latest practicable Interest Payment Date on which the Issuer could make payment of the full amount then due and payable in respect of the Covered Bonds, provided that if such notice would expire after such Interest Payment Date the date for redemption pursuant to such notice of Bondholders shall be the later of (i) the latest practicable date on which the Issuer could make payment of the full amount then due and payable in respect of the Covered Bonds and (ii) fourteen (14) days after giving notice to the Fiscal Agent as aforesaid or (B) if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, at any time, provided that the due date for redemption of which notice hereunder shall be given shall be the latest practicable date at which the Issuer could make payment of the full amount payable in respect of the Covered Bonds, or, if applicable, Receipts or Coupons or, if that date is passed, as soon as practicable thereafter.

**(g) Redemption due to illegality**

The Covered Bonds of all Series shall be redeemed at the option of the Issuer, subject to compliance by the Issuer of all the relevant laws, regulations and directives, in whole, but not in part, at any time, on giving not less than thirty (30) nor more than sixty (60) days' irrevocable notice in accordance with Condition 17 to the holders of Covered Bonds (or such other notice period as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms), if the Issuer satisfies the Fiscal Agent immediately before the giving of such notice that it has, or will, before the next Interest Payment Date of any Covered Bonds of any Series, become unlawful for the Issuer to make, fund or allow to remain outstanding any Borrower Advance made by it to the Borrower or to comply with any other of its obligations under the Covered Bonds of that Series, 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.

Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this Condition, the Issuer shall deliver to the Fiscal Agent a certificate signed by two (2) representatives of the Issuer stating that the Issuer is entitled to effect such redemption and setting forth a statement of facts showing that the conditions precedent to the right of the Issuer so to redeem have occurred and the Fiscal Agent shall be entitled to accept the certificate as sufficient evidence of the satisfaction of the conditions precedent set out above, in which event it shall be conclusive and binding on all Bondholders, Receiptholders and Couponholders.

Covered Bonds redeemed pursuant to this Condition 7(g) will be redeemed at their Early Redemption Amount referred to in paragraph 7(e) above together (if appropriate) with interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption, if any.

**(h) Partly Paid Covered Bonds**

Partly Paid Covered Bonds will be redeemed, whether at maturity, early redemption or otherwise, in accordance with the provisions of this Condition 7 and the provisions specified in the relevant Final Terms.

**(i) Purchases**

The Issuer shall have the right at all times to purchase Covered Bonds (provided that, in the case of Materialised Covered Bonds, all unmatured Receipts and Coupons and unexchanged Talons relating thereto are attached thereto or surrendered therewith) in the open market or otherwise (including by tender offer) at any price.

**(j) Cancellation**

All Covered Bonds purchased by or on behalf of the Issuer may at its sole option, be held or cancelled in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Covered Bonds will be cancelled, in the case of Dematerialised Covered Bonds, by transfer to an account in accordance with the rules and procedures of Euroclear France and, in the case of Materialised Covered Bonds, by surrendering the relevant Temporary Global Certificate or the Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds in question, together with all unmatured Receipts and Coupons and all unexchanged Talons, if applicable, to the Fiscal Agent and, in each case, if so transferred or surrendered, shall, together with all Covered Bonds redeemed by the Issuer, be cancelled forthwith (together with, in the case of Dematerialised Covered Bonds, all rights relating to

payment of interest and other amounts relating to such Dematerialised Covered Bonds and, in the case of Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds, all unmatured Receipts and Coupons and unexchanged Talons attached thereto or surrendered therewith). Any Covered Bonds so cancelled or, where applicable, transferred or surrendered for cancellation may not be reissued or resold and the obligations of the Issuer in respect of any such Covered Bonds shall be discharged.

**(k) Soft bullet maturity**

Covered Bonds may have hard bullet maturities or soft bullet maturities (allowing the Final Maturity Date of the relevant Series to be extended), as specified in the Final Terms of the relevant Series. With respect to Series of Covered Bonds having a soft bullet maturity, an extended Final Maturity Date (the "**Extended Final Maturity Date**") shall be specified as applying in relation to such Series in the applicable Final Terms. This means that if the Issuer fails to pay the Final Redemption Amount of the relevant Series on the Final Maturity Date, then payment of the unpaid amount shall be automatically deferred and shall become due and payable one (1) or several year(s) later on the Extended Final Maturity Date (the "**Extension of the Maturity**"). However, any amount representing the Final Redemption Amount due and remaining unpaid on the Final Maturity Date may be paid by the Issuer on any Interest Payment Date thereafter, up to (and including) the relevant Extended Final Maturity Date. Interest will continue to accrue on any unpaid amount during such extended period and be payable on each Interest Payment Date and on the Extended Final Maturity Date in accordance with the applicable Conditions.

The Issuer shall notify the relevant Bondholders (in accordance with Condition 17), the Rating Agency, the Administrator, the Issuer Security Agent and the Fiscal Agent as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event at least two (2) Business Days prior to the Final Maturity Date of any inability of the Issuer to pay the Final Redemption Amount of the relevant Series on the Final Maturity Date.

**8. Payments and Talons**

**(a) Dematerialised Covered Bonds**

Payments of principal and interest in respect of Dematerialised Covered Bonds shall (i) in the case of Dematerialised Covered Bonds in bearer dematerialised form or administered registered form, be made by transfer to the account denominated in the relevant currency of the relevant Account Holders for the benefit of the holders of Covered Bonds and, (ii) in the case of Dematerialised Covered Bonds in fully registered form, to an account denominated in the relevant currency with a Bank designated by the relevant holder of Covered Bonds. All payments validly made to such Account Holders or Bank will be an effective discharge of the Issuer in respect of such payments.

**(b) Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds**

*(i) Method of payment*

Subject as provided below, payments in a Specified Currency will be made by credit or transfer to an account denominated in the relevant Specified Currency, or to which the Specified Currency may be credited or transferred (which, in the case of a payment in Japanese yen to a non-resident of Japan, shall be a non-resident account) maintained by the payee with, or, at the option of the payee, by a cheque in such Specified Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Specified Currency (which, if the Specified Currency is Euro, shall be any country in the Euro-zone, and, if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars, shall be Sydney or Auckland, respectively).

*(ii) Presentation and surrender of Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds, Receipts and Coupons*

Payments of principal in respect of Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner provided in paragraph (a) above only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of partial payment of any sum due, annotation) of such Covered Bonds, and payments of interest in respect of Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds will (subject as provided below) be made as aforesaid only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, annotation) of Coupons, in each case at the 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)).

Payments of instalments of principal (if any) in respect of Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds, other than the final instalment, will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner provided in paragraph (a) above only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, annotation) of the relevant Receipt in accordance with the preceding paragraph. Payment of the final instalment will be made in the manner provided in paragraph (a) above only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, annotation) of the relevant Covered Bond in accordance with the preceding paragraph. Each Receipt must be presented for payment of the relevant instalment together with the Definitive Materialised Covered Bond to which it appertains. Receipts presented without the Definitive Materialised Covered Bond to which they appertain do not constitute valid obligations of the Issuer.

Upon the date upon which any Definitive Materialised Covered Bond becomes due and payable, unmatured Receipts (if any) relating thereto (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment will be made in respect thereof.

Fixed Rate Covered Bonds in definitive form (other than Dual Currency Covered Bonds or Index Linked Covered Bonds) should be presented for payment together with all unmatured Coupons appertaining thereto (which expression shall for this purpose include Coupons falling to be issued on exchange of matured Talons), failing which the amount 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 sum due) will be deducted from the sum 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 (10) years after the Relevant Date in respect of such principal (whether or not such Coupon would otherwise have become void under Condition 11) or, if later, five (5) years from the date on which such Coupon would otherwise have become due, but in no event thereafter.

Upon any Fixed Rate Covered Bond in definitive form becoming due and repayable prior to its Final Maturity Date, all unmatured Talons (if any) appertaining thereto will become void and no further Coupons will be issued in respect thereof.

Upon the date on which any Floating Rate Covered Bond, Dual Currency Covered Bond, Index Linked Covered Bond in definitive form becomes due and repayable, unmatured Coupons and Talons (if any) relating thereto (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment or, as the case may be, exchange for further Coupons shall be made in respect thereof.

If the due date for redemption of any Definitive Materialised 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 shall be payable only against presentation and surrender (if appropriate) of the relevant Definitive Materialised Covered Bond.

**(c) Payments in the United States**

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any Materialised Covered Bonds are denominated in U.S. dollars, payments in respect thereof may be made at the specified office of any Paying Agent in New York City in the same manner as aforesaid if (i) the Issuer shall have appointed Paying Agents with specified offices outside the United States with the reasonable expectation that such Paying Agents would be able to make payment of the amounts on the Covered Bonds in the manner provided above when due, (ii) payment in full of such amounts at all such offices is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions on payment or receipt of such amounts and (iii) such payment is then permitted by United States law, without involving, in the opinion of the Issuer, any adverse tax consequence to the Issuer.

**(d) Payments subject to Fiscal Laws**

All payments are subject in all cases to any applicable fiscal or other laws, regulations and directives but without prejudice to Condition 9. No commission or expenses shall be charged to the holders of Covered Bonds or Couponholders in respect of such payments.

**(e) Appointment of Agents**

The Fiscal Agent, the Paying Agents and the Calculation Agent initially appointed by the Issuer and their respective specified offices are listed at the end of this Base Prospectus relating to the Programme of the Covered Bonds of the Issuer. The Fiscal Agent, the Paying Agents and the Registration Agent act solely as agents of the Issuer and the Calculation Agent(s) act(s) as independent experts(s) and, in each case such, do not assume any obligation or relationship of agency for any Bondholder or Couponholder. The Issuer reserves the right at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of the Fiscal Agent, any other Paying Agent, Registration Agent or Calculation Agent and to appoint other Fiscal Agent, Paying Agent(s), Registration Agent(s) or Calculation Agent(s) or additional Paying Agent(s), Registration Agent(s) or Calculation Agent(s), provided that the Issuer shall at all times maintain (i) a Fiscal Agent, (ii) one or more Calculation Agent(s) where the Conditions so require, (iii) Paying Agents having specified offices in at least one major European city (and ensuring the financial services of the Covered Bonds in Luxembourg so long as the Covered Bonds are listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and traded on the Regulated Market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and such other city where the Covered Bonds are admitted to trading, so long as the Covered Bonds are admitted to trading on any other Regulated Market of the EEA), (iv) in the case of Materialised Covered Bonds, a Paying Agent having its specified office in a Member State of the EU that will not be obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC or any other EU Directive implementing the conclusions of the ECOFIN Council meeting of 26-27 November 2000 on the taxation of savings income or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to, such Directive (which may be any of the Paying Agents referred to in (iii) above), (v) in the case of Dematerialised Covered Bonds in fully registered form, a Registration Agent and (vi) such other agents as may be required by the rules of any other Regulated Market on which the Covered Bonds may be admitted to trading.

In addition, the Issuer shall forthwith appoint a Paying Agent in New York City in respect of any Materialised Covered Bonds denominated in U.S. dollars in the circumstances described in paragraph (c) above.

Notice of any such change or any change of any specified office shall promptly be given to the holders of Covered Bonds in accordance with Condition 17.

**(f) Talons**

On or after the Interest Payment Date for the final Coupon forming part of a Coupon sheet issued in respect of any Materialised Covered Bond, the Talon forming part of such Coupon sheet may be surrendered at the specified office of the Fiscal Agent in exchange for a further Coupon sheet (and if necessary another Talon for a further Coupon sheet) (but excluding any Coupons that may have become void pursuant to Condition 11).

**(g) Business Days for Payment**

If any date for payment in respect of any Covered Bond, Receipt or Coupon is not a business day, the holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following business day unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms, nor to any interest or other sum in respect of such postponed payment. In this paragraph, "**Business Day**" means a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) (A) (i) in the case of Dematerialised Covered Bonds, on which Euroclear France is open for business or (ii) in the case of Materialised Covered Bonds, on which banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business in the relevant place of presentation, (B) on which banks and foreign exchange markets are open for general business in the city of the Paying Agent's specified office, (C) in such jurisdictions as shall be specified as "**Financial Centre(s)**" in the relevant Final Terms and (D) (i) in the case of a payment in a currency other than Euro, where payment is to be made by transfer to an account maintained with a bank in the relevant currency, on which foreign exchange transactions may be carried on in the relevant currency in the principal financial centre of the country of such currency or (ii) in the case of a payment in Euro, which is a TARGET Business Day.

**(h) Bank**

For the purpose of this Condition 8, "**Bank**" means a bank in the principal financial centre of the relevant currency or, in the case of Euro, in a city in which banks have access to the TARGET System.

## 9. Taxation

### (a) Withholding Tax

All payments of principal, interest and other revenues by or on behalf of the Issuer in respect of the Covered Bonds shall be made free and clear of, and without withholding or deduction for, any taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed, levied, collected, withheld or assessed by or within France or any authority therein or thereof having power to tax, unless such withholding or deduction is required by law.

### (b) Additional Amounts

If French law should require that payments of principal or interest in respect of any Covered Bond, Receipt or Coupon be subject to deduction or withholding in respect of any present or future taxes or duties whatsoever, the Issuer will, to the fullest extent then permitted by law, pay such additional amounts as shall result in receipt by the Bondholders or, if applicable, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders, as the case may be, of such amounts as would have been received by them had no such withholding or deduction been required, except that no such additional amounts shall be payable with respect to any Covered Bond, Receipt or Coupon, as the case may be:

- (i) *Other connection:* to, or to a third party on behalf of, a Bondholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder who is liable to such taxes or duties by reason of his having some connection with France other than the mere holding of the Covered Bond, Receipt or Coupon; or
- (ii) *More than thirty (30) days after the Relevant Date:* in the case of Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds, more than thirty (30) days after the Relevant Date except to the extent that the Bondholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder would have been entitled to such additional amounts on presenting it for payment on the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) such day; or
- (iii) *Payment to individuals:* where such withholding or deduction is imposed on a payment to an individual and is required to be made pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC or any other European Union Directive implementing the conclusions of the ECOFIN Council meeting of 26 and 27 November 2000 on the taxation of savings income or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive; or
- (iv) *Payment by another Paying Agent:* in the case of Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds presented for payment by or on behalf of a holder who would have been able to avoid such withholding or deduction by presenting the relevant Covered Bond, Receipt or Coupon to another Paying Agent in a Member State of the European Union.

References in these Conditions to (A) "**principal**" shall be deemed to include any premium payable in respect of the Covered Bonds, all Instalment Amounts, Final Redemption Amounts, Early Redemption Amounts, Optional Redemption Amounts, Amortised Nominal Amounts and all other amounts in the nature of principal payable pursuant to Condition 7 or any amendment or supplement to it, (B) "**interest**" shall be deemed to include all Interest Amounts and all other amounts payable pursuant to Condition 6 or any amendment or supplement to it and (C) "**principal**" and/or "**interest**" shall be deemed to include any additional amounts that may be payable under this Condition.

Each Bondholder shall be responsible for supplying to the relevant Paying Agent, in a reasonable and timely manner, any information as may be required in order to comply with the identification and reporting obligations imposed on it by the European Council Directive 2003/48/EC or any other European Union Directive implementing the conclusions of the ECOFIN Council Meeting dated 26-27 November 2000 on the taxation of savings income or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to such directive.

## 10. Events of Default

If an Issuer Event of Default occurs in respect of any Series, the Representative (i) may, at its discretion, or (ii) shall, if so directed by the Majority Bondholders or if such Issuer Event of Default is a Covered Bonds Cross Acceleration Event, upon written notice (an "**Issuer Enforcement Notice**") to the Fiscal Agent and the Issuer (with copy to the Issuer Security Agent, to the Administrator and to the Rating Agency) given before all defaults shall have been cured, cause the principal amount of all Covered Bonds of such Series to become due and payable (but subject to the relevant Priority

Payment Order), together with any accrued interest thereon, as of the date on which such notice for payment is received by the Fiscal Agent and, as provided under the Issuer Security Documents, enforce the rights of the Bondholders under the Issuer Security Documents.

## 11. Prescription

Claims against the Issuer for payment in respect of any amount due under the Covered Bonds, Receipts and Coupons (which for this purpose shall not include Talons) shall be prescribed and become void unless made within ten (10) years (in the case of principal) or five (5) years (in the case of interest) from the appropriate Relevant Date in respect of them.

## 12. Representation of Bondholders

Bondholders will, in respect of all Tranches in any Series, be grouped automatically for the defence of their common interests in a *masse* (in each case, the "**Masse**").

The Masse will be governed by the provisions of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*) with the exception of Articles L.228-48, L.228-59, L.228-80, L.228-81, R.228-63, R.228-67, R.228-69 and R.228-83 and the second sentence of Article L.228-71, subject to the following provisions:

### (a) Legal Personality

The Masse will be a separate legal entity and will act in part through a representative (the "**Representative**") and in part through a general meeting of the holders of Covered Bonds (the "**General Meeting**").

The Masse alone, to the exclusion of all individual holders of Covered Bonds, shall exercise the common rights, actions and benefits which now or in the future may accrue respectively with respect to the Covered Bonds.

### (b) Representative

The office of Representative may be conferred on a person of any nationality. However, the following persons may not be chosen as Representatives:

- (i) the Issuer, the members of its board of directors (*conseil d'administration*), its chief executive officers (*directeurs généraux*), its statutory auditors, its employees and their ascendants, descendants and spouses; or
- (ii) companies guaranteeing all or part of the obligations of the Issuer, their respective managers (*gérants*), chief executive officers (*directeurs généraux*), members of their board of directors, executive board or supervisory board, their statutory auditors, employees and their ascendants, descendants and spouses; or
- (iii) companies holding directly ten per cent. (10%) or more of the share capital of the Issuer or companies having ten per cent. (10%) or more of their share capital held by the Issuer; or
- (iv) persons to whom the practice of banker is forbidden or who have been deprived of the right of directing, administering or managing an enterprise in whatever capacity.

The Representative appointed in respect of all Tranches of all Series of Covered Bonds will be BNP Paribas Securities Services, Corporate Trust Services Les Grands Moulins de Pantin - 9, rue du Débarcadère - 93500 Pantin, France .

The alternative representative appointed in respect of all Tranches of all Series of Covered Bonds shall be Christian Hochstrasser, domiciled 2 rue du Général de Gaulle, 54870 Cons La Grandville, France.

In the event of death, retirement or revocation of appointment of the Representative, such Representative will be replaced by the alternative representative. In the event of the death, retirement or revocation of appointment of the alternative representative, an alternative representative will be elected by the General Meeting.

The Issuer shall pay to the Representative an amount of €1.500 (one thousand and five hundred euros) per year so long as any of the Covered Bonds is Outstanding.

All interested parties will at all times have the right to obtain the names and addresses of the Representative and the alternative representative at the head office of the Issuer and the specified offices of any of the Paying Agents.

**(c) Powers of Representative**

The Representative shall (in the absence of any decision to the contrary of the General Meeting) have the power to take all acts of management necessary in order to defend the common interests of the Bondholders.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Issuer Security Agent shall have the power, upon the issue of each Series of Covered Bonds, to release and retake any existing security so that Bondholders of all Series benefit *pari passu* from such security and to enforce the Issuer Security upon the service of an Issuer Enforcement Notice. The Issuer Security Agent, if different from the Representative, shall act as an agent of the Representative or, if no Representative has been appointed, as an agent of the Bondholders.

All legal proceedings against the Bondholders or initiated by them, must be brought by or against the Representative.

The Representative may not be involved in the management of the affairs of the Issuer.

**(d) General Meeting**

A General Meeting may be held at any time, on convocation either by the Issuer or by the Representative. One or more Bondholders, holding together at least one-thirtieth (1/30) of the principal amount of the Covered Bonds outstanding, may address to the Issuer and the Representative a demand for convocation of the General Meeting. If such General Meeting has not been convened within two (2) months after such demand, the Bondholders may commission one of their members to petition a competent court in Paris to appoint an agent (*mandataire*) who will call the General Meeting.

Notice of the date, hour, place and agenda of any General Meeting will be published as provided under Condition 17.

Each Bondholder has the right to participate in a General Meeting in person, by correspondence or by proxy. Each Covered Bond carries the right to one (1) vote or, in the case of Covered Bonds issued with more than one (1) Specified Denomination, one (1) vote in respect of each multiple of the lowest Specified Denomination comprised in the principal amount of the Specified Denomination of such Covered Bond.

General Meetings may deliberate validly on first convocation only if Bondholders present or represented hold at least a fifth (1/5) of the principal amount of the Covered Bonds then Outstanding. On second convocation, no quorum shall be required. Decisions at meetings shall be taken by a two-third (2/3) majority of votes cast by Bondholders attending such General Meetings or represented thereat.

The rights of each Bondholder to participate in the General meetings must be evidenced by entries in the books of the relevant Account Holder in the name of such Bondholder at midnight Paris time on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Paris Business Day preceding the date set for the relevant General Meeting.

**(e) Powers of the General Meetings**

The General Meeting is empowered to deliberate on the dismissal and replacement of the Representative and the alternative representative and also may act with respect to any other matter that relates to the common rights, actions and benefits which now or in the future may accrue with respect to the Covered Bonds, including authorising the Representative to act at law as plaintiff or defendant.

The General Meeting may further deliberate on any proposal relating to the modification of the Conditions including any proposal, whether for arbitration or settlement, relating to rights in controversy or which were the subject of judicial decisions, it being specified, however, that the General Meeting may not increase amounts payable by Bondholders, nor establish any unequal treatment between the Bondholders.

Decisions of General Meetings must be published in accordance with the provisions set forth in Condition 17.



**(f) Information to Bondholders**

Each Bondholder or Representative thereof will have the right, during the fifteen (15)-day period preceding the holding of each General Meeting, to consult or make a copy of the text of the resolutions which will be proposed and of the reports which will be presented at the General Meeting, all of which will be available for inspection by the relevant Bondholders at the registered office of the Issuer, at the specified offices of any of the Paying Agents and at any other place specified in the notice of the General Meeting.

**(g) Expenses**

The Issuer will pay all expenses relating to the operation of the Masse, including expenses relating to the calling and holding of General Meetings and, more generally, all administrative expenses resolved upon by the General Meeting, it being expressly stipulated that no expenses may be imputed against interest payable under the Covered Bonds.

**(h) Single Masse**

The holders of Covered Bonds of the same Series, and the holders of Covered Bonds of any other Series which have been assimilated (*assimilables* for the purpose of French law) with the Covered Bonds of such first mentioned Series in accordance with Condition 16, shall, for the defence of their respective common interests, be grouped in a single Masse. The Representative appointed in respect of the first Tranche or Series of Covered Bonds will be the Representative of the single Masse of all such Series.

*In respect of any Tranche of Covered Bonds issued or deemed to be issued outside France, this Condition 12 may, if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, be waived, amended or supplemented, and in respect of any Tranche issued inside France, this Condition 12 shall be waived in its entirety and replaced by the full provisions of the French Commercial Code (Code de commerce).*

**13. Replacement of Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds, Receipts, Coupons and Talons**

If, in the case of any Materialised Covered Bonds, a Definitive Materialised Covered Bond, Receipt, Coupon or Talon is lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed, it may be replaced, subject to applicable laws, regulations and Regulated Market regulations, at the specified office of the Fiscal Agent or such other Paying Agent as may from time to time be designated by the Issuer for this purpose and notice of whose designation is given to Bondholders, in each case on payment by the claimant of the fees and costs incurred in connection therewith and on such terms as to evidence, security and indemnity (which may provide, *inter alia*, that if the allegedly lost, stolen or destroyed Definitive Materialised Covered Bond, Receipt, Coupon or Talon is subsequently presented for payment or, as the case may be, for exchange for further Coupons, there shall be paid to the Issuer on demand the amount payable by the Issuer in respect of such Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds, Receipts, Coupons or further Coupons) and otherwise as the Issuer may require. Mutilated or defaced Materialised Covered Bonds, Receipts, Coupons or Talons must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

**14. Limited recourse, Non petition***Limited Recourse*

By subscribing to any Covered Bond, each Bondholder will be automatically deemed to have agreed:

- (a) not to seek recourse under any obligation, covenant or agreement of the Issuer under the Covered Bonds and these Conditions against any shareholder, member of the board of directors (*conseil d'administration*), chief executive officer (*directeur général*), vice chief executive officer (*directeur général délégué*) or agent of the Issuer, by the enforcement of any assessment or by any proceeding, by virtue of any statute or otherwise; it being expressly agreed and understood that any obligation of the Issuer under the Covered Bonds and these Conditions is a corporate obligation of the Issuer, and that no personal liability shall attach to or be incurred by the shareholders, members of the board of directors (*conseil d'administration*), chief executive officers (*directeurs généraux*), vice chief executive officers (*directeurs généraux délégués*) or agents of the Issuer, as such, or any of them under or by reason of any of the obligations, covenants or agreements of the Issuer contained in these Conditions or implied therefrom and, as

a condition of and in consideration for the issuing by the Issuer of any Covered Bond, to waive any and all personal liability of every such shareholder, member of the board of directors (*conseil d'administration*), chief executive officer (*directeur général*), vice chief executive officer (*directeur général délégué*) or agent of the Issuer for breaches by the Issuer of any of its obligations, covenants or agreements under the Covered Bonds and these Conditions;

- (b) to limit its recourse against the Issuer under the Covered Bonds and these Conditions to amounts payable or expressed to be payable to it by the Issuer on, under or in respect of its obligations and liabilities under the Covered Bonds and these Conditions (and, for the avoidance of doubt, to the exclusion of any damage for breach of contract or other penalties not expressed as being payable by the Issuer under the Covered Bonds and these Conditions) and in accordance with the then applicable Priority Payment Order; and
- (c) that amounts payable or expressed to be payable by the Issuer on, under or in respect of its obligations and liabilities under the Covered Bonds and/or these Conditions shall be recoverable only from and to the extent of the amount of the Available Funds, as calculated on the relevant Interest Payment Date or (as applicable) on the relevant Final Maturity Date of each relevant Series of Covered Bonds (provided that, to the extent that no Available Funds exist at the relevant date, the Issuer shall not be liable to make payment of the aforementioned amounts and, provided further that, in the event that the Available Funds at the relevant date are insufficient to pay in full all amounts whatsoever due to it and all other claims ranking *pari passu* to its claims, then its claims against the Issuer shall be limited to its respective shares of such Available Funds (as determined in accordance with the then applicable Priority Payment Order) and, after payment to it of its respective share of such Available Funds, the obligations of the Issuer to it shall be discharged in full).

#### *Non-Petition*

By subscribing to any Covered Bond, each Bondholder will also be automatically deemed to have agreed that prior to the date which is eighteen (18) months and one (1) day after the earlier of (i) the Final Maturity Date of the last Series issued by the Issuer under the Programme, or (ii) the date of payment of any sums outstanding and owing under the latest Outstanding Covered Bond:

- (a) it will not take any corporate action or other steps or legal proceedings for the winding-up, dissolution or organisation or for the appointment of a receiver, administrator, administrative receiver, trustee, liquidator, examiner, sequestrator or similar officer, of the Issuer or of any or all of the Issuer's revenues and assets; and
- (b) it will not have any right to take steps for the purpose of obtaining payment of any amounts payable to it under the Covered Bonds by the Issuer and shall not until such time take any step to recover any debts whatsoever owing to it by the Issuer otherwise than in accordance with, and subject to, the Conditions.

The above undertakings by each relevant Bondholder shall survive the payment of all sums owing under any Covered Bond and/or these Conditions.

### **15. Priority Payment Orders**

As more fully described under section "**Cash Flow**" of this Base Prospectus, any and all sums due by the Issuer under the Programme (including principal and interest under the Covered Bonds) will be paid within the limit of the Available Funds of the Issuer at the time of such payment and according to the relevant Priority Payment Order described under section "**Cash Flow**" of this Base Prospectus. As a consequence, the payment of certain sums will be subordinated to the full payment of other sums. Bondholders are deemed to have notice of the provisions of the section "**Cash Flow**" of this Base Prospectus.

### **16. Further Issues and Consolidation**

#### **(a) Further Issues**

Unless otherwise provided in the relevant Final Terms, the Issuer may from time to time without the consent of the Bondholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders create and issue further Covered Bonds to be assimilated (*assimilables* for the purpose of French laws) with the Covered Bonds provided such

Covered Bonds and the further Covered Bonds carry rights identical in all respects (or identical in all respects save as to the principal amount thereof and the first payment of interest specified in the relevant Final Terms) and that the terms of such Covered Bonds provide for such assimilation, and references in these Conditions to "**Covered Bonds**" shall be construed accordingly.

**(b) Consolidation**

Unless otherwise provided in the relevant Final Terms, the Issuer, with the prior approval of the Fiscal Agent (which shall not be unreasonably withheld), may from time to time on any Interest Payment Date occurring on or after the Redenomination Date on giving not less than thirty (30) days' prior notice to the Bondholders in accordance with Condition 17, without the consent of the Bondholders, Receipholders or Couponholders, consolidate the Covered Bonds of one Series denominated in Euro with the Covered Bonds of one or more other Series issued by it, whether or not originally issued in one of the European national currencies or in Euro, provided such other Covered Bonds have been redenominated in Euro (if not originally denominated in Euro) and which otherwise have, in respect of all periods subsequent to such consolidation, the same terms and conditions as the Covered Bonds.

**17. Notices**

- (a) Notices to the holders of Dematerialised Covered Bonds in registered form (*au nominatif*) shall be valid if either, (i) they are mailed to them at their respective addresses, in which case they will be deemed to have been given on the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) weekday (being a day other than a Saturday or a Sunday) after the mailing, or (ii) at the option of the Issuer, they are published in a leading daily newspaper of general circulation in Europe (which is expected to be the *Financial Times*) or, so long as such Covered Bonds are admitted to trading on any Regulated Market(s), in a leading daily newspaper with general circulation in the city/ies where the Regulated Market(s) on which such Covered Bonds is/are admitted to trading is/are located, which in the case of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's Regulated Market is expected to be the *Luxemburger Wort*, or (iii) so long as such Covered Bonds are admitted to trading on any Regulated Market and the rules of such Regulated Market so permit, on the website of the Regulated Market where the admission is sought, which in the case of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange is expected to be the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)).
- (b) Notices to the holders of Materialised Covered Bonds and Dematerialised Covered Bonds in bearer form (*au porteur*) shall be valid if published in a leading daily newspaper of general circulation in Europe (which is expected to be the *Financial Times*) or, so long as such Covered Bonds are admitted to trading on any Regulated Market(s), in a leading daily newspaper with general circulation in the city/ies where the Regulated Market(s) on which such Covered Bonds is/are admitted to trading is/are located, which in the case of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's Regulated Market is expected to be the *Luxemburger Wort* or, so long as such Covered Bonds are admitted to trading on any Regulated Market and the rules of such Regulated Market so permit, on the website of the Regulated Market where the admission is sought, which in the case of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange is expected to be the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)).
- (c) Notices required to be given to the holders of Dematerialised Covered Bonds (whether in registered or in bearer form) (*au nominatif* or *au porteur*) pursuant to these Conditions may be given by delivery of the relevant notice to Euroclear France, Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and any other clearing system through which the Covered Bonds are for the time being cleared in substitution for the mailing and publication as required by Conditions 17(a) and (b), above; provided that (i) so long as such Covered Bonds are admitted to trading on any Regulated Market(s) and the rules of that Regulated Market so require, notices shall also be published in a leading daily newspaper with general circulation in the city/ies where the Regulated Market(s) on which such Covered Bonds is/are admitted to trading is/are located, which in the case of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's Regulated Market is expected to be the *Luxemburger Wort*, and (ii) so long as such Covered Bonds are admitted to trading on any Regulated Market and the rules of such Regulated Market so permit, on the website of the Regulated Market where the admission is sought, which in the case of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange is expected to be the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)).
- (d) If any such publication is not practicable, notice shall be validly given if published in another leading daily English language newspaper with general circulation in Europe. Any notice given by publication shall be deemed to have been given on the date of such publication or, if published more than once or on different dates, on the date of the first publication as provided above. Couponholders shall be

deemed for all purposes to have notice of the contents of any notice given to the holders of Materialised Covered Bonds in accordance with this Condition.

**18. Governing Law and Jurisdiction**

**(a) Governing Law**

The Covered Bonds, Receipts, Coupons and Talons are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, French law.

**(b) Jurisdiction**

Any claim against the Issuer in connection with any Covered Bonds, Receipts, Coupons or Talons may be brought before any competent courts in Paris.

## USE OF PROCEEDS

*For the avoidance of doubt, it is specified that the expression "Covered Bonds" will include German law and French law Covered Bonds, in the following section.*

The net proceeds of the issue of Covered Bonds will be used to fund Borrower Advances under the Borrower Credit Facility to be made available by the Issuer to Crédit Mutuel Arkéa.

In accordance with section "**The Borrower and the Borrower Facility Agreement - The Borrower Facility Agreement - Principal and interest amounts**" hereunder, the terms and conditions regarding the calculation and the payment of principal and interest under each Borrower Advance made by the Issuer with the net proceeds of the issue of Covered Bonds shall mirror the equivalent terms and conditions of the corresponding Final Terms of Covered Bonds, it being provided however that, as a principle, the interest to be paid by the Borrower under a Borrower Advance shall be the financing costs of the Issuer under the Covered Bonds funding such Borrower Advance increased by a margin fixed by the Issuer and agreed by the Borrower (the "**Issuer Margin**"). As a consequence, the Borrower Advances have characteristics that demonstrate capacity to produce funds to service any payments due and payable on the Covered Bonds, as long as no Borrower Event of Default has occurred.

## TEMPORARY GLOBAL CERTIFICATES IN RESPECT OF MATERIALIZED COVERED BONDS

*The following description is only applicable to French law Covered Bonds.*

### Temporary Global Certificates

A Temporary Global Certificate without interest coupons (a "**Temporary Global Certificate**") will initially be issued in connection with each Tranche of Materialised Covered Bonds, which will be delivered on or prior to the issue date of the Tranche with a common depositary (the "**Common Depositary**") for Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. ("**Euroclear**") and for Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme* ("**Clearstream, Luxembourg**"). Upon the delivery of such Temporary Global Certificate with a Common Depositary, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg will credit each subscriber with a nominal amount of Covered Bonds equal to the nominal amount thereof for which it has subscribed and paid.

The Common Depositary may also credit with a nominal amount of Covered Bonds the accounts of subscribers with (if indicated in the relevant Final Terms) other clearing systems through direct or indirect accounts with Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg held by such other clearing systems. Conversely, a nominal amount of Covered Bonds that is initially deposited with any other clearing system may similarly be credited to the accounts of subscribers with Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, or other clearing systems.

### Exchange

Each Temporary Global Certificate issued in respect of Materialised Covered Bonds will be exchangeable, free of charge to the holder, on or after its Exchange Date (as defined below):

- (i) if the relevant Final Terms indicates that such Temporary Global Certificate is issued in compliance with the C Rules or in a transaction to which TEFRA is not applicable (as to which, see section "**General Description of the Programme-Selling Restrictions**"), in whole, but not in part, for Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds; and
- (ii) otherwise, in whole but not in part, upon certification if required under U.S. Treasury Regulation section 1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D)(3) as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership for Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds.

### Delivery of Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds

On or after its Exchange Date, the holder of a Temporary Global Certificate may surrender such Temporary Global Certificate to, or to the order of, the Fiscal Agent. In exchange for any Temporary Global Certificate, the Issuer will deliver, or procure the delivery of, an equal aggregate nominal amount of duly executed and authenticated Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds. In this Base Prospectus, "**Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds**" means, in relation to any Temporary Global Certificate, the Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds for which such Temporary Global Certificate may be exchanged (if appropriate, having attached to them all Coupons and Receipts in respect of interest or Instalment Amounts that have not already been paid on the Temporary Global Certificate and a Talon). Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds will be security printed in accordance with any applicable legal and stock exchange requirement.

**Exchange Date**

**"Exchange Date"** means, in relation to a Temporary Global Certificate in respect of any Materialised Covered Bonds, the day falling after the expiry of forty (40) days after its issue date, provided that in the event any further Materialised Covered Bonds which are to be assimilated with such first mentioned Materialised Covered Bonds are issued prior to such day pursuant to Condition 15(a), the Exchange Date may, at the option of the Issuer, be postponed to the day falling after the expiry of forty (40) days after the issue date of such further Materialised Covered Bonds.

In the case of Materialised Covered Bonds with an initial maturity of more than 365 days (and that are not relying on the TEFRA C Rules), the Temporary Global Certificate shall bear the following legend:

ANY UNITED STATES PERSON (AS DEFINED IN THE U.S. INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED) WHO HOLDS THIS OBLIGATION WILL BE SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS UNDER THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX LAWS INCLUDING THE LIMITATION PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 165(j) AND 1287 (a) OF THE U.S. INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED.

## THE ISSUER

*For the avoidance of doubt, it is specified that the expression "Covered Bonds" will include German law and French law Covered Bonds and the expression "Bondholders" includes any holder of such Covered Bonds, in the following section.*

### General information about the Issuer

The Issuer was incorporated on 3 November 2000, under the name "Eurobretagne VII", as a French limited liability company with a board of directors (*société anonyme à conseil d'administration*). Its term of existence is ninety-nine (99) years from the date of its incorporation. From the date of its incorporation and until 10 October 2008 when it adopted the name "Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Covered Bonds", the Issuer was a dormant entity owned by Crédit Mutuel Arkéa and did not engage in any business activity. At the Programme Date, the legal and commercial name of the Issuer is "Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Covered Bonds". The Issuer is registered with the French *Registre du commerce et des sociétés de Brest* under number 433 383 205.

The Issuer is governed by:

- (a) the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*); and
- (b) the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*).

The Issuer's registered office and principal place of business is located at 232, rue du Général Paulet, B.P. 103, 29802 Brest Cedex 9. The telephone number of the Issuer's registered office is: + 33 2 98 00 94 85.

The Issuer's authorised and issued share capital is €30,000,000 (thirty millions euros) consisting of three million ordinary shares with a par value of €10 (ten euro) each.

The Issuer is a subsidiary of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa and licensed as a credit institution (*établissement de crédit*) with limited and exclusive purpose by the French *Autorité de Contrôle Prudentiel* (the "ACP", formerly the *Comité des établissements de crédit et des entreprises d'investissement* (CECEI)).

On the Programme Date, 99.99 per cent. of the Issuer's share capital is held by Crédit Mutuel Arkéa.

### Issuer's activities

#### *Special purpose entity and restrictions on object and powers*

The Issuer was established in 2000 but has remained dormant since then, with separate legal capacity and existence, licensed by the French banking regulator notably for the purpose of making Borrower Advances and issuing the Covered Bonds.

The Issuer is structured as a special purpose entity and, as such, the Issuer's objects and powers will to the extent possible be restricted to those activities necessary to carry out its obligations under the Programme Documents. The Issuer does not have and will not have any employees, nor will it own or lease any premises. The Issuer will undertake pursuant to the Administrative Agreement and its articles of association not to engage in unrelated business activities or incur any material liabilities other than those contemplated in the Programme Documents.

#### *Limitations on indebtedness*

Pursuant to the Conditions, the Issuer will be restricted from incurring additional indebtedness (other than as contemplated by the Programme Documents) unless:

- (a) such indebtedness is fully subordinated to the outstanding indebtedness incurred in relation to the Covered Bonds, as the case may be; or
- (b) prior Rating Affirmation has been delivered in relation to such indebtedness.

#### *Limited recourse*

Each party to any Programme Document will agree:



- (a) not to seek recourse under any obligation, covenant or agreement of the Issuer contained in any Programme Document against any shareholder, member of the board of directors (*conseil d'administration*), chief executive officer (*directeur général*), vice chief executive officer (*directeur général délégué*) or agent of the Issuer, by the enforcement of any assessment or by any proceeding, by virtue of any statute or otherwise; it being expressly agreed and understood that any obligation of the Issuer under any Programme Document is a corporate obligation of the Issuer, and that no personal liability shall attach to or be incurred by the shareholders, members of the board of directors (*conseil d'administration*), chief executive officers (*directeurs généraux*), vice chief executive officers (*directeurs généraux délégués*) or agents of the Issuer, as such, or any of them under or by reason of any of the obligations, covenants or agreements of the Issuer contained in any Programme Document or implied therefrom and, as a condition of and in consideration for the execution by the Issuer of any Programme Document, to waive any and all personal liability of every such shareholder, member of the board of directors (*conseil d'administration*), chief executive officer (*directeur général*), vice chief executive officer (*directeur général délégué*) or agent of the Issuer for breaches by the Issuer of any of its obligations, covenants or agreements under any Programme Document;
- (b) to limit its recourse against the Issuer under any Programme Document to amounts payable or expressed to be payable to it by the Issuer in respect of its obligations and liabilities under any Programme Document (and, for the avoidance of doubt, to the exclusion of any damage for breach of contract or other penalties not expressed as being payable by the Issuer under any Programme Document) and in accordance with the then applicable Priority Payment Order; and
- (c) that amounts payable or expressed to be payable by the Issuer in respect of its obligations and liabilities under any Programme Document shall be recoverable only from and to the extent of the amount of the Available Funds, as calculated on the relevant Interest Payment Date or (as applicable) on the relevant Final Maturity Date of each relevant Series of Covered Bonds (provided that, to the extent that no Available Funds exist at the relevant date, the Issuer shall not be liable to make payment of the aforementioned amounts and provided further that in the event that the Available Funds at the relevant date are insufficient to pay in full all amounts whatsoever due to it and all other claims ranking *pari passu* to its claims, then its claims against the Issuer shall be limited to its respective shares of such Available Funds (as determined in accordance with the then applicable Priority Payment Order) and, after payment to it of its respective share of such Available Funds, the obligations of the Issuer to it shall be discharged in full).

#### *Non-petition*

Each party to any Programme Document will also agree that prior to the date which is eighteen (18) months and one (1) day after the earlier of (i) the Final Maturity Date of the last Series issued by the Issuer under the Programme, or (ii) the date of payment of any sums outstanding and owing under the latest outstanding Covered Bond:

- (a) it will not take any corporate action or other steps or legal proceedings for the winding-up, dissolution or organisation or for the appointment of a receiver, administrator, administrative receiver, trustee, liquidator, examiner, sequestrator or similar officer, of the Issuer or of any or all of the Issuer's revenues and assets; and
- (b) it will not have any right to take steps for the purpose of obtaining payment of any amounts payable to it under any Programme Document by the Issuer and shall not until such time take any step to recover any debts whatsoever owing to it by the Issuer otherwise than in accordance with, and subject to, the Conditions.

The above undertakings by each relevant party survive the termination of any Programme Document and the payment of all sums owing under any such Programme Document.

#### *No risk of Issuer consolidation upon insolvency of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Group*

The Issuer is intended to be a ring-fenced, bankruptcy remote entity that will be unaffected by the insolvency of any entity of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Group. Under French applicable law, the Issuer's assets may only be "consolidated" into the insolvency proceedings of any other member of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Group if either (i) there is commingling of its assets (*confusion de patrimoine*) with the assets of that member of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Group or (ii) the Issuer is a "fictitious" entity (*société fictive*).

### *Restrictions on mergers or reorganisations*

The Issuer will undertake in the Conditions not to enter into any merger, re-organisation or similar transaction without prior Representative Consent and Rating Affirmation.

### *Separateness covenants*

Pursuant to the Conditions, the Issuer will undertake to observe certain separateness covenants in order to maintain its independent existence and to avoid the risk of bringing it and its assets within the scope of any Insolvency Proceedings in relation to the relevant Borrower and/or Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Group (based on applicable general principles of French law such as "piercing the corporate veil", "alter ego" or "substantive consolidation" principles).

### **Issuer risk management**

Pursuant to the terms of the Administrative Agreement (see below section "**The Issuer – The Administrative Agreement**") and of the *Convention d'Externalisation et de Mise à Disposition de Moyens*, the risk management of the Issuer is delegated to Crédit Mutuel Arkéa.

#### *Compliance control (contrôle de conformité), ongoing internal control (contrôle interne permanent) and periodic internal control (contrôle interne périodique)*

The Issuer has set up ongoing internal and periodic internal control systems, in accordance with the *Règlement 97-02* of the French *Comité de la Réglementation Bancaire et Financière* (the "**Règlement**") relating to the internal control of the credit institutions and investment companies. Ongoing internal and periodic internal control systems take into account the Issuer's legal form as a French limited liability company with a board of directors (*société anonyme à conseil d'administration*) and the fact that the Issuer has no own means.

#### **(a) Compliance control (contrôle de conformité)**

The financial steering division of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa is responsible for the Issuer's compliance control in accordance with article 11 of the *Règlement*.

The person responsible for the Issuer's compliance control, part of the financial steering division, is functionally linked to the compliance control division

The person responsible for the Issuer's compliance control reports his conclusions to the Issuer's board of directors (*société anonyme à conseil d'administration*).

#### **(b) Ongoing internal control (contrôle interne permanent)**

The financial steering division of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa is responsible for the Issuer's ongoing internal control (*contrôle interne permanent*) in accordance with article 7-5 of the *Règlement*.

The person responsible for the Issuer's ongoing internal control, part of the financial steering division, is functionally linked to the ongoing internal control division

The ongoing internal control implemented on behalf of the Issuer focuses on the distinction between the first and second level of ongoing internal control, in accordance with article 6 a) of the *Règlement*. The Issuer's ongoing internal control is organised along the following principles:

- a. organisation of ongoing internal control covers all risks for all of the Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Group's lines of business irrespective of the legal domain of the activities generating those risks;
- b. the executive body holds final responsibility for compliance with regulatory requirements relating to ongoing internal control. This responsibility is initially spread within the Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Group by legal entity, each entity being responsible for the quality of its own ongoing internal control. It is then assigned to the line of management which is operationally responsible for monitoring the activities entrusted to it.
- c. the Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Group organises the ongoing internal control framework which applies to its subsidiaries.

In practice, within this framework, each operational division adopts and implements procedures and tools designed to exercise the ongoing internal control of its activities. The line of management is then responsible for the ongoing internal control.

In accordance with article 7-1 of the *Règlement*, the units in charge of initiating the transactions are separate from the ones in charge of their validation, settlement and supervision of risks.

**(c) Periodic internal control (*contrôle interne périodique*)**

In accordance with article 7-5 of the *Règlement*, the chairman of the board of directors of the Issuer is responsible for periodic internal control (*contrôle interne périodique*) of the Issuer's activities. The periodic internal control implemented within the Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Group is supervised by the Group Internal Audit and Periodic Control director. In the event that the Group Internal Audit and Periodic Control director is replaced, the name of his successor will be communicated to the ACP.

Within the Issuer as well as within the Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Group, the periodic internal control (*contrôle interne périodique*) is entirely and exclusively within the competence of the general inspection and periodic internal control division of the Crédit Mutuel Arkéa. In addition to the periodic internal control of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa, the periodic internal control of every entity of the Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Group has been delegated to this division. The division is hierarchically dependent on the general division of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa and therefore reports to the periodic internal control committee and to the audit committee.

The director of general inspection and periodic control of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa will be the person responsible for periodic internal control as designated to the ACP for the Issuer.

The periodic internal control will involve a plan worked out every year in accordance with the current planning procedure implemented by the Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Group. The schedule of monitoring missions will be established at least once a year by integrating the monitoring goals of executive and deliberative bodies.

The internal control report referred to in article 42 of the *Règlement* is subject to the review and discussion of the board of directors of the Issuer.

*Operational Activities*

In the context of the *Convention d'Externalisation et de Mise à Disposition de Moyens*, the operational activities of the Issuer are carried out by the relevant team of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa as described below.

**(a) Front Office**

The front-office of the Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Group will carry out financial instruments operations, negotiation of interest and exchange rate hedging operations within the scope of financial futures agreements between the Issuer and Crédit Mutuel Arkéa taking into account the adequate protection mechanisms against the different risks borne by the Issuer within the scope of its activity and compatible with the rating of the Programme and the constitutive documents of the Issuer.

In addition, the front-office will perform purchases and subscriptions for placements with characteristics which are compatible with the rating given to the Programme by the Rating Agency and the Issuer's constitutive documents. The purchases and subscriptions will be performed within the strict parameters of the treasury's rules on investments as agreed with the Rating Agency.

**(b) Middle Office**

The middle-office of the Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Group will analyse and monitor transactions and market, credit and counterparty risks related to the Issuer's activities in accordance with the rules agreed with the Rating Agency. The middle-office will also monitor compliance with the limits set by the board of directors of the Issuer and ensure that they are compatible with the rating of the Programme and the constitutive documents of the Issuer.

**(c) Back Office**

The back-offices of the Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Group will keep accounting records and close out transactions, with the same restrictions as above. The back-offices will also look after the Issuer's own-account assets.

*Associated accounting (comptabilité auxiliaire)*

The accounts monitoring back-office will provide the financial and accounting information relating to transactions negotiated by the front-office in relation to financial instruments. This will occur at every interval envisaged by applicable regulation or management. The intermediary of an audit plan which is specific to the Issuer's activities and the back-office's information system will provide the information once the accounting schemes have been validated by the financial division of the Crédit Mutuel Arkéa.

The functioning of the Issuer's accounts will be governed (i) by the Issuer Accounts Agreements and (ii) by the Administrative Agreement.

*Risk Control*

**(a) Credit risk**

The Issuer's counterparty risk will be controlled by observing the internal procedures particular to the Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Group which complies with the applicable regulations. Hence, the Issuer's credit activities on capital markets will be restricted by the limits which are in place within the Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Group (subject to the definition of eligible assets put in place by the Rating Agency). The middle office of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa will check compliance with such investment rules, under the control of the Risk Management Division.

**(b) Market risks**

Within the scope of its social objectives and constitutive documents, the Issuer is not authorized to take market risks. The Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Risk Management Division will be in charge of ensuring that the Issuer is not exposed to Market Risks.

*Operational risks*

The Issuer will benefit from the operational risk management procedures in force within the Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Group, under the control of the Crédit Mutuel Arkéa risk management division.

**(a) ALM risks**

In the absence of effective transfer of guarantees, the Issuer will not take ALM risks, since it will systematically back-to-back its Covered Bond issues and the loans granted to the Borrower in liquid funds and in rates.

In the case of an effective transfer of guarantees, the ALM Division will monitor the ALM risks and the effective implementation of planned hedging.

**(b) Settlement risks and intermediation risks**

The Issuer is mainly subject to these risks when issuing Covered Bonds. It will benefit from the procedures in force within the Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Group which aims at controlling these risks.

*Duty of care on money laundering transactions*

Crédit Mutuel Arkéa will have a supervisory obligation relating to money laundering transaction risks. It will inform the Issuer in the event that it detects such a risk. In the first instance the Issuer will remain responsible for the duty of care on money laundering in the transactions that it carries out. The Issuer will rely on the anti-money laundering system of the ARKEA Group, and in particular on the anti-money laundering procedures developed by the ARKEA Group.

The TRACFIN correspondents, who will carry out these functions for the Issuer, will be the TRACFIN correspondents of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa, whose names have been and, if changed, will be communicated to the ACP.

**Issuer financial elements**

The financial year of the Issuer runs from 1 January to 31 December. The annual results of the Issuer shown hereafter are the non consolidated accounts. The Issuer does not produce consolidated financial statements.

### Prudential ratios

The Issuer is in the process of requesting from the banking authority (ACP) to be exempted from solvency supervision on a stand alone basis, as it is possible under existing regulatory rules since its accounts are consolidated in Crédit Mutuel Arkéa's accounts.

In any case, under Basel II rules, there is no need to constitute regulatory capital in relation to the Borrower Facility Agreement since it benefits the mother company of the Issuer (Crédit Mutuel Arkéa).

The following table is based on the stressed assumption that the Collateral Security Assets have been transferred to the Issuer upon enforcement of the Collateral Security. Its purpose is to show that even in those circumstances the Issuer would be able to satisfy its regulatory requirements on a stand alone basis.

K€	CM ARKEA CB			
	2010	2011	2012	2013
TIER 1	30 000	30 000	30 000	30 000
UPPER TIER 2 (Prêt Subordonné à durée indéterminée)				
LOWER TIER 2 (Prêt Subordonné Remboursable à durée déterminée)				
<b>REGULATORY CAPITAL – Total</b>	30 000	30 000	30 000	30 000
BASEL II	761	1 335	1 732	2 129
<b>European Solvency Ratio Basel II</b>	<b>315%</b>	<b>180%</b>	<b>139%</b>	<b>113%</b>

*Prospective figures*

The information provided in this table has been established by the Issuer on the basis of prudent assumptions of risk weighting for the Collateral Security Assets under Basel II rules.

The information provided in this table is forward-looking statements that reflect the current expectations of the Issuer with respect to future events and financial performance. These forward-looking statements reflect present expectations of future events and speak only as of the date of this Base Prospectus. The Issuer does not intend to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statements contained in this table to reflect any change in the Issuer's expectations or any change in events, conditions or circumstances, on which such forward-looking statements are based.

### Issuer Share Capital, Subordinated Loans and Issuer Majority Shareholder's undertakings

#### Share capital

The Issuer's issued share capital is €30,000,000 (thirty millions euros) consisting of 3,000,000 (three million) ordinary shares with a par value of €10 (ten euro) each (the "**Issuer Share Capital**").

The share capital may be increased or decreased in accordance with legal provisions. New shares can be issued either at par value or at a premium.

A capital increase can only be approved by an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders, on the basis of a report by the board of directors (*conseil d'administration*).

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders can delegate the necessary powers to the board of directors (*conseil d'administration*) to increase the share capital on one or more occasions, to establish the terms of the increase, to certify that such terms have been carried out and to amend the Issuer's articles of association accordingly.

A reduction in capital can be decided by an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders, which may delegate to the board of directors (*conseil d'administration*) all the necessary powers to carry out such a reduction.

#### Subordinated Loans

At any time after the Closing Date, the Issuer may also benefit from subordinated shareholder's loans to be granted by Crédit Mutuel Arkéa (the "**Subordinated Loans**").

Each Subordinated Loan agreement will provide that all amounts to be paid by the Issuer under this Subordinated Loan agreement will be paid according to the relevant Priority Payment Order, as described in Condition 15 of the Terms and Conditions.

Each Subordinated Loan agreement will include Limited Recourse and Non petition provisions, as described in "**Issuer's Activities – Limited Recourse**" and "**Issuer's Activities – Non-Petition**".

No amendment, modification, alteration or supplement shall be made to the Subordinated Loan agreements without prior Rating Affirmation if the same materially and adversely affects the interests of the Issuer or the Bondholders.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Subordinated Loan agreements may be amended, modified, altered or supplemented without prior Rating Affirmation:

- (a) to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency;
- (b) to evidence or effect the transition of any party to a Subordinated Loan agreement to any successor;
- (c) to add to the undertakings and other obligations of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa under a Subordinated Loan agreement; or
- (d) to comply with any mandatory requirements of applicable laws and regulations.

The Subordinated Loan agreements shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, French law. The Issuer and Crédit Mutuel Arkéa, as lender, have agreed to submit any dispute that may arise in connection with the Subordinated Loan agreements to the jurisdiction of the competent courts of Paris.

#### *Shareholder Letter of Undertaking*

As the majority shareholder of the Issuer and pursuant to a letter of undertaking (the "**Shareholder Letter of Undertaking**"), Crédit Mutuel Arkéa undertakes in favour of the Bondholders of Covered Bonds of all Series to be issued, represented by their respective Representative:

- (a) not to take or participate in any corporate action or other steps or legal proceedings for the voluntary winding-up, dissolution or reorganisation of the Issuer or of any or all of the Issuer's revenues and assets;
- (b) not to take or participate in any corporate action or other steps or legal proceedings for the voluntary appointment of a receiver, administrator, administrative receiver, trustee, liquidator, examiner, sequestrator or similar officer with respect to the Issuer or of any or all of the Issuer's revenues and assets;
- (c) not to amend the constitutional documents (and in particular the articles of association) of the Issuer other than as expressly contemplated under the Programme Documents or without a prior Representative Consent and Rating Affirmation;
- (d) unless required by any administrative or regulatory authorities or under any applicable law or regulation (as the same shall have been notified by the Issuer and/or Crédit Mutuel Arkéa to the Rating Agency) or unless approved by Crédit Mutuel Arkéa subject to prior Rating Affirmation, that Crédit Mutuel Arkéa will procure that the Issuer will at all times comply with its undertakings and other obligations as set forth in the banking license of the Issuer or in the related application form (*dossier d'agrément*) filed with the ACP (formerly, the *Comité des établissements de crédit et des entreprises d'investissement* (CECEI));
- (e) not to permit any amendments to the Programme Documents other than as expressly permitted or contemplated under the Programme Documents or without the prior Representative Consent and prior Rating Affirmation;
- (f) not to permit that the Issuer cease to be consolidated within the tax group formed under the *régime d'intégration fiscale* provided by Articles 223 A *et seq.* of the French General Tax Code (*Code général des impôts*), with Crédit Mutuel Arkéa as head of that tax group and not to amend the tax consolidation agreement (*convention d'intégration fiscale*) as in force on the Signing Date between Crédit Mutuel Arkéa and the Issuer without prior Rating Affirmation;
- (g) not to create or permit to subsist any encumbrance over the whole or any part of the shares of the Issuer it owns;
- (h) not to sell, transfer, lease out or otherwise dispose of, by one or more transactions or series of transactions (whether or not related), whether voluntarily or involuntarily, the whole or any part of the shares of the Issuer it owns; and
- (i) to take any necessary steps, which are available to it as shareholder, to remain majority shareholder of the Issuer.

## Issuer management bodies

### *The chairman and chief executive officer*

Mr. Dominique Andro, chairman of the board of directors and chief executive officer (*président directeur général*) and Mr. Marc Paradis, vice chief executive officer (*directeur général délégué*) are responsible for the conduct of the Issuer's activities vis-à-vis the French financial regulator in accordance with Article L.511-13 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*).

In accordance with French applicable corporate laws, each of the chief executive officer (*directeur général*) and the vice chief executive officer (*directeur général délégué*) represents the Issuer vis-à-vis third parties. The chairman of the board of directors (*président du conseil d'administration*) ensures the efficient functioning of the board of directors (*conseil d'administration*).

### *Board of directors (conseil d'administration)*

The board of directors (*conseil d'administration*) consists of a minimum of three (3) members and a maximum of eighteen (18) members. The term of office is six (6) years.

### *Members of the board of directors (conseil d'administration)*

On the Programme Date, the board of directors (*conseil d'administration*) consists of 7 (seven) members.

<u>Name and Position</u>	<u>Date of appointment</u>
M. Andro, Dominique, Chairman of the board of directors and Chief executive officer	6 November 2008
M. Paradis, Marc, Managing director	6 November 2008
M. de Fresnoye, Humbert, Director	6 November 2008
M. Jacq, Auguste, Director	6 November 2008
M. Poupon, Yves, Director	6 November 2008
M. Airiau, Etienne-Marie, Director	6 November 2008
M. Hardy, Guillaume, Director	6 November 2008

The members of the board of directors (*conseil d'administration*) have their business addresses at the registered office of the Issuer.

M. Dominique Andro, Chairman of the board of directors and Chief executive officer is also Head of the Specialized Networks division (*Directeur du pôle Réseaux Spécialisés*) of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa;

M. Humbert de Fresnoye, Director, is also Head of the Products division (*Directeur du pôle Produits*) of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa;

M. Marc Paradis, Director, is also Chief Organization Officer (*Directeur Organisation et moyens*) of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa;

M. Etienne-Marie Airiau, Director, is also Chief Executive Officer (*Directeur Général*) of BPE;

M. Auguste Jacq, Director, is also Director (*Administrateur*) of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa;

M. Guillaume Hardy, Director, is also Chief Legal Officer (*Directeur Juridique*) of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa.

### *Rights and duties of the board of directors (conseil d'administration)*

In accordance with French applicable corporate laws and the articles of association of the Issuer, the board of directors (*conseil d'administration*) determines the scope of the Issuer's business activities. Without prejudice to the powers expressly granted to meetings of the shareholders, and in so far as the articles of association permit, the board of directors (*conseil d'administration*) deals with all matters relating to the conduct of the Issuer's business, within the limit of the corporate purpose (*objet social*) of the Issuer. When dealing with third parties, the Issuer is bound by acts of the board of directors (*conseil d'administration*) which do not come within the scope of the Issuer's corporate purpose, unless it can prove that the third party knew that a specific action was out of that scope.

The board of directors (*conseil d'administration*) shall carry out the inspections and verifications which it considers appropriate. The chairman of board of directors (*conseil d'administration*) or the chief executive officer (*directeur général*) is required to send all the documents and information necessary to perform this task to each director (*administrateur*).

The chairman of the board of directors (*président du conseil d'administration*) organises and oversees the work of the board of directors (*conseil d'administration*) and reports to the shareholders' general meeting.

### *Rights and duties of the chief executive officer (directeur général)*

The general management of the Issuer shall be performed by the chief executive officer (*directeur général*). The chief executive officer (*directeur général*) shall have the most extensive powers to act on behalf of the Issuer in all circumstances, but will exercise its powers subject to those that the law allocates explicitly to shareholders' meetings and to the board of directors (*conseil d'administration*).

With regard to the shareholders, the by-laws of the Issuer provides that some actions shall not be able to be taken by the board of directors (*conseil d'administration*), nor by the chairman (*président*), nor by any chief executive officer (*directeur général*) whatsoever, without the prior consent of the shareholders' general meeting. Such provisions of the by-laws of the Issuer restricting the actions the board of directors (*conseil d'administration*), the chairman (*président*) or the chief executive officer (*directeur général*) may take are not enforceable against third parties.

### *The Issuer Independent Representative*

According to the by-laws of the Issuer, the board of directors (*conseil d'administration*) will, at any time, include an independent member (the "**Issuer Independent Representative**"), i.e. a member having no relationship with the Issuer, its shareholders or its management, which may compromise the independence of judgement by such member, as further described and detailed in the by-laws of the Issuer. On the Programme Date, Mr. Yves Poupon is the Issuer Independent Representative.

The written confirmation consent of the Issuer Independent Representative (the "**Issuer Independent Representative Consent**") will be required regarding any action, determination or appointment, as specified under the Terms and Conditions and/or any other Programme Documents.

### **Issuer Statutory Auditors**

As from 10 October 2008, the statutory auditors of the Issuer are:

- (a) Deloitte & Associés, 185 avenue Charles de Gaulle, 92524 Neuilly-sur-Seine, France; and
- (b) Mazars, 61 rue Henri Régnault, 92075 Paris La Défense, France.

They are regulated by the *Haut Conseil du Commissariat aux Comptes* and duly authorised as *Commissaires aux comptes*.

Sterenn was statutory auditor of the Issuer as from 20 October 2000 until 10 October 2008 (excluded).

### **Recent Developments**

Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Covered Bonds launched two issues of German Law Covered Bonds, respectively dated 22 July 2010 and 13 August 2010, for a total amount of €73,000,000.



## The Administrative Agreement

This section sets out the main material terms of the Administrative Agreement.

### *Background*

The "**Administrative Agreement**" refers to the agreement dated on the Signing Date and entered into between Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Covered Bonds, as Issuer and Crédit Mutuel Arkéa, as Administrator (the "**Administrator**").

### *Purpose*

Under the Administrative Agreement, Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Covered Bonds, as Issuer, appoints Crédit Mutuel Arkéa as its servicer for the rendering of administrative services to the Issuer (including all necessary advice, assistance and know-how, whether technical or not, day to day management and corporate administration services). The Administrator will always act in the best and exclusive interest of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Covered Bonds.

### *Administrator's duties*

Pursuant to the Administrative Agreement, the Administrator will *inter alia*:

- (a) advise and assist the Issuer in all accounting and tax matters;
- (b) advise and assist the Issuer in all legal and administrative matters;
- (c) act on behalf of the Issuer in connection with the exercise of each of its rights and performance of each of its obligations under the Programme Documents;
- (d) provide the Issuer with all necessary assistance and know-how, whether technical or other, to exercise and perform all of its rights and obligations under the Programme Documents;
- (e) assist the Issuer in operating its bank accounts, the management and investment of its available cash in Permitted Investments in accordance with the relevant Permitted Investments rules, and any other matters in relation to the management of its bank accounts and funds so as to ensure that the Issuer will at all times comply with the provisions of the Programme Documents;
- (f) act as custodian of any and all other documents that any corporate company similar to the Issuer shall keep on file under any applicable laws, until the Service Termination Date;
- (g) upon enforcement of the Collateral Security following the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default, cause the Collateral Providers to deliver the Collateral Security Assets to the Issuer and hence the Issuer to take title to such assets;
- (h) upon enforcement of the Collateral Security following the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default and upon the Issuer taking title to the Collateral Security Assets, ensure the servicing of such assets (if not transferred to a substitute servicer), and notify the debtors for the direct payment to the Issuer of the amounts due under the Home Loans.

For such purposes, "**Permitted Investments**" means:

- (a) Euro denominated government securities, Euro demand or time deposits, certificates of deposit and short term debt obligations (including commercial paper) provided that in all cases such investments have a remaining maturity date of sixty (60) days or less and mature on or before the next following Payment Date and the short term unsecured, unguaranteed and unsubordinated debt obligations of the issuing or guaranteeing entity or the entity with which the demand or time deposits are made are rated at least A-1 (short term) or A+ (long term) by S&P;
- (b) Euro denominated government securities, Euro demand or time deposits, certificates of deposit and short term debt obligations (including commercial paper) provided that in all cases such investments have a remaining maturity date of three hundred and sixty-four (364) days or less and the short term unsecured, unguaranteed and unsubordinated debt obligations of the issuing or guaranteeing entity or the entity with which the demand or time deposits are made are rated at least A-1+ (short term) or AA- (long term) by S&P; and

- (c) Euro denominated government securities, Euro demand or time deposits, certificates of deposit which have a remaining maturity date of more than three hundred and sixty-four (364) days and the long term unsecured, unguaranteed and unsubordinated debt obligations of the issuing or guaranteeing entity or the entity with which the demand or time deposits are made are rated at least AAA by S&P.

*Administrator's duties regarding the refinancing of the Transferred Assets*

After title to Home Loans and related Home Loan Security and Substitution Assets has been transferred to the Issuer upon enforcement of the Collateral Security following the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default (the "**Transferred Assets**"), the Administrator (or the Substitute Administrator) acting on behalf of the Issuer will sell or refinance such Home Loans, related Home Loan Security and Substitution Assets in order for the Issuer to receive sufficient Available Funds to make payments when due under the relevant Series of Covered Bonds (after taking into account all payments to be made in priority thereto according to the relevant Priority Payment Order and the relevant payment dates and Final Maturity Date under each relevant Series of Covered Bonds).

The Administrator (or the Substitute Administrator) acting on behalf of the Issuer shall ensure that the Home Loans, related Home Loan Security and Substitution Assets which are proposed for sale or refinancing (the "**Selected Assets**") at any relevant date (the "**SARA Relevant Date**") will be selected on a random basis, provided that (i) no more Selected Assets will be selected than are necessary for the estimated sale or refinancing proceeds to equal the Adjusted Required Redemption Amount, and (ii) the aggregate outstanding principal amount or value (and interest accrued thereon) of such Selected Assets shall not exceed the "Selected Assets Required Amount (SARA)", which is calculated as follows:

$$\text{SARA} = \text{Adjusted Required Redemption Amount} \times \text{A/B}$$

where:

"**Adjusted Required Redemption Amount**" means an amount equal to the euro equivalent of the outstanding principal amount (together with Interest Amount accrued thereon) of the first Series of Covered Bonds maturing after the SARA Relevant Date less amounts standing to the credit of the Issuer Accounts (excluding all amounts to be applied on the first Payment Date following the SARA Relevant Date to repay higher ranking amounts in the relevant Priority Payment Order and those amounts that are required to repay any Series which mature prior to or on the same date as the relevant Series);

"**A**" means the euro equivalent of the aggregate of the outstanding principal amount or value (together with interest accrued thereon) of all Transferred Assets; and

"**B**" means the euro equivalent of the outstanding principal amount (together with Interest Amount accrued thereon) in respect of all Series of Covered Bonds then outstanding.

The Administrator (or the Substitute Administrator) acting on behalf of the Issuer will offer the Selected Assets for sale to prospective buyers for the best price reasonably available but in any event for an amount not less than the Adjusted Required Redemption Amount.

If the Selected Assets have not been sold or refinanced (in whole or in part) in an amount equal to the Adjusted Required Redemption Amount by the date which is six (6) months prior to the Final Maturity Date of the Series of Covered Bonds maturing after the SARA Relevant Date (after taking into account all payments, provisions and credits to be made in priority thereto), then the Administrator (or the Substitute Administrator) acting on behalf of the Issuer will (i) offer the Selected Assets for sale for the best price reasonably available or (ii) seek to refinance the Selected Assets on the best terms reasonably available, notwithstanding that such amount may be less than the Adjusted Required Redemption Amount.

For the purpose hereof, the Administrator (or the Substitute Administrator) acting on behalf of the Issuer may through a tender process appoint a portfolio manager of recognised standing on a basis intended to incite the portfolio manager to achieve the best price for the sale or refinancing of the relevant Home Loans, related Home Loan Security and the relevant Substitution Assets (if such terms are commercially available in the market) and to advise it in relation to the sale or refinancing of the same to prospective buyers.

In respect of any sale or refinancing of the Selected Assets, the Administrator (or the Substitute Administrator) acting on behalf of the Issuer shall use all reasonable endeavours to procure that the same

are sold as quickly as reasonably practicable (in accordance, as the case may be, with the recommendations of the portfolio manager) taking into account the market conditions at that time.

#### *Substitution and Agency*

The Administrator may not assign its rights and obligations under the Administrative Agreement but will have the right to be assisted by, to appoint or to substitute for itself any third party in the performance of certain or all its tasks under the Administrative Agreement provided that:

- (a) the Administrator remains liable to the Issuer for the proper performance of those tasks and, with respect to the Issuer only, the relevant third party has expressly waived any right to any contractual claim against the Issuer; and
- (b) the relevant third party has undertaken to comply with all obligations binding upon the Administrator under the Administrative Agreement.

#### *Remuneration*

In consideration of the services provided by the Administrator to the Issuer under the Administrative Agreement, the Issuer will pay to the Administrator a remuneration determined subject to, and in accordance with, the provisions of the Administrative Agreement.

#### *Representations, warranties and undertakings*

The Administrator has made the customary representations and warranties and undertakings to the Issuer, the representations and warranties being given on the execution date of the Administrative Agreement and continuing until the Service Termination Date.

#### *Indemnities*

Pursuant to the Administrative Agreement, the Administrator undertakes to hold harmless and fully and effectively indemnify the Issuer against all actions, proceedings, demands, damages, costs, expenses (including legal fees), claims, losses, prejudice or other liability, which the Issuer may sustain or incur as a consequence of the occurrence of any default by the Administrator in its performance of any of its obligations under the Administrative Agreement.

#### *Resignation of the Administrator*

The Administrator will not resign from the duties and obligations imposed on it as Administrator pursuant to the Administrative Agreement, except:

- (a) upon a determination that the performance of its duties under the Administrative Agreement will no longer be permissible under applicable law; and
- (b) in the case where the Issuer does not comply with any of its material obligations under the Administrative Agreement and fails to remedy the situation within one hundred and eighty days (180) days from the receipt by the Issuer of a notice from the Administrator,

such resignation being effective on the date upon which (i) the event in paragraph (a) above occurs; or (ii) one hundred and eighty (180) days after the date of delivery of the notice referred to in paragraph (b) above and the date upon which the Administrator becomes unable to act as Administrator.

#### *Administrator's Defaults*

Each of the following events shall constitute an Administrator's Default:

- (a) any material representation or warranty made by the Administrator is or proves to have been incorrect or misleading in any material respect when made, and the same is not remedied (if capable of remedy) within sixty (60) Business Days after the Issuer has given notice thereof to the Administrator or (if sooner) the Administrator has knowledge of the same, provided that the Issuer, at its discretion, certifies that it is prejudicial to the interests of the holders of the relevant Covered Bonds;
- (b) the Administrator fails to comply with any of its material obligations under the Administrative Agreement unless such breach is capable of remedy and is remedied within sixty (60) Business Days after the Issuer has given notice thereof to the Administrator or (if sooner) the Administrator has knowledge of the same, provided that the Issuer, at its discretion, certifies that it is prejudicial to the interests of the holders of the relevant Covered Bonds;

- (c) an Insolvency Event occurs in respect of the Administrator; or
- (d) at any time it is or becomes unlawful for the Administrator to perform or comply with any or all of its material obligations under the Administrative Agreement or any or all of its material obligations under the Administrative Agreement are not, or cease to be, legal, valid and binding.

For such purposes, "**Insolvency Event**" means the occurrence of any of the following events:

- (a) to the extent permitted by applicable laws and regulations, the relevant entity is, or is deemed or declared for the purposes of any law to be, unable to pay its debts as they fall due or to be insolvent, or admits in writing its inability to pay its debts as they fall due or, if such entity is a credit institution, is not able to ensure its immediate or short-term payment obligations;
- (b) the relevant entity by reason of financial difficulties, begins formal negotiations with one or more of its creditors with a view to the general readjustment or rescheduling of any of its indebtedness or applies for or is subject to an amicable settlement or a *procédure de conciliation* pursuant to Articles L.611-1 *et seq.* of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*);
- (c) a meeting of the shareholders of the relevant entity is convened for the purpose of considering any resolution for (or to petition for) its winding-up or its administration or any such resolution is passed;
- (d) any person presents a petition for the winding-up or for the administration or for the bankruptcy of the relevant entity and the petition is not discharged within thirty (30) days;
- (e) any order for the winding-up or administration of the relevant entity is issued;
- (f) a judgement is issued for the judicial liquidation (*liquidation judiciaire*), the transfer of the whole or part of the business of the relevant entity (*cession totale ou partielle de l'entreprise*);
- (g) any liquidator, trustee in bankruptcy, receiver, administrative receiver, administrator or the like (including, without limitation, any *mandataire ad hoc*, *administrateur provisoire*, *conciliateur* or *mandataire liquidateur*) is appointed in respect of the relevant entity or any substantial or material part of the assets or the directors of the relevant entity request such appointment; or
- (h) more generally and to the extent permitted by applicable laws and regulations, the relevant entity is subject to any other insolvency or bankruptcy proceedings or makes any conveyance, assignment or other arrangement for the benefit of its creditors or enters into a composition with its creditors;

#### *Administrator Rating Trigger Event*

If an Administrator Rating Trigger Event occurs, the Administrator will notify the Issuer in writing of the occurrence of the Administrator Rating Trigger Event within five (5) Business Days from the date upon which it becomes aware of such event and this will constitute a termination event under the Administrative Agreement.

For such purposes, "**Administrator Rating Trigger Event**" means the event in which the long-term senior unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations of the Administrator become rated below BBB by S&P.

#### *Termination*

"**Administrator Termination Events**" under the Administrative Agreement will include the following events:

- (a) the termination of the Administrative Agreement in accordance with its scheduled term;
- (b) the occurrence and continuation of any Administrator's Default;
- (c) the occurrence of the Administrator Rating Trigger Event;
- (d) the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default; or
- (e) the resignation of the Administrator.

If an Administrator Termination Event occurs and is continuing, the Issuer shall terminate the Administrative Agreement by delivery of a written termination notice to the Administrator (the "**Notice of Termination**"). Upon receipt by the Administrator of the Notice of Termination, the Administrative Agreement will terminate with effect:

- not earlier than twenty (20) Business Days as from the receipt by the Administrator of the Notice of Termination, if such Notice of Termination is served due to the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default or of an Administrator Rating Trigger Event;
- not earlier than twenty (20) Business Days as from the receipt by the Administrator of the Notice of Termination or at any other date that the Issuer may have specified in the Notice of Termination, if such Notice of Termination is served due to any other reason,

(each, a "**Service Termination Date**"), and save for any continuing obligations of the Administrator contained in the Administrative Agreement.

Upon the Service Termination Date, the Issuer will replace Crédit Mutuel Arkéa, as Administrator, by any substitute entity (the "**Substitute Administrator**"), the choice of which being subject to prior Rating Affirmation.

Notwithstanding the Service Termination Date, the Administrator will continue to be bound by all its obligations under the Administrative Agreement until the appointment of the Substitute Administrator is effective. The Administrator undertakes to act in good faith to assist any Substitute Administrator.

#### *Limited Recourse – Non Petition*

The Administrative Agreement includes Limited Recourse and Non petition provisions, as described in "**Issuer's Activities – Limited Recourse**" and "**Issuer's Activities – Non-Petition**".

#### *Amendment*

No amendment, modification, alteration or supplement shall be made to the Administrative Agreement without prior Rating Affirmation if the same materially and adversely affects the interests of the Issuer or the Bondholders.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Administrative Agreement may be amended, modified, altered or supplemented without prior Rating Affirmation:

- (a) to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency;
- (b) to evidence or effect the transition of any party to the Administrative Agreement to any successor;
- (c) to add to the undertakings and other obligations of the Administrator under the Administrative Agreement; or
- (d) to comply with any mandatory requirements of applicable laws and regulations.

#### *Governing Law – Jurisdiction*

The Administrative Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, French law. The Issuer and the Administrator have agreed to submit any dispute that may arise in connection with the Administrative Agreement to the jurisdiction of the competent courts of Paris.

### **The Issuer Accounts Agreement**

This section sets out the main material terms of the Issuer Accounts Agreement pursuant to which the Issuer Accounts are opened in the books of the Issuer Accounts Bank.

#### *Background*

The Issuer Accounts Agreement refers to the agreement dated on the Signing Date and entered into between Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Covered Bonds, as Issuer and Crédit Mutuel Arkéa, as Issuer Accounts Bank (the "**Issuer Accounts Bank**") (the "**Issuer Accounts Agreement**").

#### *Purpose*

Under the Issuer Accounts Agreement, Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Covered Bonds, as Issuer, appoints Crédit Mutuel Arkéa as its account bank for the opening and operation of its bank accounts (the "**Issuer**

**Accounts**"). The Issuer Accounts Bank will always act in the best and exclusive interest of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Covered Bonds.

#### *Issuer Accounts*

The Issuer Accounts opened in the name of the Issuer in the books of the Issuer Accounts Bank include:

- (a) the "**Issuer Cash Accounts**", including the Issuer General Account (denominated in Euro), the Cash Collateral Account (denominated in Euro) and the Share Capital Proceeds Account (denominated in Euro); and
- (b) the "**Issuer Securities Accounts**", which are securities accounts (*compte titres*) opened in relation to each Issuer Cash Account,

it being provided that, according to the Issuer Accounts Agreement, upon request of the Issuer, the Administrator may open within the books of the Issuer Accounts Bank, any new bank cash account (and the corresponding securities account) in the name of the Issuer which may be necessary or advisable for the performance by the Issuer of its rights and obligations under any Programme Document, and notably in case of issuance of Covered Bonds denominated in a Specified Currency other than Euro.

#### *Funds Allocation*

Each of the Issuer Bank Accounts shall be exclusively dedicated to the operation of the Issuer.

Each Issuer Account will be pledged in accordance with the Issuer Accounts Pledge Agreement (see "**The Issuer Security – The Issuer Accounts Pledge Agreement**").

All sums standing to the credit balance of the Issuer Cash Accounts may be invested from time to time in Permitted Investments by the Administrator (see "**The Issuer – The Administrative Agreement**").

#### *Operation*

The Issuer Cash Accounts shall not be operated by the Issuer Accounts Bank otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of the Issuer Accounts Agreement and the Administrative Agreement and, in particular, the Issuer Accounts Bank shall be entitled to refuse to, without being liable for any such refusal:

- (a) deliver credit cards or other means of payment with respect to the Issuer Cash Accounts or make any transfer from any of the Issuer Cash Accounts upon instructions of the Administrator other than by bank transfer or any such other means as is agreed with the Issuer;
- (b) debit any of the Issuer Cash Accounts upon instructions of any person other than the Issuer or the Administrator;
- (c) debit any of the Issuer Cash Accounts upon instructions of the Administrator, if the Issuer Accounts Bank is aware that such instructions may cause a debit balance of the relevant Issuer Cash Accounts (in which case the Issuer Accounts Bank will promptly inform the Administrator and the Issuer and postpone the performance of the relevant instructions until it has received the relevant renewed written instructions of the same); or
- (d) implement any instruction from the Issuer (or the Administrator acting on its behalf) in connection with the Issuer Accounts if it is aware that an implementation of such instruction would constitute a breach of any provision of the Issuer Accounts Agreement.

#### *Issuer General Account*

As from the Programme Date and on any relevant date thereafter, the Issuer General Account shall be credited or debited by the Issuer Accounts Bank, acting upon the instructions of the Issuer (or the Administrator acting on its behalf), with any and all amounts which are not specified to be credited or debited to any other Issuer Cash Accounts (the "**Issuer General Account**").

#### *Cash Collateral Account*

The Cash Collateral Account shall be credited and debited only subject to, and in accordance with, the Cash Collateral Agreement as described in "**The Borrower Security Documents – The Cash Collateral Agreement**" and in "**Asset Monitoring – The Pre-Maturity Test**" (the "**Cash Collateral Account**").

Upon the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default, the Issuer (or the Administrator acting on its behalf) will give the appropriate instructions in order to ensure that the balance of the Cash Collateral Account be allocated in accordance with the applicable Priority Payment Order.

### *Share Capital Proceeds Account*

On or prior to the Programme Date, the Share Capital Proceeds Account shall be credited with the amount of the Issuer Share Capital and, from time to time after the Closing Date, it will be credited with the amount of the Subordinated Loans granted by Crédit Mutuel Arkéa to the Issuer, as the case may be (the "**Share Capital Proceeds Account**").

Upon the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default, the Issuer (or the Administrator acting on its behalf) will give the appropriate instructions in order to ensure that the balance of the Share Capital Proceeds Account be allocated in accordance with the applicable Priority Payment Order.

### *Representations, warranties and undertakings*

The Issuer Accounts Bank has made the customary representations and warranties and undertakings to the Issuer, the representations and warranties being given on the execution date of the Issuer Accounts Agreement and continuing until the Service Termination Date.

### *Indemnities*

Pursuant to the Issuer Accounts Agreement, the Issuer Accounts Bank undertakes to hold harmless and fully and effectively indemnify the Issuer against all actions, proceedings, demands, damages, costs, expenses (including legal fees), claims, losses, prejudice or other liability, which the Issuer may sustain or incur as a consequence of the occurrence of any default by the Issuer Accounts Bank in its performance of any of its obligations under the Issuer Accounts Agreement.

### *Resignation of Issuer Accounts Bank*

The Issuer Accounts Bank will not resign from the duties and obligations imposed on it as Issuer Accounts Bank pursuant to the Issuer Accounts Agreement, except as follows:

- (a) upon a determination that the performance of its duties under the Issuer Accounts Agreement will no longer be permissible under applicable law; and
- (b) in the case where the Issuer does not comply with any of its material obligations under the Issuer Accounts Agreement and fails to remedy the situation within one hundred and eighty (180) days from the receipt by the Issuer of a notice from the Issuer Accounts Bank (with copy to the Administrator),

such resignation being effective on the date upon which (i) the event in paragraph (a) above occurs or (ii) one hundred and eighty (180) days after the date of delivery of the notice referred to in paragraph (b) above and the date upon which the Issuer Accounts Bank becomes unable to act as Issuer Accounts Bank.

### *Issuer Accounts Bank's Defaults*

Each of the following events shall constitute an Issuer Accounts Bank's Default (a "**Issuer Accounts Bank's Default**"):

- (a) any material representation or warranty made by the Issuer Accounts Bank is or proves to have been incorrect or misleading in any material respect when made, and the same is not remedied (if capable of remedy) within sixty (60) Business Days after the Issuer has given notice thereof to the Issuer Accounts Bank or (if sooner) the Issuer Accounts Bank has knowledge of the same, provided that the Issuer, at its discretion, certifies that it is prejudicial to the interests of the holders of the relevant Covered Bonds;
- (b) the Issuer Accounts Bank fails to comply with any of its material obligations under the Issuer Accounts Agreement to which it is a party unless such breach is capable of remedy and is remedied within sixty (60) Business Days after the Issuer has given notice thereof to the Issuer Accounts Bank or (if sooner) the Issuer Accounts Bank has knowledge of the same, provided that the Issuer, at its discretion, certifies that it is prejudicial to the interests of the holders of the relevant Covered Bonds;
- (c) an Insolvency Event occurs in respect of the Issuer Accounts Bank; or
- (d) at any time it is or becomes unlawful for the Issuer Accounts Bank to perform or comply with any or all of its material obligations under the Issuer Accounts Agreement or any or all of its material obligations under the Issuer Accounts Agreement are not, or cease to be, legal, valid and binding.

For such purposes, "**Insolvency Event**" means the occurrence of any of the following events:

- (a) to the extent permitted by applicable laws and regulations, the relevant entity is, or is deemed or declared for the purposes of any law to be, unable to pay its debts as they fall due or to be insolvent, or admits in writing its inability to pay its debts as they fall due or, if such entity is a credit institution, is not able to ensure its immediate or short-term payment obligations;
- (b) the relevant entity by reason of financial difficulties, begins formal negotiations with one or more of its creditors with a view to the general readjustment or rescheduling of any of its indebtedness or applies for or is subject to an amicable settlement or a *procédure de conciliation* pursuant to Articles L.611-1 *et seq.* of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*);
- (c) a meeting of the shareholders of the relevant entity is convened for the purpose of considering any resolution for (or to petition for) its winding-up or its administration or any such resolution is passed;
- (d) any person presents a petition for the winding-up or for the administration or for the bankruptcy of the relevant entity and the petition is not discharged within thirty (30) days;
- (e) any order for the winding-up or administration of the relevant entity is issued;
- (f) a judgement is issued for the judicial liquidation (*liquidation judiciaire*), the transfer of the whole or part of the business of the relevant entity (*cession totale ou partielle de l'entreprise*);
- (g) any liquidator, trustee in bankruptcy, receiver, administrative receiver, administrator or the like (including, without limitation, any *mandataire ad hoc*, *administrateur provisoire*, *conciliateur* or *mandataire liquidateur*) is appointed in respect of the relevant entity or any substantial or material part of the assets or the directors of the relevant entity request such appointment; or
- (h) more generally and to the extent permitted by applicable laws and regulations, the relevant entity is subject to any other insolvency or bankruptcy proceedings or makes any conveyance, assignment or other arrangement for the benefit of its creditors or enters into a composition with its creditors.

#### *Issuer Accounts Bank Rating Trigger Event*

If an Issuer Accounts Bank Rating Trigger Event occurs, the Administrator will notify the Issuer in writing of the occurrence of such event and then within sixty (60) Business Days of such occurrence either:

- the then existing Issuer Bank Accounts will be closed and new accounts will be opened under the terms of a new Issuer Accounts Agreement substantially on the same terms as the Issuer Accounts Agreement, with another financial institution whose short term, unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations are rated at least A-1 by S&P; or
- subject to prior Rating Affirmation, the Issuer Accounts Bank will obtain a guarantee of its obligations under the Issuer Accounts Agreement on terms acceptable to the Issuer, acting reasonably, from a financial institution whose short term, unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations are rated at least A-1 by S&P.

The same provisions will apply each time an Issuer Accounts Bank Rating Trigger Event occurs in relation to any substitute financial institution appointed in replacement of an Issuer Accounts Bank.

For such purposes, "**Issuer Accounts Bank Rating Trigger Event**" means the event in which the short-term senior unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations of the then appointed Issuer Accounts Bank become rated below A-1 by S&P.

#### *Termination*

"**Issuer Accounts Bank Termination Events**" under the Issuer Accounts Agreement will include the following events:

- (a) the termination of the Issuer Accounts Agreement in accordance with its scheduled term;
- (b) the occurrence and continuation of any Issuer Accounts Bank's Default;
- (c) the occurrence of the Issuer Accounts Bank Rating Trigger Event;
- (d) the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default; or
- (e) the resignation of the Issuer Accounts Bank.



If an Issuer Accounts Bank Termination Event occurs and is continuing, the Issuer shall terminate the Issuer Accounts Agreement by delivery of a written termination notice to the Issuer Accounts Bank (the "**Notice of Termination**"). Upon receipt by the Issuer Accounts Bank of the Notice of Termination, the Issuer Accounts Agreement will terminate with effect not earlier than twenty (20) Business Days as from the receipt by the Issuer Accounts Bank of the Notice of Termination or at any other date that the Issuer may have specified in the Notice of Termination (each, a "**Service Termination Date**") save for any continuing obligations of the Issuer Accounts Bank contained in the Issuer Accounts Agreement.

Upon the Service Termination Date, the Issuer will replace Crédit Mutuel Arkéa, as Issuer Accounts Bank, by any substitute entity (the "**Substitute Issuer Accounts Bank**"), the choice of which being subject to prior Rating Affirmation.

Notwithstanding the Service Termination Date, the Issuer Accounts Bank will continue to be bound by all its obligations under the Issuer Accounts Bank Agreement until the appointment of the Substitute Issuer Accounts Bank is effective. The Issuer Accounts Bank undertakes to act in good faith to assist any Substitute Issuer Accounts Bank.

#### *Limited Recourse – Non Petition*

The Issuer Accounts Agreement includes Limited Recourse and Non petition provisions, as described in "**Issuer's Activities – Limited Recourse**" and "**Issuer's Activities – Non-Petition**".

#### *Amendment*

No amendment, modification, alteration or supplement shall be made to the Issuer Accounts Agreement without prior Rating Affirmation if the same materially and adversely affects the interests of the Issuer or the Bondholders.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Issuer Accounts Agreement may be amended, modified, altered or supplemented without prior Rating Affirmation:

- (a) to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency;
- (b) to evidence or effect the transition of any party to the Issuer Accounts Agreement to any successor;
- (c) to add to the undertakings and other obligations of the Issuer Accounts Bank under the Issuer Accounts Agreement; or
- (d) to comply with any mandatory requirements of applicable laws and regulations.

#### *Governing Law – Jurisdiction*

The Issuer Accounts Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, French law. The Issuer and the Issuer Accounts Bank have agreed to submit any dispute that may arise in connection with the Issuer Accounts Agreement to the jurisdiction of the competent courts of Paris.

## THE ISSUER SECURITY

*For the avoidance of doubt, it is specified that the expression "Covered Bonds" will include German law and French law Covered Bonds and the expression "Bondholders" includes any holder of such Covered Bonds, in the following section.*

The Issuer Security is the first-ranking pledge of the Issuer Accounts granted pursuant to the Issuer Accounts Pledge Agreement and the first-ranking pledge of the Borrower Facility Receivables granted pursuant to the Issuer Receivables Pledge Agreement (the "**Issuer Security**"). The Issuer Security Assets are the Issuer Accounts and the Borrower Facility Receivables pledged according to the present section (the "**Issuer Security Assets**").

### The Issuer Accounts Pledge Agreement

#### *Background*

The Issuer Accounts Pledge Agreement refers to the agreement dated on the Signing Date and made between (i) Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Covered Bonds in its capacity as pledgor, (ii) Crédit Mutuel Arkéa in its capacity as Administrator and (iii) BNP Paribas Securities Services (formerly, BGL BNP Paribas) (the "**Issuer Security Agent**") acting in the name and on behalf of the Bondholders or in the name and on behalf of the *Masses* of the Bondholders, in their capacity as beneficiaries (the "**Beneficiaries**") under the pledge (the "**Issuer Accounts Pledge Agreement**"). Under the Issuer Accounts Pledge Agreement, the Issuer Security Agent, if different from the Representative, shall act as an agent of the Representative or, if no Representative has been appointed, as an agent of the Bondholders.

#### *Issuer Secured Liabilities*

Under the Issuer Accounts Pledge Agreement, the Issuer will undertake, in respect to any issue of Covered Bonds, to:

- (a) charge to the Bondholders, as represented by the Issuer Security Agent, all its rights, title and interest, whether present or future, actual or contingent, in respect of the Issuer Cash Accounts in accordance with the provisions of Articles L.521-1 and L.521-3 of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*) and Articles 2355 *et seq.* of the French Civil Code (*Code civil*); and
- (b) pledge in favour of the Bondholders, as represented by the Issuer Security Agent, the Issuer Securities Accounts, including any investments at any time and from time to time standing to the credit of the said Issuer Securities Accounts, in accordance with the provisions of Article L.221-20 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*),

so as to secure as they become due and payable the payments of all and any amount owed in respect of Covered Bonds issued by the Issuer, whether present or future (the "**Issuer Secured Liabilities**").

The subscription or purchase of Covered Bonds results by force of law in the (i) acceptance that all the Beneficiaries will benefit *pari passu* from the first-ranking security provided under the Issuer Accounts Pledge Agreement and any Issuer Accounts Pledge Agreement Deed of Retake and (ii) appointment of the Issuer Security Agent as agent in order to manage the said security in their name and on their behalf.

#### *Release and retake*

Upon the issue of further Series of Covered Bonds on each issue date after the Closing Date, the existing security provided in accordance with the Issuer Accounts Pledge Agreement securing the repayment of all and any amount owed in respect of the then outstanding Covered Bonds will be (a) released by the Issuer Security Agent and (b) re-taken by the Issuer Security Agent, as first-ranking security for the repayment of all and any amount owed in respect of the then outstanding Covered Bonds and the new Series of Covered Bonds issued on such subsequent issue date. A deed of release and a deed of retake, specifying the Issuer Secured Liabilities, the Beneficiaries and the relevant Issuer Accounts to be pledged, will be executed upon each subsequent issue of Covered Bonds (respectively, the "**Issuer Accounts Pledge Agreement Deed of Release**" and the "**Issuer Accounts Pledge Agreement Deed of Retake**").

All the Beneficiaries will benefit *pari passu* from the first-ranking security provided under the Issuer Accounts Pledge Agreement and any Issuer Accounts Pledge Agreement Deed of Retake.

*Representations, warranties and undertakings*

The Issuer, as Pledgor, has made the customary representations and warranties and undertakings to the Beneficiaries, the representations and warranties being given on the execution date of the Accounts Pledge Agreement and continuing until satisfaction in full of the Issuer Secured Liabilities.

*Enforcement of the charge over the Issuer Cash Accounts*

Upon the service of an Issuer Enforcement Notice following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the Issuer Security Agent acting on behalf of the Beneficiaries will be entitled to request from the Issuer Accounts Bank, upon service of a notification (*mise en demeure*) to the Issuer and the Issuer Accounts Bank, that all sums standing to the credit of all the Issuer Cash Accounts be paid to the Issuer Security Agent for the benefit of the Beneficiaries, up to the outstanding amount of the Issuer Secured Liabilities.

*Enforcement of the pledge over the Issuer Securities Accounts*

Upon the service of an Issuer Enforcement Notice following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the Issuer Security Agent acting on behalf of the Beneficiaries will be entitled to exercise all rights, actions and privileges as granted by law to a secured creditor in order to recover the Issuer Secured Liabilities, as described in the Issuer Accounts Pledge Agreement.

*Registration – Notification*

The French translation of the Issuer Accounts Pledge Agreement and any subsequent Issuer Accounts Pledge Agreement Deed of Release and Issuer Accounts Pledge Agreement Deed of Retake will be registered by the Issuer Security Agent, acting on behalf of the Beneficiaries, at the expense of the Issuer, with the relevant tax authorities and the Issuer Security Agent will cause, at the Issuer's expense, notice of the Issuer Accounts Pledge Agreement and any subsequent Issuer Accounts Pledge Agreement Deed of Release and Issuer Accounts Pledge Agreement Deed of Retake to be given to the Issuer Accounts Bank by registered letter in accordance with the provisions of Article 2362 para.1 of the French Civil Code (*Code civil*).

*Termination upon the occurrence of an Issuer Security Agent Rating Trigger Event under the Issuer Accounts Pledge Agreement*

If an Issuer Security Agent Rating Trigger Event occurs, the Issuer Security Agent will notify the Issuer and the Representative in writing of the occurrence of the Issuer Security Agent Rating Trigger Event. In this case, the Representative, acting on behalf of the Bondholders, shall, by delivery of a written termination notice to the Issuer Security Agent (as applicable) and to the Issuer (a "**Notice of Termination**") (i) terminate the appointment of BNP Paribas Securities Services (formerly, BGL BNP Paribas) as Issuer Security Agent or (ii), if the Issuer Security Agent is the Representative, shall resign from its sole function of Issuer Security Agent. Upon receipt by the Issuer Security Agent or the Issuer of any Notice of Termination, the appointment of BNP Paribas Securities Services (formerly, BGL BNP Paribas) as Issuer Security Agent will terminate with effect not earlier than twenty (20) Business Days as from the receipt of the Notice of Termination or at any other date that the Representative may have specified in the Notice of Termination (each, a "**Termination Date**").

Upon the Termination Date, the Representative will appoint any substitute entity as Issuer Security Agent (the "**Substitute Issuer Security Agent**"), the choice of which being subject to prior Rating Affirmation.

Notwithstanding the Termination Date, the Issuer Security Agent will continue to be bound by all its obligations as Issuer Security Agent until the appointment of the Substitute Issuer Security Agent is effective. The Issuer Security Agent undertakes to act in good faith to assist any Substitute Issuer Security Agent.

For such purposes, "**Issuer Security Agent Rating Trigger Event**" means the event in which the long-term senior unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations of the Issuer Security Agent or (if not rated) those of its guarantor become rated below BBB by S&P.

### *Amendment*

No amendment, modification, alteration or supplement shall be made to the Accounts Pledge Agreement without prior Rating Affirmation if the same materially and adversely affects the interests of the Issuer or the Bondholders.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Accounts Pledge Agreement may be amended, modified, altered or supplemented without prior Rating Affirmation:

- (a) to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency;
- (b) to evidence or effect the transition of any party to the Accounts Pledge Agreement to any successor;
- (c) to add to the undertakings and other obligations of the Issuer Security Agent under the Accounts Pledge Agreement; or
- (d) to comply with any mandatory requirements of applicable laws and regulations.

### *Governing Law – Jurisdiction*

The Accounts Pledge Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, French law. The Issuer and the Issuer Security Agent (acting on behalf of the Beneficiaries) have agreed to submit any dispute that may arise in connection with the Accounts Pledge Agreement to the jurisdiction of the competent courts of Paris.

## **The Issuer Receivables Pledge Agreement**

### *Background*

The Issuer Receivables Pledge Agreement refers to the French law-governed agreement dated on the Signing Date made between (i) Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Covered Bonds (the "**Pledgor of Receivables**") (ii) Crédit Mutuel Arkéa in its capacity as Administrator and (iii) BNP Paribas Securities Services (formerly, BGL BNP Paribas) (the "**Issuer Security Agent**") acting on behalf of the Bondholders or in the name and on behalf of the *Masses* of the Bondholders, in their capacity as beneficiaries (the "**Beneficiaries**") under the pledge (the "**Issuer Receivables Pledge Agreement**"). Under the Issuer Receivables Pledge Agreement, the Issuer Security Agent, if different from the Representative, shall act as an agent of the Representative or, if no Representative has been appointed, as an agent of the Bondholders.

### *Issuer Secured Liabilities*

Under the Issuer Receivables Pledge Agreement, Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Covered Bonds, as Pledgor of Receivables, undertakes, in respect to any issue of Covered Bonds, to pledge to the Beneficiaries any and all receivables from time to time held by the Issuer against the Borrower under the Borrower Facility (the "**Borrower Facility Receivables**") so as to secure as they become due and payable the payments of all and any amount owed in respect of Covered Bonds issued by the Issuer, whether present or future (the "**Issuer Secured Liabilities**").

The subscription or purchase of Covered Bonds results by force of law in the (i) acceptance that all the Beneficiaries will benefit *pari passu* from the first-ranking security provided under the Issuer Receivables Pledge Agreement and any Receivables Pledge Agreement Deed of Retake and (ii) appointment of the Issuer Security Agent as agent in order to manage the said security in their name and on their behalf.

### *Release and retake*

Upon the issue of further Series of Covered Bonds on each issue date after the Closing Date, the existing security provided in accordance with the Issuer Receivables Pledge Agreement securing the repayment of all and any amount owed in respect of the then outstanding Covered Bonds will be (a) released by the Issuer Security Agent and (b) re-taken by the Issuer Security Agent, as first-ranking security for the repayment of all and any amount owed in respect of the then outstanding Covered Bonds and the new Series of Covered Bonds issued on such subsequent issue date. A deed of release and a deed of retake, specifying the Issuer Secured Liabilities, the Beneficiaries, and the relevant Borrower Facility Receivables to be pledged, will be executed upon each subsequent issue of Covered Bonds (respectively, the "**Receivables Pledge Agreement Deed of Release**" and the "**Receivables Pledge Agreement Deed of Retake**").

All the Beneficiaries will benefit *pari passu* from the first-ranking security provided under the Issuer Receivables Pledge Agreement and any Receivables Pledge Agreement Deed of Retake.

### *Representations, warranties and undertakings*

The Issuer, as Pledgor, has made the customary representations and warranties and undertakings to the Beneficiaries, the representations and warranties being given on the execution date of the Issuer Receivables Pledge Agreement and continuing until satisfaction in full of the Issuer Secured Liabilities.

### *Enforcement*

Upon the service of an Issuer Enforcement Notice following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the Issuer Security Agent acting on behalf of the Beneficiaries will be entitled, upon service of a notification (*mise en demeure*) to the Pledgor of Receivables:

- (a) to request from the Pledgor of Receivables that title to all Borrower Facility Receivables and any ancillary rights thereof (*droits qui s'y attachent*) be transferred to the Issuer Security Agent for the benefit of the Beneficiaries up to the outstanding amount of the Issuer Secured Liabilities, in accordance with the provisions of Article 2365 of the French Civil Code (*Code civil*); and
- (b) as the case may be, to notify, at the expense of the Pledgor of Receivables, the Borrower by registered letter (the "**Receivables Pledge Notice**"), of the Issuer Receivables Pledge Agreement and any subsequent Receivables Pledge Agreement Deed of Release and Receivables Pledge Agreement Deed of Retake, it being expressly provided that upon receipt by the Borrower of the Receivables Pledge Notice, the Borrower will pay any and all amounts due and payable pursuant to the Borrower Facility (including but not limited to, any principal and interest) to the credit of the bank account specified in the Receivables Pledge Notice (the "**Receivables Pledge Account**"), opened in the name of the Issuer Security Agent on behalf of the Beneficiaries. Any such amount received by the Issuer Security Agent on behalf of the Beneficiaries shall be held by the Issuer Security Agent as cash collateral (*gage-espèces*) for the satisfaction in full of the Issuer Secured Liabilities.

For the purpose of the transfer of title specified above, the relevant Borrower Facility Receivables will be valued, on the date of enforcement of the pledge, on the basis of their outstanding principal amount as the same will be determined by the Administrator on the first Business Day immediately preceding the day of such enforcement.

### *Registration – Notification*

The French translation of the Issuer Receivables Pledge Agreement and any subsequent Receivables Pledge Agreement Deed of Release and Receivables Pledge Agreement Deed of Retake will be registered by the Issuer Security Agent, acting on behalf of the Beneficiaries, at the expense of the Issuer, with the relevant tax authorities and the Issuer Security Agent.

### *Termination upon the occurrence of an Issuer Security Agent Rating Trigger Event under the Issuer Receivables Pledge Agreement*

If an Issuer Security Agent Rating Trigger Event occurs, the Issuer Security Agent will notify the Issuer and the Representative in writing of the occurrence of the Issuer Security Agent Rating Trigger Event. In this case, the Representative, acting on behalf of the Bondholders, shall by delivery of a written termination notice to the Issuer Security Agent (as applicable) and to the Issuer (a "**Notice of Termination**") (i) terminate the appointment of BNP Paribas Securities Services (formerly, BGL BNP

Paribas) as Issuer Security Agent or (ii), if the Issuer Security Agent is the Representative, shall resign from its sole function of Issuer Security Agent. Upon receipt by the Issuer Security Agent or the Issuer of any Notice of Termination, the appointment of BNP Paribas Securities Services (formerly, BGL BNP Paribas) as Issuer Security Agent will terminate with effect not earlier than twenty (20) Business Days as from the receipt of the Notice of Termination or at any other date that the Representative may have specified in the Notice of Termination (each, a "**Termination Date**").

Upon the Termination Date, the Representative will appoint any substitute entity as Issuer Security Agent (the "**Substitute Issuer Security Agent**"), the choice of which being subject to prior Rating Affirmation.

Notwithstanding the Termination Date, the Issuer Security Agent will continue to be bound by all its obligations as Issuer Security Agent until the appointment of the Substitute Issuer Security Agent is effective. The Issuer Security Agent undertakes to act in good faith to assist any Substitute Issuer Security Agent.

For such purposes, "**Issuer Security Agent Rating Trigger Event**" means the event in which the long-term senior unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations of the Issuer Security Agent or (if not rated) those of its guarantor become rated below BBB by S&P.

#### *Amendment*

No amendment, modification, alteration or supplement shall be made to the Issuer Receivables Pledge Agreement without prior Rating Affirmation if the same materially and adversely affects the interests of the Issuer or the Bondholders.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Issuer Receivables Pledge Agreement may be amended, modified, altered or supplemented without prior Rating Affirmation:

- (a) to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency;
- (b) to evidence or effect the transition of any party to the Issuer Receivables Pledge Agreement to any successor;
- (c) to add to the undertakings and other obligations of the Issuer Security Agent under the Issuer Receivables Pledge Agreement; or
- (d) to comply with any mandatory requirements of applicable laws and regulations.

#### *Governing Law – Jurisdiction*

The Issuer Receivables Pledge Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, French law. The Issuer and the Issuer Security Agent (acting on behalf of the Beneficiaries) have agreed to submit any dispute that may arise in connection with the Issuer Receivables Pledge Agreement to the jurisdiction of the competent courts of Paris.

## THE BORROWER AND THE BORROWER FACILITY AGREEMENT

*For the avoidance of doubt, it is specified that the expression "Covered Bonds" will include German law and French law Covered Bonds and the expression "Bondholders" includes any holder of such Covered Bonds, in the following section.*

### The Borrower

The borrower under the Borrower Facility Agreement (the "**Borrower**") is Crédit Mutuel Arkéa.

The Borrower's corporate name is *Crédit Mutuel Arkéa*. The Borrower's trade name is *Crédit Mutuel Arkéa*.

#### *General information relating to Crédit Mutuel Arkéa*

Crédit Mutuel Arkéa is organised as a French *société anonyme coopérative de crédit à capital variable*, governed by a board of directors (*conseil d'administration*) and subject to the laws and regulations in force in France and in particular the commercial companies provisions of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*) and the credit institutions provisions of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) and the implementing decrees taken in this respect as well as its bylaws.

Crédit Mutuel Arkéa was registered on 24 September 1960 with the *Registre du commerce et des sociétés* of Brest under number 775 577 018. The term of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa is set at 99 years and it shall consequently expire on 23 September 2059 except in the event of earlier dissolution or extension.

The short term rating of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa is A-1 (S&P). The long term rating is A+ (S&P).

The registered office and head office for business purposes of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa is located at 1, rue Louis Lichou 29480 Le Relecq Kerhuon, France. The contact number of such office is 33 2 98 00 22 22.

The last annual report Crédit Mutuel Arkéa is available on its website: [www.arkea.com](http://www.arkea.com).

#### *Activities*

Crédit Mutuel Arkéa acts as central treasury to CM Entities.

#### *Business Overview*

Crédit Mutuel Arkéa is the consolidating parent company of the Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Group. Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Group is a member of the Confédération Nationale du Crédit Mutuel ("**CNCM**"), which represents the various regional members of Crédit Mutuel.

The Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Group consists of two legally distinct divisions:

- **a credit union and mutual savings bank division** consisting of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa and the three Crédit Mutuel federations: Bretagne, Sud-Ouest and Massif Central;
- **a division organized under ordinary corporate law** that consists of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa and its affiliates.

Within this structure, Crédit Mutuel Arkéa is the head of the Group with a collective license for the local savings banks belonging to the three federations. The local savings banks are not licensed individually.

Crédit Mutuel Arkéa acts as the Group's capital markets and investment bank and as the holding company for the non-credit union and non-mutual savings bank businesses.

Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Group carries out business in the areas of banking credit and savings, finance and insurance. With 7,200 employees and 2,700,000 customers, it experienced further commercial expansion and built up its presence throughout France by entering into distribution agreements with external operators.

#### *General information relating to share capital*

The stated capital of this company is owned by the local savings banks belonging to the Crédit Mutuel de Bretagne, the Crédit Mutuel du Sud-Ouest and the Crédit Mutuel Massif Central federations.

### *Management and administration*

Crédit Mutuel Arkéa is managed by its board of directors (*Conseil d'administration*). Its by-laws provide for a board of directors who are appointed by the general meeting of the shareholders for a period of three (3) years, but may serve any number of consecutive terms.

The board of directors is chaired by a chairman (*président*) who ensures its efficient functioning and the provision of constant and complete information to it. The board of directors has also appointed a managing director (*directeur général*) who is responsible for the general management of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa and represents it in relation to third parties.

### *Control*

As a regulated bank, Crédit Mutuel Arkéa is subject to various controls by the French financial regulators (*Comité des établissements de crédit et des entreprises d'investissement, Commission Bancaire, Banque de France, Autorité des Marchés Financiers*, etc.).

## **The Borrower Facility Agreement**

### *Background*

The proceeds from the issuance of the Covered Bonds under the Programme will be used by Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Covered Bonds, as lender (in such capacity, the "**Lender**") to fund advances to be made available to Crédit Mutuel Arkéa, as borrower (in such capacity, the "**Borrower**") under a multicurrency term facility agreement (the "**Borrower Facility**").

The Lender and the Borrower have agreed to enter into a Borrower Facility agreement (the "**Borrower Facility Agreement**") in order to determine the terms and conditions according to which the Lender shall grant the Borrower with advances under the Borrower Facility (each, a "**Borrower Advance**").

### *The Borrower Facility*

The Borrower Facility shall be made available to the Borrower in an aggregate maximum amount equal to €10,000,000,000 (the "**Borrower Facility Commitment**") for the purpose of financing the general financial needs of the Borrower, including with respect to advances to be made available to the Collateral Providers, as contemplated in the Collateral Security Agreement and in accordance with the usual practice of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Group.

Pursuant to the Borrower Facility Agreement, the Borrower shall send to the Administrator (with a copy to the Issuer) a duly completed drawdown request (a "**Drawdown Request**") in respect of the Borrower Advance to be made available under the Borrower Facility. Upon receipt of a Drawdown Request by the Administrator (with copy to the Lender), the Lender, together with the Administrator, shall elaborate (i) corresponding Final Terms of the Covered Bonds to be issued to fund such Drawdown Request, and (ii) final terms of Borrower Advance ("**Final Terms of Borrower Advance**") reflecting the terms and conditions of such corresponding Final Terms of the Covered Bonds.

The Borrower may (i) accept the terms and conditions of the Final Terms of Borrower Advance proposed by the Administrator and the Lender, in which case such Final Terms of Borrower Advance shall be definitive between the Borrower and the Lender and a Borrower Advance shall be made available according to such Final Terms of Borrower Advance, or (ii) refuse the terms and conditions of such Final Terms of Borrower Advance, in which case such Final Terms of Borrower Advance and the relevant Drawdown Request shall be considered as null and void between the Borrower and the Lender.

### *Principal and interest amounts*

The terms and conditions regarding the calculation and the payment of principal and interest under a Borrower Advance shall mirror the equivalent terms and conditions of the corresponding Final Terms of Covered Bonds, it being provided that, as a principle, the interest to be paid by the Borrower under a Borrower Advance shall be the financing costs of the Lender under the Covered Bonds funding such Borrower Advance increased by a margin fixed by the Issuer and agreed by the Borrower (the "**Issuer Margin**"). The Issuer Margin aims at covering, in particular, all the costs and expenses related to the structuring and the updating of the Programme, all the costs and expenses related to the issuance of Covered Bonds and taxes of the Issuer during the Programme.



By way of exception to the foregoing, the terms and conditions regarding the calculation and the payment of principal under a Borrower Advance financed by Series of Covered Bonds having a soft bullet maturity shall not mirror the potential Extension of the Maturity of such Covered Bonds.

The terms and conditions regarding the calculation and the payment of principal and interest under a Borrower Advance shall be further described hereunder and in the relevant Final Terms of Borrower Advance. Any amounts repaid or prepaid under any Borrower Advance may be re-borrowed.

*Representations, warranties and undertakings*

The Borrower has made the customary representations and warranties and undertakings to the Lender, the representations and warranties being given on the execution date of the Borrower Facility Agreement and continuing until all sums due by the Borrower under the Borrower Facility Agreement shall have been repaid in full.

*Main other terms*

The Borrower Facility Agreement also provides for:

- (a) customary tax gross-up provisions relating to payments to be made by the Borrower to the Lender under Borrower Facility Agreement;
- (b) customary tax indemnity provisions relating to any payment to be made by the Lender on account of tax on or in relation to any sum received or receivable under the Borrower Facility Agreement by the Lender from the Borrower or any liability in respect of any such payment being asserted, imposed, levied or assessed against the Lender;
- (c) customary "increased costs" provisions;
- (d) general financial information covenants and other customary covenants of the Borrower.

*Borrower Events of Default*

Each of the following constitutes a Borrower event of default for the purposes of the Borrower Facility Agreement (each, a "**Borrower Event of Default**"):

- (a) the Borrower fails to pay any sum due under the Borrower Facility when due, in the currency and in the manner specified therein; provided, however, that where such non-payment is due to an administrative error or the failure of continuing external payment systems or clearing systems reasonably used by the Borrower and such payment is made by the Borrower within three (3) Business Days of such non-payment, such non-payment shall not constitute a Borrower Event of Default;
- (b) a Breach of Pre-Maturity Test occurs;
- (c) a Breach of Asset Cover Test occurs;
- (d) a Breach of Collection Loss Reserve Funding Requirement occurs;
- (e) any material representation or warranty made by the Borrower, in the Borrower Facility Agreement or in any notice or other document, certificate or statement delivered by it pursuant thereto or in connection therewith is or proves to have been incorrect or misleading in any material respect when made, and the same is not remedied (if capable of remedy) within sixty (60) Business Days after the Administrator or the Issuer has given notice thereof to the Borrower or (if sooner) the Borrower has knowledge of the same, provided that the Issuer, at its discretion, certifies that it is prejudicial to the interests of the holders of the relevant Covered Bonds;
- (f) the Borrower fails to comply with any of its material obligations under the Borrower Facility Agreement unless such breach is capable of remedy and is remedied within sixty (60) Business Days after the Administrator or the Issuer has given notice thereof to the Borrower or (if sooner) the Borrower has knowledge of the same, provided that the Issuer, at its discretion, certifies that it is prejudicial to the interests of the holders of the relevant Covered Bonds;
- (g) any Collateral Provider(s) fail to comply with any of its/their material obligations under the Programme Documents unless such breach is capable of remedy and is remedied (i) within sixty (60) Business Days after the Administrator or the Issuer has given notice thereof to the Borrower and the Collateral Security Agent or (ii) (if sooner) the Borrower or the Collateral Security Agent

has knowledge of the same, provided that, in case of (i) and (ii), the Issuer, at its discretion, certifies that it is prejudicial to the interest of the holders of the relevant Covered Bonds;

- (h) the Borrower fails to pay any sum due to any relevant Collateral Provider as Collateral Security Fee under the Collateral Security Agreement when due and such failure is not remedied within sixty (60) Business Days after such failure;
- (i) as regards the Borrower, an Insolvency Event occurs;
- (j) any effect, event or matter (regardless of its nature, cause or origin and in particular the commencement of any legal, administrative or other proceedings against the Borrower) occurs which is or could be reasonably expected to be materially adverse to (i) the financial or legal situation, assets, business or operations of the Borrower and (ii) the ability of the Borrower to perform its payment obligations or the financial covenants under any of the Programme Documents;
- (k) at any time it is or becomes unlawful for the Borrower to perform or comply with any or all of its material obligations under the Borrower Facility Agreement or any of the material obligations of the Borrower under the Borrower Facility Agreement are not or cease to be legal, valid and binding; or
- (l) upon the occurrence of a Hedging Rating Trigger Event (as defined in section "**The Hedging Strategy**" of this Base Prospectus), (x) any failure by the Borrower (i) to enter into appropriate Borrower Hedging Agreement(s) and related Borrower Hedging Transaction(s) (as defined in section "**The Hedging Strategy**" of this Base Prospectus) with the Issuer within thirty (30) Business Days from the date of occurrence of the relevant Hedging Rating Trigger Event (as defined in section "**The Hedging Strategy**" of this Base Prospectus) or (ii) to pay any costs and expenses referred to in section "**The Hedging Strategy**" of this Base Prospectus or (y) any failure by the Issuer to enter into (i) appropriate Issuer Hedging Agreements and related Issuer Hedging Transactions (as defined in section "**The Hedging Strategy**" of this Base Prospectus) with Eligible Hedging Provider(s) (as defined in section "**The Hedging Strategy**" of this Base Prospectus) or (ii) appropriate Borrower Hedging Agreement(s) and related Borrower Hedging Transaction(s) (as defined in section "**The Hedging Strategy**" of this Base Prospectus) with the Borrower, in each case within thirty (30) Business Days from the occurrence date of such Hedging Rating Trigger Event, as described under the Hedging Strategy (as defined in section "**The Hedging Strategy**" of this Base Prospectus).

Upon the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default, the Lender (represented by the Issuer Independent Representative (duly appointed for such purpose) or by the Administrator) shall, by written notice (such notice to constitute a *mise en demeure*) to the Borrower (with copy, as applicable, to the Issuer Independent Representative, to the Administrator and to the Rating Agency), (i) declare that no more Borrower Advances shall be made under the Borrower Facility, (ii) declare that the Borrower Facility shall be cancelled, and (iii) declare that the Borrower Advances shall immediately become due and payable and enforce its rights under the Security Documents (a "**Borrower Enforcement Notice**").

For such purposes, "**Insolvency Event**" means the occurrence of any of the following events:

- (a) to the extent permitted by applicable laws and regulations, the relevant entity is, or is deemed or declared for the purposes of any law to be, unable to pay its debts as they fall due or to be insolvent, or admits in writing its inability to pay its debts as they fall due or, if such entity is a credit institution, is not able to ensure its immediate or short-term payment obligations;
- (b) the relevant entity by reason of financial difficulties, begins formal negotiations with one or more of its creditors with a view to the general readjustment or rescheduling of any of its indebtedness or applies for or is subject to an amicable settlement or a *procédure de conciliation* pursuant to Articles L.611-1 *et seq.* of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*);
- (c) a meeting of the shareholders of the relevant entity is convened for the purpose of considering any resolution for (or to petition for) its winding-up or its administration or any such resolution is passed;
- (d) any person presents a petition for the winding-up or for the administration or for the bankruptcy of the relevant entity and the petition is not discharged within thirty (30) days;
- (e) any order for the winding-up or administration of the relevant entity is issued;

- (f) a judgement is issued for the judicial liquidation (*liquidation judiciaire*), the transfer of the whole or part of the business of the relevant entity (*cession totale ou partielle de l'entreprise*);
- (g) any liquidator, trustee in bankruptcy, receiver, administrative receiver, administrator or the like (including, without limitation, any *mandataire ad hoc*, *administrateur provisoire*, *conciliateur* or *mandataire liquidateur*) is appointed in respect of the relevant entity or any substantial or material part of the assets or the directors of the relevant entity request such appointment; or
- (h) more generally and to the extent permitted by applicable laws and regulations, the relevant entity is subject to any other insolvency or bankruptcy proceedings or makes any conveyance, assignment or other arrangement for the benefit of its creditors or enters into a composition with its creditors.

#### *Broken Funding Indemnity*

If, as a consequence of a Borrower Event of Default, the Lender receives or recovers all or any part of a Borrower Advance otherwise than as described or scheduled under the relevant Finals Terms of Borrower Advance, the Borrower shall pay to the Lender on demand an amount equal to the amount (if any) of the difference (if positive) between (x) the additional interest which would have been payable on the amount so received or recovered had such Borrower Event of Default not occurred, and (y) the amount of interest which the Lender reasonably determines would have been payable to the Lender on the last day of the term thereof in respect of a deposit equal to the amount so received or recovered placed by it with a prime bank for a period starting on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Business Day following the date of such receipt or recovery and ending on the last day of the term thereof.

#### *Limited Recourse – Non Petition*

The Borrower Facility Agreement includes Limited Recourse and Non petition provisions, as described in "**Issuer's Activities – Limited Recourse**" and "**Issuer's Activities – Non-Petition**".

#### *Amendment*

No amendment, modification, alteration or supplement shall be made to the Borrower Facility Agreement without prior Rating Affirmation if the same materially and adversely affects the interests of the Issuer or the Bondholders.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Borrower Facility Agreement may be amended, modified, altered or supplemented without prior Rating Affirmation:

- (a) to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency;
- (b) to evidence or effect the transition of any party to the Borrower Facility Agreement to any successor;
- (c) to add to the undertakings and other obligations of the Borrower under the Borrower Facility Agreement; or
- (d) to comply with any mandatory requirements of applicable laws and regulations.

#### *Governing Law – Jurisdiction*

The Borrower Facility Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, French law. The Lender and the Borrower have agreed to submit any dispute that may arise in connection with the Borrower Facility Agreement to the jurisdiction of the competent courts of Paris.

## THE COLLATERAL SECURITY

*For the avoidance of doubt, it is specified that the expression "Covered Bonds" will include German law and French law Covered Bonds and the expression "Bondholders" includes any holder of such Covered Bonds, in the following section.*

### The Collateral Security Agreement

#### *Background*

The Collateral Security Agreement refers to the agreement dated on the Signing Date and made between (i) the Issuer, in its capacity as Lender, (ii) collateral providers (the "**Collateral Providers**") and (iii) Crédit Mutuel Arkéa, in its respective capacity as Borrower, Collateral Provider, Collateral Security Agent, Administrator and Issuer Calculation Agent (the "**Collateral Security Agreement**").

#### *Secured Liabilities*

The Collateral Security Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions upon which the Collateral Providers, represented by the Collateral Security Agent, will grant Eligible Assets as collateral security (*garantie financière*) (the "**Collateral Security**") for the benefit of the Lender in order to secure, as they become due and payable, the payments of all and any amounts owed by the Borrower under the Borrower Facility, whether present or future (the "**Secured Liabilities**").

#### *Collateral Providers on or about the Signing Date*

On or about the Signing Date, the Collateral Providers, duly represented by the Collateral Security Agent, have entered into the Collateral Security Agreement. Under the Collateral Security Agreement, each of these Collateral Providers has represented and warranted for the benefit of the Issuer that it complies with the Collateral Provider Eligibility Criteria (as defined below).

#### *Accession of Collateral Providers after the Signing Date*

At any time after the Signing Date but prior to the occurrence of any Borrower Event of Default or any Issuer Event of Default which is continuing unremedied, and subject to the procedure described in the Collateral Security Agreement, any entity may access to the Collateral Security Agreement as Collateral Provider provided that:

- (a) it complies, upon its accession to the Collateral Security Agreement, with the Collateral Provider Eligibility Criteria (as defined below); and
- (b) it is not already a Collateral Provider at such time.

Upon its accession to the Collateral Security Agreement and in accordance with, but subject to, the relevant terms and conditions of the Collateral Security Agreement, each acceding Collateral Provider shall have the same rights and obligations as those of the other Collateral Providers.

#### *Withdrawal of Collateral Providers*

At any time after the Signing Date but prior to the occurrence of any Borrower Event of Default or any Issuer Event of Default which is continuing unremedied, any Collateral Provider (except Crédit Mutuel Arkéa) may withdraw from the Collateral Security Agreement, provided that such withdrawal does not and is not likely to cause any Borrower Event of Default (including the occurrence of a Breach of Asset Cover Test). As further described in the Collateral Security Agreement, such withdrawal shall be subject to the following conditions precedent:

- (a) the issuance by the Collateral Security Agent (acting in the name and on behalf of the relevant Collateral Provider(s)) of a withdrawal letter (a "**Withdrawal Letter**");
- (b) the notification by each of the Issuer, the Administrator, the Issuer Calculation Agent and the Collateral Security Agent to the relevant withdrawing Collateral Provider(s) (or to any of its representatives) indicating its acceptance of the withdrawal of such Collateral Provider, by way of signature of the relevant Withdrawal Letter, it being provided that the Collateral Security Agent

shall execute such Withdrawal Letter in its own name and on its own behalf but also in the name and on behalf of each of the relevant Collateral Provider(s);

- (c) the confirmation by the Issuer Calculation Agent that such withdrawal does not and is not likely to cause any Borrower Event of Default; and
- (d) on the basis of the information available on the preceding Selection Date, the Issuer Calculation Agent shall have controlled and certified in writing to the Issuer that the Home Loan Receivables granted as Collateral Security by the withdrawing Collateral Provider(s) have been properly identified and that the withdrawal of such Collateral Provider(s), the subsequent release of Home Loan Receivables granted as Collateral Security by it/them, shall not result in a Non-Compliance with Asset Cover Test. For such purpose, provided that the aggregate Home Loan Outstanding Principal Amount of the Home Loan Receivables granted as Collateral Security by the withdrawing Collateral Provider(s) exceeds 1% (one per cent.) of the aggregate Home Loan Outstanding Principal Amount of the Home Loan Receivables granted as Collateral Security by any and all Collateral Provider(s), the Issuer Calculation Agent shall recalculate the Weighted Average Frequency of Foreclosure ("**WAF**"), the Weighted Average Loss Severity ("**WALS**") and the Asset Percentage that would be applicable following the release of the Home Loans Receivables granted by such withdrawing Collateral Provider(s) as Collateral Security.

For such purpose, "**Home Loan Outstanding Principal Amount**" means, with respect to each relevant Home Loan, the amount of principal outstanding at the relevant date under such relevant Home Loan.

Upon its withdrawal from the Collateral Security Agreement and pursuant to the relevant terms and conditions of the Collateral Security Agreement, each withdrawn Collateral Provider shall have no rights or obligations under the Collateral Security Agreement and the Home Loans Receivables granted as Collateral Security by such withdrawn Collateral Provider shall be automatically released without any further formality.

At all times after the Signing Date, the Collateral Security Agent shall keep an updated list of the Collateral Providers, containing sufficient details of such Collateral Providers and taking into account any accession or withdrawal made pursuant to the Collateral Security Agreement and any other material events affecting the legal and financial situation of the Collateral Providers (and in particular the compliance with the Collateral Provider Eligibility Criteria). Such list shall be communicated by the Collateral Security Agent to the Issuer, the Administrator and/or the Issuer Calculation Agent, promptly upon their request.

For the purposes of the Collateral Security Agreement, each Collateral Provider granting Collateral Security shall, at the end of the current calendar month, comply with all the following cumulative Collateral Provider Eligibility Criteria (the "**Collateral Provider Eligibility Criteria**"):

- (a) the relevant entity is:
  - if granting Substitution Assets as Collateral Security, Crédit Mutuel Arkéa;
  - if granting any other type of Eligible Assets as Collateral Security, either:
    - 1) Crédit Mutuel Arkéa;
    - 2) a *Caisse de Crédit Mutuel* (within the meaning of Article L. 512-55 *et seq.* of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) and to the exclusion of the *caisses mutuelles agricoles et rurales* referred to in Article R. 512-26 *et seq.* of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) which forms part of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Group, or
    - 3) BPE and, subject to Rating Affirmation, any other French legal entity, located in France, duly licensed as a French credit institution (*établissement de crédit*), controlled by Crédit Mutuel Arkéa within the meaning of Article L. 233-3 of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*);
- (b) the relevant entity has validly executed the Collateral Security Agreement or has become a party thereto in accordance with relevant provisions of the Collateral Security Agreement;
- (c) the relevant entity has the power to enter into the Collateral Security Agreement and to exercise its rights and perform its obligations thereunder and all corporate and other action required to authorise its execution of the Collateral Security Agreement and its performance of its obligations thereunder have been done, fulfilled and performed;

- (d) all acts, conditions and things required to be done, fulfilled and performed in order (x) to enable such entity lawfully to enter into, exercise its rights under and perform and comply with the obligations expressed to be assumed by it in the Collateral Security Agreement, (y) to ensure that the obligations expressed to be assumed by it in the Collateral Security Agreement are legal, valid and binding and (z), subject to the translation of the Collateral Security Agreement in French by a sworn translator, to make the Collateral Security Agreement admissible in evidence in its jurisdiction of incorporation have been done, fulfilled and performed (as appropriate);
- (e) any material obligations expressed to be assumed by the relevant entity in the Collateral Security Agreement are legal and valid obligations binding and enforceable on it in accordance with their respective terms;
- (f) the relevant entity is not in breach of any of its material obligations under the Collateral Security Agreement;
- (g) the execution and delivery of the Collateral Security Agreement by the relevant entity nor the performance by it of any of the transactions contemplated therein nor of any of its obligations thereunder nor the creation of the security thereby constituted does not and will not:
  - 1) conflict with its constitutive documents; or
  - 2) contravene or constitute a default under or otherwise conflict with any provision contained in any material law, judgement, order, licence, permit or consent by which such entity or any of the assets of such entity is bound or affected; or
  - 3) conflict, in any material respect, with any agreement or document to which it is a party or by which it is bound nor will breach any obligation under any negative pledge or cause any limitation of such entity to be exceeded;
- (h) the relevant entity is able to meet its payment obligations with its current assets and is not in a position of cessation of payment (*cessation des paiements*), nor is there any basis for any third party to request the opening of insolvency or similar proceedings against such entity.

#### *Collateral Security Agent*

In accordance with the Collateral Security Agreement, each Collateral Provider (other than Crédit Mutuel Arkéa) has appointed Crédit Mutuel Arkéa as its agent (*mandataire*) under and in connection with the Collateral Security Agreement and in particular in order to manage the Collateral Security in the name and on behalf of the Collateral Providers (the "**Collateral Security Agent**").

#### *Resignation of the Collateral Security Agent*

The Collateral Security Agent will not resign from the duties and obligations imposed on it as Collateral Security Agent pursuant to the Collateral Security Agreement, except upon a determination that the performance of its duties under the Collateral Security Agreement shall no longer be permissible under the applicable law, such determination to be evidenced by the delivery to the Issuer of an external counsel's opinion to such effect. No such resignation shall become effective before the date upon which the Collateral Security Agent becomes unable to act as Collateral Security Agent, as specified in the external counsel's opinion.

#### *Collateral Security Agent's Defaults*

Collateral Security Agent's Defaults will occur upon *inter alia* the occurrence of the following events:

- (a) any material representation or warranty made by the Collateral Security Agent is incorrect or misleading in any material respect when made, and the same is not remedied (if capable of remedy) within sixty (60) Business Days after the Issuer has given notice thereof to the Collateral Security Agent or (if sooner) the Collateral Security Agent has knowledge of the same, provided that the Issuer, at its discretion, certifies that it is prejudicial to the interests of the holders of the relevant Covered Bonds;
- (b) the Collateral Security Agent fails to comply with any of its material obligations under the Collateral Security Agreement unless such breach is capable of remedy and is remedied within sixty (60) Business Days after the Issuer has given notice thereof to the Collateral Security Agent or (if sooner) the Collateral Security Agent has knowledge of the same, provided that the Issuer, at its discretion, certifies that it is prejudicial to the interests of the holders of the relevant Covered Bonds;

- (c) an Insolvency Event occurs in respect of the Collateral Security Agent; or
- (d) at any time it is or becomes unlawful for the Collateral Security Agent to perform or comply with any or all of its material obligations under the Collateral Security Agreement or any or all of its material obligations under the Collateral Security Agreement are not, or cease to be, legal, valid and binding.

For such purposes, "**Insolvency Event**" means the occurrence of any of the following events:

- (a) to the extent permitted by applicable laws and regulations, the relevant entity is, or is deemed or declared for the purposes of any law to be, unable to pay its debts as they fall due or to be insolvent, or admits in writing its inability to pay its debts as they fall due or, if such entity is a credit institution, is not able to ensure its immediate or short-term payment obligations;
- (b) the relevant entity by reason of financial difficulties, begins formal negotiations with one or more of its creditors with a view to the general readjustment or rescheduling of any of its indebtedness or applies for or is subject to an amicable settlement or a *procédure de conciliation* pursuant to Articles L.611-1 *et seq.* of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*);
- (c) a meeting of the shareholders of the relevant entity is convened for the purpose of considering any resolution for (or to petition for) its winding-up or its administration or any such resolution is passed;
- (d) any person presents a petition for the winding-up or for the administration or for the bankruptcy of the relevant entity and the petition is not discharged within thirty (30) days;
- (e) any order for the winding-up or administration of the relevant entity is issued;
- (f) a judgement is issued for the judicial liquidation (*liquidation judiciaire*), the transfer of the whole or part of the business of the relevant entity (*cession totale ou partielle de l'entreprise*);
- (g) any liquidator, trustee in bankruptcy, receiver, administrative receiver, administrator or the like (including, without limitation, any *mandataire ad hoc*, *administrateur provisoire*, *conciliateur* or *mandataire liquidateur*) is appointed in respect of the relevant entity or any substantial or material part of the assets or the directors of the relevant entity request such appointment; or
- (h) more generally and to the extent permitted by applicable laws and regulations, the relevant entity is subject to any other insolvency or bankruptcy proceedings or makes any conveyance, assignment or other arrangement for the benefit of its creditors or enters into a composition with its creditors.

#### *Collateral Security Agent Rating Trigger Event*

If a Collateral Security Agent Rating Trigger Event occurs, the Collateral Security Agent will notify the Issuer in writing of the occurrence of the Collateral Security Agent Rating Trigger Event within five (5) Business Days from the date upon which it becomes aware of such event and this will constitute a Collateral Security Agent Termination Event.

For such purposes, "**Collateral Security Agent Rating Trigger Event**" means the event in which the long-term senior unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations of the Collateral Security Agent become rated below BBB by S&P.

#### *Termination*

"**Collateral Security Agent Termination Events**" under the Collateral Security Agreement will include the following events:

- (a) the termination of the Collateral Security Agreement in accordance with its scheduled term;
- (b) the occurrence and continuation of any Collateral Security Agent's Default;
- (c) the occurrence of the Collateral Security Agent Rating Trigger Event;
- (d) the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default; or
- (e) the resignation of the Collateral Security Agent.

If a Collateral Security Agent Termination Event occurs and is continuing, the appointment of the Collateral Security Agent under the Collateral Security Agreement shall be terminated by the sending to the Collateral Security Agent by the Issuer of a written notice for the purposes thereof (the "**Notice of Termination**"). Upon receipt by the Collateral Security Agent of the Notice of Termination, the appointment of the Collateral Security Agent will terminate with effect:

- not earlier than twenty (20) Business Days as from the receipt by the Collateral Security Agent of the Notice of Termination, if such Notice of Termination is served due to the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default or of a Collateral Security Agent Rating Trigger Event;
- not earlier than twenty (20) Business Days as from the receipt by the Collateral Security Agent of the Notice of Termination or at any other date that the Issuer may have specified in the Notice of Termination, if such Notice of Termination is served due to any other reason.

(each, a "**Service Termination Date**"), and save for any continuing obligations of the Collateral Security Agent contained in the Collateral Security Agreement.

Upon the Service Termination Date, the Collateral Providers (other than Crédit Mutuel Arkéa) will replace Crédit Mutuel Arkéa, as Collateral Security Agent, by any substitute entity (the "**Substitute Collateral Security Agent**"), the choice of which being subject to prior Rating Affirmation.

Notwithstanding the Service Termination Date, the Collateral Security Agent will continue to be bound by all its obligations under the Collateral Security Agreement until the appointment of the Substitute Collateral Security Agent is effective. The Collateral Security Agent undertakes to act in good faith to assist any Substitute Collateral Security Agent.

#### *Eligible Assets*

For the purposes of the Collateral Security Agreement, an "**Eligible Asset**" means (i) in relation to Collateral Security granted by any and all Collateral Providers, any Home Loan Receivable that complies with the Home Loan Eligibility Criteria (each as further described below) and (ii) only in relation to Collateral Security granted by Crédit Mutuel Arkéa (acting as Collateral Provider), any Substitution Asset.

The "**Home Loan Eligibility Criteria**" include the following cumulative eligibility criteria:

- (a) prior to the date upon which the Home Loan has been made available to the borrower thereof, all lending criteria and conditions precedent as applied by the originator of the Home Loan pursuant to its customary lending procedures were satisfied;
- (b) the purpose of the Home Loan is either to buy, to renovate, to build or to refinance a property;
- (c) the underlying property is located in France;
- (d) the underlying property is residential;
- (e) the Home Loan is governed by French law;
- (f) the Home Loan is denominated in Euro;
- (g) whole or part of the sums due under the Home Loan benefits from an effective Home Loan Security;
- (h) on the date on which the Collateral Security Agent, acting in the name and on behalf of the relevant Collateral Provider, notifies the other parties that such Home Loan is effectively granted as Collateral Security (the "**Collateral Effective Date**"), the current principal balance of such Home Loan is no more than €750,000;
- (i) on the relevant Collateral Effective Date, the loan-to-value of the Home Loan is no more than one hundred per cent. (100%);
- (j) on the relevant Collateral Effective Date, the remaining term for the Home Loan is no more than twenty-five (25) years;
- (k) the borrower under the Home Loan has paid at least one instalment of interest in respect of the Home Loan;
- (l) the borrower under the Home Loan is an individual or a real estate civil partnership (*société civile immobilière*);



- (m) the borrower under the Home Loan is not an employee of the relevant Collateral Provider;
- (n) the Home Loan is current (i.e. does not present any arrears) as at the relevant Collateral Effective Date;
- (o) the Home Loan is either monthly or quarterly amortising or is amortised in fine;
- (p) the borrower under the Home Loan does not benefit from a contractual right of set off;
- (q) the opening by the borrower under the Home Loan of a bank account dedicated to payments due under the Home Loan is not provided for in the relevant contractual arrangements as a condition precedent to the originator of the Home Loan making the Home Loan available to the borrower under the Home Loan;
- (r) on the relevant Collateral Effective Date, the borrower is rated at least D+ under the internal credit scale of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Group;
- (s) except where prior Rating Affirmation has been obtained, no amount drawn under the Home Loan is capable of being redrawn by the borrower thereof (i.e. the Home Loan is not flexible); and
- (t) as at the end of the current calendar month, the Collateral Provider granting such Home Loans Receivables as Collateral Security complies with any and all above mentioned Collateral Provider Eligibility Criteria.

If it is confirmed that a Home Loan ceases to comply with one or several of the above Home Loan Eligibility Criteria (each, an "**Ineligible Home Loan**"), any Home Loan Receivables granted as Collateral Security under such Ineligible Home Loan shall account for zero for the purpose of calculation of the Asset Cover Test on the relevant Asset Cover Test Date (see "**Asset Monitoring – Asset Cover Test**"). In addition, the Collateral Security Agent, acting in the name and on behalf of the relevant Collateral Provider(s), may request that such Ineligible Home Loan Receivables be released from the scope of the Collateral Security.

The Home Loan Eligibility Criteria may be amended from time to time subject to prior Rating Affirmation.

For the purpose hereof:

**"Home Loan"** means each and any loan financing the acquisition of residential real estate property originated by any Collateral Provider.

**"Home Loan Receivable"** means each and any loan receivable arising from any Home Loan.

**"Home Loan Security"** means, in respect of a Home Loan, a Mortgage or a Home Loan Guarantee.

**"Home Loan Guarantee"** means (i) each and any French law joint and several guarantee or other type of French law guarantee granted by *Crédit Logement* or by *L'Équité* or, subject to Rating Affirmation, a credit institution of the EEA specialised in the guaranteeing of loans financing the acquisition of residential real estate property and guaranteeing the Home Loans; or (ii), subject to Rating Affirmation, each and any financial guarantee or other type of guarantee provided by insurance companies or mutual insurance companies and guaranteeing the Home Loans.

**"Mortgage"** means each French law duly registered first ranking mortgage (and in particular, any *hypothèque*) or similar first ranking legal privilege (and in particular, any *privilège de prêteur de deniers*) securing the repayment of any given Home Loan, or any French law second ranking mortgage securing the repayment of any given Home Loan if the relevant first ranking mortgage is granted to secure the repayment of a Home Loan which receivable is granted as Collateral Security.

**"Substitution Assets"** means:

- (a) Euro or other Specified Currency demand or time deposits, certificates of deposit, long-term debt obligations and short-term debt obligations (including commercial paper) provided that in all cases such investments have a remaining period to maturity of one (1) year or less and the short-term unsecured, unguaranteed and unsubordinated debt obligations or, as applicable, the long-term unsecured, unguaranteed and unsubordinated debt obligations of the issuing or guaranteeing entity or the entity with which the demand or time deposits are made (being duly licensed for such purposes) are rated at least A-1+/AA- by S&P; or

- (b) Euro or other Specified Currency denominated government and public securities, provided that such investments have a remaining maturity of one (1) year or less and which are rated at least AAA by S&P; or
- (c) Euro or other Specified Currency denominated residential mortgage backed securities provided that such investments have a remaining period to maturity of one (1) year or less, are actively traded in a continuous, liquid market on a recognised stock exchange, are held widely across the financial system, are available in an adequate supply and which are rated at least A-1+/AA- by S&P.

#### *Collateral Security Assets*

Eligible Assets shall be validly granted as Collateral Security and shall qualify as "**Collateral Security Assets**" for the purposes of the Collateral Security Agreement only upon satisfaction of numerous conditions precedents, including in particular that the same shall have been duly identified in accordance with the following identification requirements (the "**Identification Requirements**").

With respect to Home Loan Receivables granted as Collateral Security by the ARKÉA Entities, the Identification Requirements will consist in the creation, in the ARKÉA data management system (the "**Infocentre**"), of a dedicated file identifying the Home Loan Receivables. Such file will be created and managed by the Collateral Security Agent, duly appointed by the relevant Collateral Providers for such purposes, and will ensure that each such Home Loan Receivables be identified in the Infocentre held and operated by the Collateral Security Agent and shall list all and any Collateral Security Assets. In addition, at the first Selection Date and each time the list of Collateral Security Assets granted by a Collateral Provider is modified and without any undue delay upon such modification, the Collateral Security Agent shall provide such Collateral Provider with an updated list identifying the Collateral Security Assets granted by such Collateral Provider and each Collateral Provider shall be committed to keep such list available for the Issuer and/or any of its appointed agent.

Under the Collateral Security Agreement, each Collateral Provider (except Crédit Mutuel Arkéa) has acknowledged that, in accordance with the provisions of the Collateral Security Agreement, it may have to grant up to one hundred per cent. (100%) of its Eligible Assets to be part of the Collateral Security, should the need arise.

Under the Collateral Security Agreement, each Collateral Provider has acknowledged that:

- (a) Crédit Mutuel Arkéa may, but shall not be committed, to grant Eligible Assets as Collateral Security;
- (b) Crédit Mutuel Arkéa shall determine alone the amount of Eligible Assets it may grant as Collateral Security, and notify the Collateral Security Agent with the same;
- (c) BPE may decide, at any time but subject to a sixty (60) Business Days prior notice to the Collateral Security Agent, not to grant additional Eligible Assets as Collateral Security under the Collateral Security Agreement.

#### *Creation and Perfection*

The Collateral Security shall be created in accordance with Articles L.211-36 II and L.211-38 to L.211-40 (formerly Articles L.431-7 *et seq.*) of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*). The Collateral Security shall not entail any transfer of title with respect to the relevant Eligible Assets until enforcement.

The Collateral Security shall be perfected pursuant to paragraphs I and II, 1°) and II, 2°) of Article L.211-38 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*).

The perfection of each security shall not be conditional upon any formality other than the identification of the assets subject to the Collateral Security.

### *Asset Monitoring and Asset Cover Test*

The Collateral Security Agent, acting in the name and on behalf of the Collateral Providers, shall monitor the Collateral Security Assets so as to at all times comply with the Asset Cover Test (as further described in "**Asset Monitoring – The Asset Cover Test**").

In particular, the Collateral Security Agent, acting in the name and on behalf of the Collateral Providers, may at any time add, substitute or release Collateral Security Assets (including Home Loan Receivables arising from Ineligible Home Loans) from the scope of the Collateral Security. However, any such addition, substitution and/or release shall be effective only subject to confirmation by the Issuer Calculation Agent that a Non-Compliance with Asset Cover Test would not occur as a result of such addition, substitution and/or release. For such purpose, the Issuer Calculation Agent shall recalculate the Asset Percentage (as defined in "**Asset Monitoring – The Asset Cover Test**") that would be applicable following such addition, substitution and/or release each time any such addition, substitution or release is requested by the Collateral Security Agent.

Upon non-compliance with the Asset Cover Test on any applicable test date, the Collateral Security Agent, acting in the name and on behalf of the Collateral Providers, shall cure such non-compliance by:

- (a) causing the Collateral Providers to grant additional or substitute Eligible Assets as Collateral Security pursuant to the relevant terms of the Collateral Security Agreement; and/or
- (b) causing the Collateral Providers to release Collateral Security Assets from the Collateral Security pursuant to the relevant terms of the Collateral Security Agreement.

A failure to cure a non-compliance with the Asset Cover Test which has occurred on any Asset Cover Test Date prior to the next following Asset Cover Test Date shall constitute a "**Breach of Asset Cover Test**" under the Collateral Security Agreement. Any Breach of Asset Cover Test shall be deemed the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default under the Borrower Facility Agreement.

### *Asset Servicing*

The Collateral Providers shall perform the servicing of the Collateral Security Assets in accordance with applicable laws and its customary servicing procedures (the "**Servicing Procedures**"), using the degree of skill, care and attention as for servicing of its assets for its own account, without interfering with the Issuer's material rights under the Collateral Security Agreement.

Based on the information received from the Collateral Providers, the Collateral Security Agent, acting in the name and on behalf of the Collateral Providers, shall provide the Issuer with on each Selection Date, an asset report (the "**Asset Report**") up-to-date up to (and including) the last day of the calendar month immediately preceding such Selection Date, for inclusion in the scope of the Collateral Security. Each Asset Report shall include the relevant data and information with respect to the relevant assets.

The Collateral Security Agent and the Collateral Providers shall furthermore, in accordance with the Servicing Procedures, establish, maintain or cause to be maintained and furthermore administer at all times accurate, complete and up-to-date records with respect to the Collateral Security Assets.

For the purpose of satisfying itself as to whether the Collateral Security Assets remain Eligible Assets or control Asset Reports, the Issuer (or any agent acting on its behalf) is granted the access to the Collateral Security Agent's premises and to the Collateral Providers' premises, or to premises where the Asset Records are located, in order to inspect or audit such Asset Records (such right of inspection or audit including taking copies of all or any document or data).

If a Servicing Rating Trigger Event occurs with respect to the Borrower, the Administrator will notify the Issuer in writing of the occurrence of such event and then within thirty (30) Business Days of such occurrence, the Issuer and the Collateral Security Agent, acting in the name and on behalf of the Collateral Providers, will use reasonable endeavours to appoint a new servicer (whose short-term senior unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations (if rated) are rated at least A-2 by S&P, for the servicing of the Collateral Security Assets granted by the Borrower and the other Collateral Providers.

For such purposes, "**Servicing Rating Trigger Event**" means, with respect to the Borrower, as applicable, the event in which its short-term senior unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations become rated below A-2 by S&P.

For the purpose hereof:

**"Asset Records"** means:

- (a) the electronic and manual records, files, internal data, books and all other information (including information stored in information systems) related to the Collateral Security Assets, together with the underlying contracts and other documents evidencing title of the relevant entity to such assets (including, with respect to Home Loans, the related Home Loan Security); and
- (b) the records, files, internal data, computer systems and all other information related to the Collection Accounts and the operation of the same.

**"Collection Accounts"** means any and all bank accounts opened in the name of a Collateral Provider to collect interest and principal paid under the Home Loan Receivables granted as Collateral Security, as specified from time to time to the Issuer Calculation Agent pursuant to the relevant terms of the Collateral Security Agreement.

*Collateral Security Fee*

On a quarterly basis as from the Closing Date, the Borrower shall pay to the Collateral Security Agent, acting in the name and on behalf of the Collateral Providers (except Crédit Mutuel Arkéa):

- with respect to the Collateral Providers being CM Entities, a remuneration for the commitment of such Collateral Providers to grant assets as Collateral Security under the Collateral Security Agreement and for granting assets as Collateral Security under the Collateral Security Agreement; and
- with respect to BPE, a remuneration for granting assets as Collateral Security under the Collateral Security Agreement,

(the **"Collateral Security Fee"**).

For each Collateral Provider (except Crédit Mutuel Arkéa), such Collateral Security Fee shall be calculated as follows:

- the Borrower will estimate the financial costs incurred under the Borrower Debt, should the Collateral Security not be granted by the Collateral Providers and determine the financial cost saved due to the granting of such Collateral Security (the **"Financial Saving"**);
- on a quarterly basis as from the Closing Date, the Collateral Security Agent shall calculate:
  - the BPE/Collateral Providers ratio (the **"BPE/Collateral Providers Ratio"**), equal to (i) the total nominal amount of the Home Loans owned by BPE and granted as Collateral Security as of the last Collateral Security Fee Cut-Off Date, divided by (ii) the total nominal amount of the Home Loans owned by any and all Collateral Providers and granted as Collateral Security as of the last Collateral Security Fee Cut-Off Date;
  - the CM Entities/Collateral Providers ratio (the **"CM Entities/Collateral Providers Ratio"**), equal to (i) the total nominal amount of the Home Loans owned by the CM Entities and granted as Collateral Security as of the last Collateral Security Fee Cut-Off Date, divided by (ii) the total nominal amount of the Home Loans owned by any and all Collateral Providers and granted as Collateral Security as of the last Collateral Security Fee Cut-Off Date;

and shall inform the Borrower and the Collateral Providers of the same;

- on a quarterly basis as from the Closing Date, an amount equal to the Financial Saving for the relevant Collateral Security Fee Period multiplied by the applicable BPE/Collateral Providers Ratio shall be paid as Collateral Security Fee to BPE; and
- on a quarterly basis as from the Closing Date, an amount equal to the Financial Saving for the relevant Collateral Security Fee Period multiplied by the applicable CM Entities/Collateral Providers Ratio shall be distributed as Collateral Security Fee to each Collateral Provider being a CM Entity on the basis of the total nominal amount of the Home Loans owned by such Collateral Provider and which meet the Home Loan Eligibility Criteria as at the last Collateral Security Fee Cut-Off Date.

For such purpose:

- **"Collateral Security Fee Cut-Off Date"** means, with respect to any calculation with respect to the Collateral Security Fee, the Closing Date or, if the Closing Date is older than three (3) months prior to the date on which such calculation is made, any Selection Date indicated by the Collateral Security Agent (acting in the name and on behalf the Collateral Providers) and which is not older than three (3) months prior to the date on which such calculation is made; and
- **"Collateral Security Fee Period"** means, with respect to any date on which the Collateral Security Fee shall be paid, the three (3) calendar months preceding the calendar month of such date.

*Representations, warranties and undertakings*

The Collateral Security Agent and the Collateral Providers have made customary representations, warranties and undertakings in favour of the Issuer, such representations and warranties being given on the execution date of the Collateral Security Agreement and continuing until satisfaction in full of the Secured Liabilities.

*Collection Loss Trigger Events*

Upon downgrading of the credit rating of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa below A-1 (short-term) (S&P) (or any other credit rating trigger which may be agreed with the Rating Agency after the Signing Date) (a **"Level 1 Collection Loss Trigger Event"**), within ten (10) Business Days from the occurrence of such Level 1 Collection Loss Trigger Event and as long as no Level 2 Collection Loss Trigger Event (as defined below) has occurred, the Borrower shall be required (i) to pay, to the credit of a bank account to be opened within such period in its name and in its books (the **"Collection Loss Reserve Account"**), an amount equal to the collections received by BPE, acting as Collateral Provider under the Home Loan Receivables and Substitution Assets granted as Collateral Security by BPE during the three (3) calendar months preceding the date of the occurrence of the Level 1 Collection Loss Trigger Event, as such occurrence shall be reported to the Issuer, the Administrator and the Issuer Calculation Agent (with a copy to the Rating Agency) within the above-mentioned ten (10) Business Day-period, and (ii) further, to adjust, on each Selection Date, the amount standing to the credit of this Collection Loss Reserve Account so that it is an amount equal to the sum of collections received by BPE, acting as Collateral Provider under the Home Loans and the Substitution Assets granted as Collateral Security by BPE during the preceding three (3) calendar months preceding the last Business Day of the calendar month immediately preceding such Selection Date, and any such adjustment shall be reported to the Issuer, the Administrative Agent and the Calculation Agent (with a copy to the Rating Agency).

Upon downgrading of the credit rating of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa below A-2 (short-term) (S&P) (or any other credit rating trigger which may be agreed with the Rating Agency after the Signing Date) (a **"Level 2 Collection Loss Trigger Event"**) and within ten (10) Business Days from the occurrence of such Level 2 Collection Loss Trigger Event, the Borrower shall be required (i) to pay, to the credit of the Collection Loss Reserve Account, an amount equal to the collections received by the Collateral Providers under the Home Loan Receivables and Substitution Assets granted as Collateral Security during the two and half (2.5) calendar months preceding the date of the occurrence of the Level 2 Collection Loss Trigger Event, as such occurrence shall be reported to the Issuer, the Administrator and the Issuer Calculation Agent (with a copy to the Rating Agency) within the above-mentioned ten (10) Business Day-period, and (ii) further, to adjust, on each Selection Date, the amount standing to the credit of this Collection Loss Reserve Account so that it is an amount equal to the sum of collections received by the Collateral Providers under the Home Loans and the Substitution Assets granted as Collateral Security during the preceding two and half (2.5) calendar months preceding the last Business Day of the calendar month immediately preceding such Selection Date, and any such adjustment shall be reported to the Issuer, the Administrative Agent and the Calculation Agent (with a copy to the Rating Agency).

All cash credited to the Collection Loss Reserve Account as described above shall be granted as Collateral Security subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the Collateral Security Agreement and shall secure the Secured Liabilities as they become due and payable.

Failure by the Borrower to fund the Collection Loss Reserve Account up to the required amount within the required period following the occurrence date of a Level 1 Collection Loss Trigger Event and/or a Level 2 Collection Loss Trigger Event (including, whenever required, to increase such amount) shall constitute a **"Breach of Collection Loss Reserve Funding Requirement"** within the meaning of the Collateral Security Agreement. A Breach of Collection Loss Reserve Funding Requirement shall result in the occurrence of a **"Borrower Event of Default"** under the Borrower Facility Agreement.

### *Enforcement*

Upon the service of a Borrower Enforcement Notice subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the Borrower Facility Agreement following the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default, the Issuer (represented by the Issuer Independent Representative (duly appointed for such purpose) or by the Administrator or the Substitute Administrator) shall be entitled to exercise all rights, actions and privileges with respect to the Collateral Security Assets as granted to a secured creditor in accordance with paragraph II, 3°) of Article L.211-38 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*). In particular, with immediate effect as from the service to the Borrower and to the Collateral Security Agent, acting in the name and on behalf of the Collateral Providers, of a Borrower Enforcement Notice:

- (a) the Collateral Providers shall no longer be entitled to service the Collateral Security Assets and shall refrain from taking any action whatsoever in connection with the Collateral Security Assets or vis-à-vis the Debtors, except upon the written prior instructions of the Issuer, the Issuer Independent Representative (duly appointed for such purpose), the Administrator (or the Substitute Administrator) or any representative or agent acting on its behalf;
- (b) the Issuer shall be vested in all the rights of title, all discretions, benefits and all other rights of the Collateral Providers with respect to any and all Collateral Security Assets, related Asset Records and related documents, including, without any formality whatsoever, all rights of title, all discretions, benefits and all other rights in relation to any right, privilege, guarantee or security interest (*droit accessoire, privilège, garantie ou sûreté*) ancillary or, as the case may be, attached to the Collateral Security Assets (and, in particular, any and all relevant Home Loan Security); and
- (c) the Issuer (represented by the Issuer Independent Representative (duly appointed for such purpose)), the Administrator (or the Substitute Administrator) or any representative or agent acting on its behalf) shall:
  - take whatever action required in order to perfect, or any other action which it deems necessary for the purpose of perfecting, its rights of title, discretions, privileges, remedies and other rights with respect to any or all Collateral Security Assets and any related rights, privileges, guarantees and security interest ancillary or attached to any or all Collateral Security Assets; and/or
  - exercise all its rights, discretions, privileges and remedies under any or all Collateral Security Assets or any related documents; and/or
  - enforce all its rights, discretions, privileges and remedies under any or all Home Loan Security and the other guarantees and security interest ancillary or attached to any or all Collateral Security Assets; and/or
  - serve a notice to any or all the debtors and all other relevant entities under any or all Collateral Security Assets, mentioning the new payment instructions to be observed by the same with respect to the payment of sums due under the Collateral Security Assets and/or the related Asset Contractual Documentation.

After transfer of title with respect to any or all Collateral Security Assets, the Issuer (represented by the Issuer Independent Representative (duly appointed for such purpose) or by the Administrator or the Substitute Administrator) or any representative or agent acting on its behalf, may dispose of, transfer, sell, cause to be sold, grant as security, or cause to be granted as security any or all the Collateral Security Assets to any third party or refinance the same (by way of securitisation or otherwise).

For the purpose hereof:

**"Asset Contractual Documentation"** means, in relation to any and all Collateral Security Assets, all originals or executive or true copies (*copies exécutoires*) of any contract, instrument or other document (such as riders, waivers and amendments) providing for the terms and conditions of, and/or evidencing title and benefit to, such Collateral Security Assets and any right, privilege, guarantee or security interest (*droit accessoire, privilège, garantie ou sûreté*) ancillary or as the case may be attached thereto (and, in particular, any and all relevant Home Loan Security).

### *Conditions of enforcement*

Enforcement requires no formality other than the service of the Borrower Enforcement Notice in accordance with the Borrower Facility Agreement (including the necessity to obtain a court order or

conduct an auction), no notification requirements (to the Borrower, the Collateral Providers or any other person) nor any other procedures.

Pursuant to Article L.211-40 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), no right of the Issuer to enforce the Collateral Security shall be in any manner affected or limited by any insolvency proceedings mentioned under the sixth book of the French Commercial Code (*Livre VI du Code de commerce*) which would have been opened with respect to the Collateral Providers or any of its assets.

*Collateral Security Agent's and Collateral Providers' obligations upon enforcement*

With immediate effect as from the service to the Borrower and to the Collateral Security Agent, acting in the name and on behalf of the Collateral Providers, of a Borrower Enforcement Notice and upon the instructions of each of the Issuer, the Administrator (or the Substitute Administrator) or any of its representative or agent acting on its behalf (each, an "**Enforcing Party**"), the Collateral Security Agent and the Collateral Providers shall:

- (a) execute any document, take whatever action and do all such things required in order to perfect, or any other action that the Enforcing Party deems necessary for the purpose of perfecting, the Issuer's rights of title, discretions, privileges, remedies and other rights in relation to any or all Collateral Security Assets and any related rights, privileges, guarantees and security interest ancillary or attached thereto;
- (b) deliver such Asset Records and related documents to the Enforcing Party to such place as the same may reasonably designate;
- (c) allow to the Enforcing Party reasonable access to its facilities, premises, computer and/or software systems;
- (d) take all steps and do all things and cooperate in good faith to enable any entity which shall have been appointed as Substitute Administrator in replacement of the Administrator to take over its duties in such capacity.

*Application of proceeds*

Once the Issuer shall have been vested in all rights of title, discretions, benefits and other rights with respect to any and all the Collateral Security Assets following enforcement of the Collateral Security, any principal and interest payments, distributions, sale or liquidation proceeds and other sums (together, the "**Enforcement Proceeds**") received by the Issuer thereunder shall be held by the Issuer as cash collateral (*gage-espèces*) for the satisfaction in full of the Secured Liabilities.

Subject to the discharge in full of all the Secured Liabilities, the Collateral Security Agent, acting in the name and on behalf of the Collateral Providers, shall have the right to claim against the Issuer for repayment (*créance de restitution*) of the portion of the Enforcement Proceeds received by the Issuer and not applied to the satisfaction of the Secured Liabilities. Such repayment by the Issuer to the Collateral Security Agent, acting in the name and on behalf of the Collateral Providers, shall be made as soon as reasonably practicable following the day upon which all sums due under any and all the Tranches and Series of Covered Bonds shall have been repaid in full.

*Limited Recourse – Non Petition*

The Collateral Security Agreement includes Limited Recourse and Non petition provisions, as described in "**Issuer's Activities – Limited Recourse**" and "**Issuer's Activities –Non-Petition**".

*Amendment*

No amendment, modification, alteration or supplement shall be made to the Collateral Security Agreement without prior Rating Affirmation if the same materially and adversely affects the interests of the Issuer or the Bondholders.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Collateral Security Agreement may be amended, modified, altered or supplemented without prior Rating Affirmation:

- (a) to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency;
- (b) to evidence or effect the transition of any party to the Collateral Security Agreement to any successor;

- (c) to add to the undertakings and other obligations of the Collateral Security Agent and/or of the Collateral Providers under the Collateral Security Agreement; or
- (d) to comply with any mandatory requirements of applicable laws and regulations.

#### *Governing Law – Jurisdiction*

The Collateral Security Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, French law. The parties to the Collateral Security Agreement have agreed to submit any dispute that may arise in connection with the Collateral Security Agreement to the jurisdiction of the competent courts of Paris.

### **The Cash Collateral Agreement**

#### *Background*

The Cash Collateral Agreement refers to the agreement dated on the Signing Date and made between (i) the Issuer in its capacity as Lender, and (ii) Crédit Mutuel Arkéa in its capacity as Cash Collateral Provider (the "**Cash Collateral Provider**"), Administrator and Issuer Calculation Agent (the "**Cash Collateral Agreement**").

#### *Secured Liabilities*

The Cash Collateral Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions upon which the Cash Collateral Provider shall fund certain amounts as cash collateral (*gage espèces*) (each, a "**Cash Collateral**") into the Cash Collateral Account so as to secure as they become due and payable the payments of all and any amounts owed by the Borrower under the Borrower Facility, whether present or future (the "**Secured Liabilities**").

#### *Creation and Perfection*

Any Cash Collateral shall be created upon credit of the corresponding sums into the Cash Collateral Account.

The perfection of each Cash Collateral shall not be conditional upon any formality. Each Cash Collateral shall entail the transfer of title in favour of the Issuer with respect to the relevant cash funded into the Cash Collateral Account.

Cash at any time standing to the credit of the Cash Collateral Account may be invested only in Permitted Investments whose maturity is earlier than the Final Maturity Date of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds (which is not a Series of Soft Bullet Covered Bonds).

For such purpose, "**Soft Bullet Covered Bonds**" means Covered Bonds with a soft bullet maturity which allows the Final Maturity Date of the relevant Series to be extended if the Issuer is about to fail to pay the amount due on the Final Maturity Date, in accordance with, and as described in, the relevant Final Terms of Covered Bonds.

#### *Pre-Maturity Test*

The Cash Collateral Provider shall be requested to fund the Cash Collateral Account with the relevant Cash Collateral and up to the required amount upon non-compliance by the Borrower of certain pre-maturity ratings levels following the occurrence date of such non-compliance and during a certain pre-maturity test period (as further described in "**Asset Monitoring – The Pre-Maturity Test**").

Failure by the Cash Collateral Provider to fund the Cash Collateral Account with the relevant Cash Collateral and up to the required amount within the required period following any non-compliance with the relevant pre-maturity ratings levels and on any relevant test date following such non-compliance shall constitute a "**Breach of Pre-Maturity Test**" under the Cash Collateral Agreement which breach shall in turn result in the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default under the Borrower Facility Agreement.

#### *Representations, warranties and undertakings*

The Cash Collateral Provider has made the customary representations and warranties and undertakings to the Issuer, the representations and warranties being given on the execution date of the Cash Collateral Agreement and continuing until satisfaction in full of the Secured Liabilities.

#### *Enforcement*



Upon the service of a Borrower Enforcement Notice subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the Borrower Facility Agreement following the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default, the Issuer (represented by the Issuer Independent Representative or by the Administrator or Substitute Administrator) shall be entitled to apply all sums standing to the credit of the Cash Collateral Account in satisfaction of all the Secured Liabilities.

Any sum remaining to the credit of the Cash Collateral Account after satisfaction in full of the Secured Liabilities shall be promptly repaid to the Borrower.

*Conditions of enforcement*

Enforcement requires no other formality whatsoever (including the necessity to obtain a court order or conduct an auction), any notification requirements (to the Borrower, the Cash Collateral Provider or any other person) nor any other procedures.

No right of the Issuer to enforce its rights under the Cash Collateral Agreement shall be in any manner affected or limited by any Insolvency Proceedings with respect to the Borrower.

*Limited Recourse – Non Petition*

The Cash Collateral Agreement includes Limited Recourse and Non petition provisions, as described in "**Issuer's Activities – Limited Recourse**" and "**Issuer's Activities – Non – Petition**".

*Amendment*

No amendment, modification, alteration or supplement shall be made to the Cash Collateral Agreement without prior Rating Affirmation if the same materially and adversely affects the interests of the Issuer or the Bondholders.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Cash Collateral Agreement may be amended, modified, altered or supplemented without prior Rating Affirmation:

- (a) to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency;
- (b) to evidence or effect the transition of any party to the Cash Collateral Agreement to any successor;
- (c) to add to the undertakings and other obligations of the Cash Collateral Provider under the Cash Collateral Agreement; or
- (d) to comply with any mandatory requirements of applicable laws and regulations.

*Governing Law – Jurisdiction*

The Cash Collateral Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, French law. The Issuer and the Cash Collateral Provider have agreed to submit any dispute that may arise in connection with the Cash Collateral Agreement to the jurisdiction of the competent courts of Paris.

## ASSET MONITORING

*For the avoidance of doubt, it is specified that the expression "Covered Bonds" will include German law and French law Covered Bonds and the expression "Bondholders" includes any holder of such Covered Bonds, in the following section.*

Under the Collateral Security Agreement and for so long as no Borrower Event of Default has occurred and been enforced subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the Borrower Facility Agreement, the Collateral Security Agent and the Collateral Providers shall monitor the Collateral Security Assets so as to ensure compliance with an asset cover test (the "**Asset Cover Test**").

Under the Cash Collateral Agreement and for so long as no Borrower Event of Default has occurred and been enforced subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the Borrower Facility Agreement, the Borrower shall fund the Cash Collateral Account up to an amount sufficient so as to ensure compliance with a pre-maturity test (the "**Pre-Maturity Test**").

Under Condition 5 (f) and following the enforcement of a Borrower Event of Default subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the Borrower Facility Agreement, the Issuer shall ensure compliance with an amortisation test (the "**Amortisation Test**").

### The Asset Cover Test

The following terms shall have the following definitions:

"**Asset Cover Test Date**" means each Selection Date and each issuance date of a Series or a Tranche of Covered Bonds.

"**Asset Cover Test Calculation Period**" means, in relation to any Asset Cover Test Date, each period starting on, and including, the immediately preceding Asset Cover Test Date, and ending on, and excluding such Asset Cover Test Date.

"**Selection Date**" means, at the latest and with respect to any Home Loan as at the end of any calendar month, the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) calendar day of the following calendar month.

Compliance with the Asset Cover Test requires compliance with the asset cover ratio R specified below (the "**Asset Cover Ratio**"). Such compliance is tested by the Issuer Calculation Agent from time to time subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the Collateral Security Agreement and the Calculation Services Agreement.

*The Asset Cover Ratio (R)*

"**R**" means the following ratio which shall be at least equal to one (1) at each Asset Cover Test Date:

$$R = \left[ \frac{\text{Adjusted Aggregate Asset Amount (AAAA)}}{\text{Aggregate Covered Bond Outstanding Principal Amount}} \right]$$

whereby:

"**Aggregate Covered Bond Outstanding Principal Amount**" means, at any Asset Cover Test Date, the aggregate amount of principal (in euro or euro equivalent with respect to Covered Bonds denominated in a Specified Currency) outstanding at such date under all Covered Bonds.

**"Adjusted Aggregate Asset Amount (AAAA)"** means, at any Asset Cover Test Date:

$$(AAAA) = A + B + C + D - (Y + Z)$$

whereby:

**"A"** means the lower of "A1" and "A2".

**"A1"** is equal to the sum of all Adjusted Home Loan Outstanding Principal Amounts of all Relevant Home Loans (see **"The Collateral Security"** for a description of the Home Loans Eligibility Criteria) during the applicable Asset Cover Test Calculation Period, as such Adjusted Home Loan Outstanding Principal Amounts under Borrower Facility will be calculated on the relevant Asset Cover Test Date, whereby:

**"Adjusted Home Loan Outstanding Principal Amount"** means, with respect to each Relevant Home Loan granted as Collateral Security, the lower of:

- (i) the Home Loan Outstanding Principal Amount of such Relevant Home Loan minus the Applicable Deemed Reductions; and
- (ii) the LTV Cut-Off Percentage of the Indexed Valuation relating to such Relevant Home Loan minus the Applicable Deemed Reductions;

**"Applicable Deemed Reductions"** means, with respect to any Relevant Home Loan, the aggregate sum of the financial losses incurred by the Collateral Providers with respect to such Relevant Home Loan to the extent that such financial losses have been incurred as a direct result of a material breach of the Servicing Procedures by the relevant Collateral Providers during the applicable Asset Cover Test Calculation Period (see **"The Collateral Security Agreement – Asset Servicing"** for a description of the Servicing Procedures).

**"Home Loan Outstanding Principal Amount"** means, with respect to each Relevant Home Loan and within the limit of the sums secured by a Home Loan Security, the amount of principal outstanding at the relevant Asset Cover Test Date under such Relevant Home Loan.

**"LTV Cut-Off Percentage"** means:

- (i) eighty per cent. (80%) for each Relevant Home Loan secured by a Mortgage;
- (ii) eighty per cent. (80%) for each Relevant Home Loan secured by a Home Loan Guarantee issued by *Crédit Logement* or by *L'Équité*;
- (iii) a percentage which will be agreed with the Rating Agency from time to time for each Relevant Home Loan that has the benefit of an insurance policy with an acceptable insurer or guarantee with an acceptable financial institution, insuring the credit risk under such Relevant Home Loan; and
- (iv) subject to prior Rating Affirmation, a percentage for each Relevant Home Loan not mentioned under (i) to (iii) above.

**"Index"** means the index of increases of house prices issued by PERVAL in relation to residential properties in France.

**"Indexed Valuation"** means at any date in relation to any Relevant Home Loan secured over any Property:

- (i) where the Original Market Value of that Property is equal to or greater than the Price Indexed Valuation as at that date, the Price Indexed Valuation; or
- (ii) where the Original Market Value of that Property is less than the Price Indexed Valuation as at that date, the Original Market Value plus eighty per cent. (80%) of the difference between the Price Indexed Valuation and the Original Market Value.

**"Original Foreclosure Value"** in relation to any Property means the purchase price of such Property or (as applicable) the most recent valuation of such Property, as disclosed to the relevant Collateral Provider by the relevant debtor under the related Relevant Home Loan.

**"Original Market Value"** in relation to any Property means the Original Foreclosure Value divided by one (1).

**"Price Indexed Valuation"** in relation to any Property at any date means the Original Market Value of that Property increased or decreased as appropriate by the increase or decrease in the Index since the date of the Original Market Value.

**"Relevant Home Loan"** means, with respect to a given Asset Cover Test Date, any Home Loan granted as Collateral Security provided that such Home Loan has not become an Ineligible Home Loan during the Asset Cover Test Calculation Period preceding such Asset Cover Test Date.

**"A2"** is equal to the sum of all unadjusted Home Loan Outstanding Principal Amounts of all Relevant Home Loans minus the Applicable Deemed Reductions (as defined above) of all such Relevant Home Loans multiplied by the applicable Asset Percentage, whereby:

**"Asset Percentage"** means (i) 92.5 per cent. (92.5%) or (ii) such percentage figure as is determined on quarterly basis by the Issuer Calculation Agent pursuant to the relevant terms of the Collateral Security Agreement.

For the purpose of the calculation of the Asset Percentage referred to in (ii) above, the Issuer Calculation Agent will calculate, on a quarterly basis, the Weighted Average Frequency of Foreclosure ("**WAFF**"), and the Weighted Average Loss Severity ("**WALS**") (and/or such figures calculated in accordance with such alternative methodologies as agreed with S&P) for all Relevant Home Loans or for a random sample of the same or as otherwise agreed by S&P. The WALS (or other relevant figures) so calculated will be incorporated by the Issuer Calculation Agent into one or more cash flow models approved by S&P. Such models, which test the credit enhancement required in various cash flow scenarios, will indicate, on the basis of the latest WAFF and WALS figures (or other agreed relevant figures), the Asset Percentage needed in order to provide credit enhancement to cover all such cash flow scenarios. Save where otherwise agreed with S&P, the Asset Percentage will be adjusted in accordance with the various methodologies prescribed by S&P provided that the Asset Percentage may not, at any time, exceed 92.5 per cent. (92.5%).

**"B"** is equal to the aggregate amount of cash standing to the credit of the Cash Collateral Account, as reported by the Collateral Security Agent in the relevant Asset Report.

**"C"** is equal to the aggregate value outstanding under all Substitution Assets (the "**Aggregate Substitution Asset Amount (ASAA)**") granted as Collateral Security provided that, the amount of the Aggregate Substitution Asset Amount (ASAA) (whatever such amount is at any Asset Cover Test Date) shall in any event account only for up to twenty per cent. (20%) of the Adjusted Aggregate Asset Amount (AAAA) for the purposes hereof. The Aggregate Substitution Asset Amount (ASAA) shall be reported by the Collateral Security Agent in the relevant Asset Report. Substitution Assets will be valued on the last Business Day of the calendar month immediately preceding each Asset Cover Test Date and be taken into account for their mark-to-market value at a discount based on a methodology agreed with the Rating Agency.

**"D"** is equal to the aggregate value outstanding under all Permitted Investments, as determined by the Issuer Accounts Bank (or the Administrator on its behalf) and reported to the Issuer Calculation Agent pursuant to the Issuer Accounts Bank Agreement. Permitted Investments will be valued on the last Business Day of the calendar month immediately preceding each Asset Cover Test Date and be taken into account for their mark-to-market value at a discount based on a methodology agreed with the Rating Agency.

**"Y"** is equal to (i) zero before any Issuer Hedging Agreement shall be entered into by the Issuer subject to, and in accordance with, the Hedging Strategy and (ii) otherwise, an amount equal to the payments due under the Issuer Hedging Agreements (plus interest thereon) within the period of  $\alpha$  plus two (2) months preceding the relevant Asset Cover Test Date where  $\alpha$  means the period between two (2) interest payment dates (first day of such period included and last day of such period excluded) under the relevant Issuer Hedging Agreements.

**"Z"** is equal to:  $WAM \times \text{Covered Bond Outstanding Principal Amount} \times \text{Carrying Cost}$ , whereby:

**"Carrying Cost"** means 1.00 per cent. (1.00%) or any other percentage agreed between the Issuer and the Collateral Security Agent (acting in the name and on behalf the Collateral Providers), subject to prior Rating Affirmation;

**"WAM"** means the greater of (i) the weighted average maturity of Series of Covered Bonds outstanding as at the relevant Asset Cover Test Date, and (ii) one (1) year;

**"Covered Bond Outstanding Principal Amount"** means, at any Asset Cover Test Date, the aggregate amount of principal (in euro or euro equivalent with respect to Covered Bonds denominated in a Specified Currency) outstanding at such date under all Series of Covered Bonds.

*Calculation of the Asset Cover Ratio (R)*

On each Asset Cover Test Date, the Asset Cover Ratio (R) shall be calculated by the Issuer Calculation Agent according to the terms, definitions and calculation formula set forth above.

No later than three (3) Business Days following any Asset Cover Test Date, the Issuer Calculation Agent shall inform the Issuer, the Borrower and the Collateral Security Agent (with a copy to the Rating Agency and to the Asset Monitor) of its calculation of the Asset Cover Ratio (R).

*Non-Compliance with Asset Cover Test*

Non-compliance with the Asset Cover Test (the **"Non-Compliance with Asset Cover Test"**) would result from the Asset Cover Test Ratio (R) being strictly less than one (1).

*Remedies*

Upon Non-Compliance with Asset Cover Test on any Asset Cover Test Date, the Collateral Security Agent shall:

- (i) cause the Collateral Providers to grant additional or substitute Eligible Assets as Collateral Security pursuant to the relevant terms of the Collateral Security Agreement, on the next following Asset Cover Test Date; and/or
- (ii) cause the Collateral Providers to release Collateral Security Assets from the Collateral Security pursuant to the relevant terms of the Collateral Security Agreement, on the next following Asset Cover Test Date,

in each case, as necessary to cure such Non-Compliance with Asset Cover Test.

A Non-Compliance with Asset Cover Test will not constitute an Issuer Event of Default or a Borrower Event of Default. However, it will prevent the Issuer from issuing any further Series as long as it remains unremedied.

*Breach of Asset Cover Test*

The failure by the Collateral Security Agent, acting in the name and on behalf of the Collateral Providers, to cure a Non-Compliance with Asset Cover Test occurred on any Asset Cover Test Date prior to the next following Asset Cover Test Date shall constitute a Breach of Asset Cover Test within the meaning of the Collateral Security Agreement. The Issuer Calculation Agent will inform promptly the Issuer, the Borrower and the Collateral Security Agent (with a copy to the Rating Agency and to the Asset Monitor) of the occurrence of a Breach of Asset Cover Test.

A Breach of Asset Cover Test will result in a Borrower Event of Default within the meaning of, and subject to, the relevant terms of the Borrower Facility Agreement.

A Breach of Asset Cover Test will not constitute an Issuer Event of Default but will prevent the Issuer from issuing any further Series.

**The Pre-Maturity Test**

Compliance with the Pre-Maturity Test requires compliance with the ratings specified below with respect to the Borrower within each relevant Pre-Maturity Test Period.

For the purpose hereof:

**"Pre-Maturity Test Period"** means with respect to any Series of Covered Bonds which is not a Series of Soft Bullet Covered Bonds, the period starting from, and including, the one hundred and eightieth (180<sup>th</sup>) Business Day preceding the Final Maturity Date of such Series of Covered Bonds and ending on, and excluding, such Final Maturity Date;

**"Soft Bullet Covered Bonds"** means Covered Bonds with a soft bullet maturity which allows the Final Maturity Date of the relevant Series to be extended if the Issuer is about to fail to pay the amount due on the Final Maturity Date, in accordance with, and as described in, the relevant Final Terms of Covered Bonds.

*Pre-Maturity Rating Required Level*

The required rating with respect to the Borrower (together, the "**Pre-Maturity Rating Required Level**") is at least A-1 (short-term) (S&P).

*Pre-Maturity Test*

The Issuer Calculation Agent shall test compliance or non-compliance by the Borrower with the Pre-Maturity Rating Required Level subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the Calculation Services Agreement.

*Non-Compliance with Pre-Maturity Test*

If the Borrower fails to have the Pre-Maturity Rating Required Level at any time during any relevant Pre-Maturity Test Period, the Issuer Calculation Agent shall inform the Cash Collateral Provider of the same within three (3) Business Days from such downgrading by written notice (the "**Non-Compliance Notice**") delivered to the Cash Collateral Provider subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the Cash Collateral Agreement.

The downgrading of the Borrower below the Pre-Maturity Rating Required Level will not constitute an Issuer Event of Default nor a Borrower Event of Default.

*Remedies*

If a Non-Compliance Notice is received by the Cash Collateral Provider within a Pre-Maturity Test Period, the Cash Collateral Provider shall fund the Cash Collateral Account up to an amount (the "**Cash Collateral Required Funding Amount (CCRFA)**") calculated by the Issuer Calculation Agent as being the amount of cash to be funded by the Cash Collateral Provider into the Cash Collateral Account with respect to the relevant Series of Covered Bonds (not being Soft Bullet Covered Bonds) so as to ensure that the total amount of cash funded by the Cash Collateral Provider into the Cash Collateral Account with respect to such Series of Covered Bonds (the "**Cash Collateral Required Total Amount (CCRTA)**") is equal to:

$$\text{CCRTA} = (\text{Covered Bond Principal Amount} + \text{Costs})$$

whereby:

"**Costs**" means the aggregate amount of fees, costs, expenses, taxes and other ancillary sums (excluding interest and principal amounts) scheduled to be payable by the Issuer within the relevant Pre-Maturity Test Period under the relevant Series of Covered Bonds (not being Soft Bullet Covered Bonds).

"**Covered Bond Principal Amount**" means the aggregate amount of principal (in euro or euro equivalent with respect to Covered Bonds denominated in a Specified Currency) scheduled to be redeemed at the Final Maturity Date of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds (not being Soft Bullet Covered Bonds).

The Cash Collateral Provider shall fund the CCRFA in full within thirty (30) Business Days from the receipt of the Non-Compliance Notice.

*Breach of Pre-Maturity Test*

The failure by the Cash Collateral Provider to fund into the Cash Collateral Account the relevant Cash Collateral Required Funding Amount (CCFRA) subject to, and in accordance with, the above described conditions shall constitute a Breach of Pre-Maturity Test within the meaning of the Cash Collateral Agreement.

A Breach of Pre-Maturity Test will result in a Borrower Event of Default within the meaning of, and subject to, the relevant terms of the Borrower Facility Agreement. A Breach of Pre-Maturity Test will not constitute an Issuer Event of Default.

## The Amortisation Test

The following terms shall have the following definitions:

**"Amortisation Test Date"** means, at the latest, the last calendar day of each calendar month following the enforcement of a Borrower Event of Default, it being provided that the Administrator and the Issuer Calculation Agent shall use their best effort so that such date occurs on, or as soon as possible as from the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) calendar day of each calendar month following the enforcement of a Borrower Event of Default.

**"Amortisation Test Calculation Period"** means, in relation to any Amortisation Test Date, each period starting on, and including, the immediately preceding Amortisation Test Date, and ending on, and excluding such Amortisation Test Date.

Compliance with the Amortisation Test requires compliance with the amortisation ratio RA specified below (the **"Amortisation Ratio (RA)"**). Such compliance is tested by the Issuer Calculation Agent from time to time throughout the period following the enforcement of a Borrower Event of Default subject to, and in accordance with the Condition 5 (f) and the Calculation Services Agreement.

### *The Amortisation Ratio*

**"RA"** means the following ratio which shall be at least equal to one (1) at each Amortisation Test Date:

$$RA = \left[ \frac{TAAA'}{ACBOPA} \right]$$

whereby:

**"Aggregate Covered Bond Outstanding Principal Amount (ACBOPA)"** means, at any Amortisation Test Date, the aggregate amount of principal (in euro or euro equivalent with respect to Covered Bonds denominated in a Specified Currency) outstanding at such date under all Covered Bonds.

**"Transferred Aggregate Asset Amount (TAAA')"** means, at any Amortisation Test Date:

$$(TAAA') = A' + B + C + D + E - Z$$

whereby:

**"A"** is equal to the sum of all Transferred Home Loan Outstanding Principal Amounts of all Relevant Home Loans, as such Transferred Home Loan Outstanding Principal Amounts will be calculated on the relevant Amortisation Test Date, whereby:

**"Home Loan Outstanding Principal Amount"** means, with respect to each Relevant Home Loan, the amount of principal outstanding at the relevant Amortisation Test Date under such Relevant Home Loan.

**"Relevant Home Loan"** means, with respect to a given Amortisation Test Date, any Home Loan granted as Collateral Security provided that title to such Home Loan has been transferred to the Issuer upon enforcement of the Collateral Security following the enforcement of a Borrower Event of Default.

**"Transferred Home Loan Outstanding Principal Amount"** means, with respect to each Relevant Home Loan, the Home Loan Outstanding Principal Amount of such Relevant Home Loan multiplied by M, where for all the Relevant Home Loans that are less than three (3) months in arrears, M = 1 and for all the Relevant Home Loans that are three (3) months or more in arrears, M = 0.7.

**"B", "C", "D" and "Z"** have the meaning ascribed to such terms, and shall be determined, on each relevant Amortisation Test Date, subject to, and in accordance with, the terms and formula described in **"The Asset Cover Test"** above.

**"E"** is equal to the aggregate amount of principal and interest payments, distributions, indemnities, insurance and other proceeds, payments under any Home Loan Security and other sums received during the applicable Amortisation Test Calculation Period by the Issuer from the debtors or other relevant entities under the Collateral Security Assets whose title has been transferred to the Issuer following enforcement of the Collateral Security, as the same shall be

reported by the Issuer Calculation Agent on each Amortisation Test Date subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the Calculation Services Agreement.

#### *Calculation of the Amortisation Ratio*

On each Amortisation Test Date, the Amortisation Ratio (RA) shall be calculated by the Issuer Calculation Agent according to the terms, definitions and calculation formula set forth above.

No later than three (3) Business Days following any Amortisation Test Date, the Issuer Calculation Agent shall inform the Issuer (with a copy to the Rating Agency and to the Asset Monitor) of its calculation of the Amortisation Ratio (RA).

#### *Non-Compliance with Amortisation Test*

A "**Non-Compliance with Amortisation Test**" will result from the Amortisation Ratio (RA) being strictly less than one (1).

A Non-Compliance with Amortisation Test will not constitute an Issuer Event of Default. However, it will prevent the Issuer from issuing any further Series.

#### *Breach of Amortisation Test*

The failure by the Issuer to cure a Non-Compliance with Amortisation Test occurred on any Amortisation Test Date prior to the next following Amortisation Test Date shall constitute a "**Breach of Amortisation Test**". The Issuer Calculation Agent will inform promptly the Issuer, each relevant Representative and the Issuer Security Agent (with a copy to the Rating Agency and to the Asset Monitor) of the occurrence of a Breach of Amortisation Test.

A Breach of Amortisation Test will result in an Issuer Event of Default within the meaning of the Terms and Conditions.

### **The Calculation Services Agreement**

This section sets out the main material terms of the Calculation Services Agreement.

#### *Background*

The "**Calculation Services Agreement**" refers to the agreement dated on the Signing Date and entered into between (i) Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Covered Bonds, in its capacity as Lender and (ii) Crédit Mutuel Arkéa, in its capacity as Issuer Calculation Agent (the "**Issuer Calculation Agent**").

#### *Purpose*

Under the Calculation Services Agreement, Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Covered Bonds, as Issuer, appoints Crédit Mutuel Arkéa as its servicer for the purposes of any calculation and determinations to be made under the Programme Documents (but excluding all calculation and determinations to be made with respect to the Series of Covered Bonds, such calculation and determinations to be made on behalf of the Issuer by the Calculation Agent under the Issuer Agency Agreement). The Issuer Calculation Agent will always act in the best and exclusive interest of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Covered Bonds.

#### *Duties of the Issuer Calculation Agent*

Pursuant to the Calculation Services Agreement, the Issuer Calculation Agent will *inter alia* undertake:

- (a) all and any calculation in relation to the Borrower Facility Agreement, including, but not limited to, any interest and principal amounts and the effective global rate (*taux effectif global*);
- (b) all and any calculation in relation to the Collateral Security Agreement, including, but not limited to, the Asset Cover Test (see "**Asset Monitoring**");
- (c) all and any calculation in relation to the Cash Collateral Agreement, including, but not limited to, the Pre-Maturity Test (see "**Asset Monitoring**");
- (d) all and any calculation in relation to the Amortisation Test (see "**Asset Monitoring**").



### *Substitution and Agency*

The Issuer Calculation Agent may not assign its rights and obligations under the Calculation Services Agreement but will have the right to be assisted by, to appoint or to substitute for itself any third party in the performance of certain or all its tasks under the Calculation Services Agreement provided that:

- (a) the Issuer Calculation Agent remains liable to the Issuer for the proper performance of those tasks and, with respect to the Issuer only, the relevant third party has expressly waived any right to any contractual claim against the Issuer; and
- (b) the relevant third party has undertaken to comply with all obligations binding upon the Issuer Calculation Agent under the Calculation Services Agreement.

### *Remuneration*

In consideration of the services provided by the Issuer Calculation Agent to the Issuer under the Calculation Services Agreement, the Issuer will pay to the Issuer Calculation Agent a remuneration determined subject to, and in accordance with, the provisions of the Calculation Services Agreement.

### *Representations, warranties and undertakings*

The Issuer Calculation Agent has made the customary representations and warranties and undertakings to the Issuer, the representations and warranties being given on the execution date of the Calculation Services Agreement and continuing until the Service Termination Date.

### *Indemnities*

Pursuant to the Calculation Services Agreement, the Issuer Calculation Agent undertakes to hold harmless and fully and effectively indemnify the Issuer against all actions, proceedings, demands, damages, costs, expenses (including legal fees), claims, losses, prejudice or other liability, which the Issuer may sustain or incur as a consequence of the occurrence of any default by the Issuer Calculation Agent in its performance of any of its obligations under the Calculation Services Agreement.

### *Resignation of the Issuer Calculation Agent*

The Issuer Calculation Agent will not resign from the duties and obligations imposed on it as Issuer Calculation Agent pursuant to the Calculation Services Agreement, except:

- (a) upon a determination that the performance of its duties under the Calculation Services Agreement will no longer be permissible under applicable law; and
- (b) in the case where the Issuer does not comply with any of its material obligations under the Calculation Services Agreement and fails to remedy the situation within one hundred and eighty days (180) from the receipt by the Issuer of a notice from the Issuer Calculation Agent,

such resignation being effective on the date upon which (i) the event in paragraph (a) above occurs; or (ii) one hundred and eighty (180) days after the date of delivery of the notice referred to in paragraph (b) above.

### *Issuer Calculation Agent's Defaults*

Issuer Calculation Agent's Defaults will occur upon *inter alia* the occurrence of the following events:

- (a) any material representation or warranty made by the Issuer Calculation Agent is or proves to have been incorrect or misleading in any material respect when made, and the same is not remedied (if capable of remedy) within sixty (60) Business Days after the Issuer has given notice thereof to the Issuer Calculation Agent or (if sooner) the Issuer Calculation Agent has knowledge of the same, provided that the Issuer, at its discretion, certifies that it is prejudicial to the interests of the holders of the relevant Covered Bonds;
- (b) the Issuer Calculation Agent fails to comply with any of its material obligations under the Calculation Services Agreement unless such breach is capable of remedy and is remedied within sixty (60) Business Days after the Issuer has given notice thereof to the Issuer Calculation Agent or (if sooner) the Issuer Calculation Agent has knowledge of the same, provided that the Issuer, at its discretion, certifies that it is prejudicial to the interests of the holders of the relevant Covered Bonds;
- (c) an Insolvency Event occurs in respect of the Issuer Calculation Agent; or

- (d) at any time it is or becomes unlawful for the Issuer Calculation Agent to perform or comply with any or all of its material obligations under the Calculation Services Agreement or any or all of its material obligations under the Calculation Services Agreement are not, or cease to be, legal, valid and binding.

For such purposes, "**Insolvency Event**" means the occurrence of any of the following events:

- (a) to the extent permitted by applicable laws and regulations, the relevant entity is, or is deemed or declared for the purposes of any law to be, unable to pay its debts as they fall due or to be insolvent, or admits in writing its inability to pay its debts as they fall due or, if such entity is a credit institution, is not able to ensure its immediate or short-term payment obligations;
- (b) the relevant entity by reason of financial difficulties, begins formal negotiations with one or more of its creditors with a view to the general readjustment or rescheduling of any of its indebtedness or applies for or is subject to an amicable settlement or a *procédure de conciliation* pursuant to Articles L.611-1 *et seq.* of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*);
- (c) a meeting of the shareholders of the relevant entity is convened for the purpose of considering any resolution for (or to petition for) its winding-up or its administration or any such resolution is passed;
- (d) any person presents a petition for the winding-up or for the administration or for the bankruptcy of the relevant entity and the petition is not discharged within thirty (30) days;
- (e) any order for the winding-up or administration of the relevant entity is issued;
- (f) a judgement is issued for the judicial liquidation (*liquidation judiciaire*), the transfer of the whole or part of the business of the relevant entity (*cession totale ou partielle de l'entreprise*);
- (g) any liquidator, trustee in bankruptcy, receiver, administrative receiver, administrator or the like (including, without limitation, any *mandataire ad hoc*, *administrateur provisoire*, *conciliateur* or *mandataire liquidateur*) is appointed in respect of the relevant entity or any substantial or material part of the assets or the directors of the relevant entity request such appointment; or
- (h) more generally and to the extent permitted by applicable laws and regulations, the relevant entity is subject to any other insolvency or bankruptcy proceedings or makes any conveyance, assignment or other arrangement for the benefit of its creditors or enters into a composition with its creditors.

#### *Issuer Calculation Agent Rating Trigger Event*

If an Issuer Calculation Agent Rating Trigger Event occurs, the Issuer Calculation Agent will notify the Issuer in writing of the occurrence of the Issuer Calculation Agent Rating Trigger Event within five (5) Business Days from the date upon which it becomes aware of such event and this will constitute a termination event under the Calculation Services Agreement.

For such purposes, "**Issuer Calculation Agent Rating Trigger Event**" means the event in which the long-term senior unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations of the Issuer Calculation Agent become rated below BBB by S&P.

#### *Termination*

"**Issuer Calculation Agent Termination Events**" under the Calculation Services Agreement will include the following events:

- (a) the termination of the Calculation Services Agreement in accordance with its scheduled term;
- (b) the occurrence and continuation of any Issuer Calculation Agent's Default;
- (c) the occurrence of the Issuer Calculation Agent Rating Trigger Event;
- (d) the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default; or
- (e) the resignation of the Issuer Calculation Agent.

If an Issuer Calculation Agent Termination Event occurs and is continuing, the Issuer shall terminate the Calculation Services Agreement by delivery of a written termination notice to the Issuer Calculation Agent (the "**Notice of Termination**"). Upon receipt by the Issuer Calculation Agent of the Notice of Termination, the Calculation Services Agreement will terminate with effect:

- not earlier than twenty (20) Business Days as from the receipt by the Issuer Calculation Agent of the Notice of Termination, if such Notice of Termination is served due to the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default or of an Issuer Calculation Agent Rating Trigger Event;
- not earlier than twenty (20) Business Days as from the receipt by the Issuer Calculation Agent of the Notice of Termination or at any other date that the Issuer may have specified in the Notice of Termination, if such Notice of Termination is served due to any other reason.

(each, a "**Service Termination Date**"), and save for any continuing obligations of the Issuer Calculation Agent contained in the Calculation Services Agreement.

Upon the Service Termination Date, the Issuer will replace Crédit Mutuel Arkéa, as Issuer Calculation Agent, by any substitute entity (the "**Substitute Issuer Calculation Agent**"), the choice of which being subject to prior Rating Affirmation.

Notwithstanding the Service Termination Date, the Issuer Calculation Agent will continue to be bound by all its obligations under the Calculation Services Agreement until the appointment of the Substitute Issuer Calculation Agent is effective. The Issuer Calculation Agent undertakes to act in good faith to assist any Substitute Issuer Calculation Agent.

#### *Limited Recourse – Non Petition*

The Calculation Services Agreement includes Limited Recourse and Non petition provisions, as described in "**Issuer's Activities – Limited Recourse**" and "**Issuer's Activities – Non-Petition**".

#### *Amendment*

No amendment, modification, alteration or supplement shall be made to the Calculation Services Agreement without prior Rating Affirmation if the same materially and adversely affects the interests of the Issuer or the Bondholders.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Calculation Services Agreement may be amended, modified, altered or supplemented without prior Rating Affirmation:

- (a) to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency;
- (b) to evidence or effect the transition of any party to the Calculation Services Agreement to any successor;
- (c) to add to the undertakings and other obligations of the Issuer Calculation Agent under the Calculation Services Agreement; or
- (d) to comply with any mandatory requirements of applicable laws and regulations.

#### *Governing Law – Jurisdiction*

The Calculation Services Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, French law. The Issuer and the Issuer Calculation Agent have agreed to submit any dispute that may arise in connection with the Calculation Services Agreement to the jurisdiction of the competent courts of Paris.

### **The Asset Monitor Agreement and the Engagement Letter**

#### *Background*

The "**Asset Monitor Agreement**" refers to the agreement dated on the Signing Date and made between (i) the Issuer, (ii) Crédit Mutuel Arkéa as the Issuer Calculation Agent or, as applicable, the Administrator and (iii) BNP Paribas Securities Services (formerly, BGL BNP Paribas) as the Issuer Security Agent. The "**Engagement Letter**" refers to the letter dated on the Signing Date, issued by Deloitte & Associés as Asset Monitor (the "**Asset Monitor**") and duly accepted by the Issuer, pursuant to which PricewaterhouseCoopers Audit is appointed as Asset Monitor.

Under the Asset Monitor Agreement and the Engagement Letter, Deloitte & Associés has been appointed as Asset Monitor by the Issuer to carry out, subject to due receipt of the information to be provided by the Issuer Calculation Agent to the Asset Monitor, various testing and notification duties in relation to the calculations performed by the Calculation Agent in relation to the Asset Cover Test and the Amortisation Test subject to and in accordance with the terms of the Asset Monitor Agreement.

### *Services of the Asset Monitor*

If the Asset Cover Test Date immediately preceding an anniversary of the Signing Date falls prior to the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default, and subject to receipt of the information to be provided to it by the Issuer Calculation Agent in relation to the calculations performed by the Issuer Calculation Agent regarding the relevant Asset Cover Test, the Asset Monitor will test the arithmetic accuracy of the calculations performed by the Issuer Calculation Agent in relation to the Asset Cover Test on the Asset Cover Test Date immediately preceding an anniversary of the Signing Date, as applicable, with a view to reporting on the arithmetic accuracy or otherwise of such calculations.

On each Amortisation Test Date (it being provided that the first Amortisation Test Date shall be the relevant date immediately following the enforcement of a Borrower Event of Default) and subject to receipt of the information to be provided to it by the Issuer Calculation Agent in relation to the calculations performed by the Issuer Calculation Agent regarding the relevant Amortisation Test, the Asset Monitor will test the arithmetic accuracy of the calculations performed by the Issuer Calculation Agent in relation to the Amortisation Test on the relevant Amortisation Test Date, with a view to reporting on the arithmetic accuracy or otherwise of such calculations.

Upon the occurrence of a Calculation Monitoring Rating Trigger Event and for so long as such Calculation Monitoring Rating Trigger Event is continuing, or, if the Asset Monitor has been notified of the occurrence of a Non-Compliance with Asset Cover Test or of a Non-Compliance with Amortisation Test (see section **"Asset Monitoring"**), and subject to receipt of the information to be provided to the Asset Monitor, the Asset Monitor shall conduct the tests of the Issuer Calculation Agent's calculations referred to above, as applicable, in respect of every Asset Cover Test Date or Amortisation Test Date, as applicable.

For the purposes of this section **"The Asset Monitor Agreement and the Engagement Letter"**, **"Calculation Monitoring Rating Trigger Event"** means the event in which the long-term senior unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa become rated below BBB by S&P.

If the tests conducted by the Asset Monitor in accordance with the provisions above reveal arithmetic errors in the relevant calculations performed by the Issuer Calculation Agent such that:

- the Asset Cover Test had been failed on the relevant Asset Cover Test Date (where the Issuer Calculation Agent had recorded it as being satisfied); or
- the Amortisation Test had been failed on the relevant Amortisation Test Date (where the Issuer Calculation Agent had recorded it as being satisfied);

and subject to receipt of the information to be provided to the Asset Monitor for a period of six (6) months thereafter, the Asset Monitor shall conduct the tests of the Issuer Calculation Agent's calculations referred to above, in respect of every Asset Cover Test Date or each Amortisation Test Date, as applicable, occurring during such six (6)-month period.

The Asset Monitor shall notify the Issuer, in writing, of the relevant calculations performed by the Issuer Calculation Agent and of the results of its tests of the accuracy of the Issuer Calculation Agent's calculations. If the calculations performed by the Administrator have not been performed correctly, the Asset Monitor will report the correct calculation of the Asset Cover Test or Amortisation Test, as applicable. The Issuer shall transfer any notifications and reports received from the Asset Monitor to the parties to the Asset Monitor Agreement (with copy to the Rating Agency), promptly upon receipt of such notifications and reports.

The Asset Monitor is entitled, in the absence of manifest error, to assume that all information provided to it is true and correct and is complete and not misleading and is not required to conduct an audit or other similar examination in respect of or otherwise take steps to verify the accuracy or completeness of such information.

### *Termination*

The Issuer may, at any time but only with the prior written consent of the Issuer Security Agent, terminate the appointment of the Asset Monitor hereunder upon providing the Asset Monitor with sixty (60) days' prior written notice, provided that such termination may not be effected unless and until a replacement has been found by the Issuer (such replacement to be approved by the Issuer Security Agent unless the replacement is an accountancy firm of international standing) which agrees to perform the duties (or substantially similar duties) of the Asset Monitor set out in the Asset Monitor Agreement.

The Asset Monitor may, at any time, resign from its appointment under the Engagement Letter upon providing the Issuer with sixty (60) days' prior written notice. If a replacement asset monitor has not been found by the Issuer within sixty (60) days of notice of resignation by the Asset Monitor, the Asset Monitor shall immediately use its best endeavours to appoint a replacement (such replacement to be approved by the Issuer Security Agent if the replacement is an accountancy firm of international standing) which agrees to perform the Asset Monitor's duties (or substantially similar duties) set out in the Asset Monitor Agreement.

#### *Fees*

Under the terms of the Asset Monitor Agreement, the Issuer will pay to the Asset Monitor a fee for the tests to be performed by the Asset Monitor.

#### *Limited Recourse – Non Petition*

The Asset Monitor Agreement includes Limited Recourse and Non petition provisions, as described in "**Issuer's Activities – Limited Recourse**" and "**Issuer's Activities – Non-Petition**". The Engagement Letter also refers to such Limited Recourse and Non petition provisions.

#### *Amendment*

Except as further described under the Asset Monitor Agreement, any material amendment to the Asset Monitor Agreement and/or to the Engagement Letter is subject to the Rating Affirmation.

#### *Governing Law – Jurisdiction*

The Asset Monitor Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, French law. Each party to the Asset Monitor Agreement and the Asset Monitor irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the French courts in any action or proceeding arising out of or relating to the Asset Monitor Agreement and/or to the Engagement Letter, and hereby irrevocably agrees that all claims in respect of such action or proceeding may be heard and determined by such courts.

## CASH FLOW

*For the avoidance of doubt, it is specified that the expression "Covered Bonds" will include German law and French law Covered Bonds and the expression "Bondholders" includes any holder of such Covered Bonds, in the following section.*

### Cash management

Pursuant to the Administrative Agreement, the Administrator will assist the Issuer in operating its bank accounts, the management and investment of its available cash in Permitted Investments in accordance with the relevant Permitted Investments rules, and any other matters in relation to the management of its bank accounts and funds so as to ensure that the Issuer will at all times comply with the provisions of the Programme Documents.

Pursuant to the Administrative Agreement and, subject to and, in accordance with the Terms and Conditions, the Administrator will invest any cash standing from time to time to the credit of the Issuer Cash Accounts pending application in accordance with the Priority Payment Orders (see "**Cash Flow – Priority Payment Orders**"), in instruments which qualify as Permitted Investments (as defined in "**The Issuer – The Administrative Agreement**").

### Issuer Accounts

Available Funds of the Issuer will be from time to time credited and debited by the Administrator on behalf of the Issuer into the Issuer Cash Accounts opened in the books of the Issuer Accounts Bank (see "**The Issuer – The Issuer Accounts Bank Agreement**" for a further description of the Issuer Accounts).

For the purposes hereof:

"**Available Funds**" means:

- (a) in the absence of service of a Borrower Enforcement Notice (and whether an Issuer Enforcement Notice has been served to the Fiscal Agent and the Issuer by the relevant Representative or not):
  - (i) payment proceeds from the Borrower under the Borrower Facility;
  - (ii) cash from Permitted Investments (if any) standing to the credit of the Issuer General Account; and
  - (iii) payment proceeds from the Issuer Hedging Agreements and Borrower Hedging Agreement(s) (if any) (excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, sums received as collateral under the Issuer Hedging Agreements and the Borrower Hedging Agreement(s));
- (b) following the service of a Borrower Enforcement Notice and enforcement of the Collateral Security (and whether an Issuer Enforcement Notice has been served to the Fiscal Agent and the Issuer by the relevant Representative or not):
  - (i) payment proceeds, whether in interest, principal or otherwise, received by the Issuer following service of a notice to any or all debtors under the Home Loans mentioning the new payment instructions to be observed by the same with respect to the payment of sums due under the Home Loans and/or the related Asset Contractual Documentation standing to the credit of the Issuer General Account;
  - (ii) insurance proceeds and other proceeds (other than the proceeds mentioned in (i) above) received by the Issuer under the Home Loans and standing to the credit of the Issuer General Account;
  - (iii) payment proceeds, whether in interest, principal or otherwise, received by the Issuer from the debtors under the Substitution Assets standing to the credit of the Issuer General Account;

- (iv) proceeds from disposal of, transfer, sale or refinancing (by way of securitisation or otherwise) of the Home Loans and Substitution Assets and standing to the credit of the Issuer General Account;
- (v) proceeds from the enforcement of any Home Loan Security (if any) standing to the credit of the Issuer General Account;
- (vi) cash from Permitted Investments (if any) standing to the credit of the Issuer General Account;
- (vii) cash standing to the credit of the Cash Collateral Account;
- (viii) payment proceeds from the Issuer Hedging Agreements and Borrower Hedging Agreement(s) (if any) (excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, sums received as collateral under the Issuer Hedging Agreements and the Borrower Hedging Agreement(s)); and
- (ix) cash standing to the credit of the Share Capital Proceeds Account.

### Priority Payment Orders

#### *Pre-Enforcement Priority Payment Order*

In the absence of service by the Administrator to the Borrower of a Borrower Enforcement Notice and in the absence of service by the relevant Representative of an Issuer Enforcement Notice, on any Payment Date and (as applicable) Final Maturity Date of each relevant Series of Covered Bonds, the Administrator (on behalf of the Issuer) will give the appropriate instructions to the Issuer Accounts Bank to debit the relevant Issuer Cash Accounts and (as the case may be) the relevant Issuer Securities Accounts (other than the Issuer General Account) from the cash that shall constitute the Available Funds of the Issuer on such date and shall credit the same into the Issuer General Account. The Administrator (on behalf of the Issuer) shall then give the appropriate instructions on such date to the Issuer Accounts Bank and the Paying Agent to apply the Available Funds of the Issuer to the following priority payment order (the "**Pre-Enforcement Priority Payment Order**"):

- (i) **first**, in or towards payment or discharge *pari passu* and *pro rata* of the following amounts then due and payable by the Issuer: (i) the Issuer's liability, if any, to taxation, and (ii) any costs, expenses, fees, remuneration and indemnity payments (if any) and any other amounts payable by the Issuer to any stock exchange and other listing entities where the Covered Bonds are listed, any clearing systems entities where the Covered Bonds are cleared, Crédit Mutuel Arkéa (with respect to any insurance premium, regulatory, professional and legal fees, costs and other expenses paid by Crédit Mutuel Arkéa on behalf of the Issuer and to be repaid by the Issuer to Crédit Mutuel Arkéa subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the *Convention d'Externalisation et de Mise à Disposition de Moyens*), the Administrator, the Issuer Calculation Agent, the Asset Monitor, the Issuer Accounts Bank, the Listing Agent, the Fiscal Agent, the Calculation Agent, the Paying Agents, the Permanent Dealers, the other Dealers (if any), the Issuer's Auditors, the Representatives, the Issuer Security Agent and the Rating Agency in respect of the monitoring fees (together, the "**Senior Administrative and Tax Costs**");
- (ii) **secondly**, in or towards payment or discharge *pari passu* and *pro rata* of any and all amounts then due and payable by the Issuer, if any, under the Issuer Hedging Agreements and the Borrower Hedging Agreement(s) (other than Hedging Termination Costs) (together, the "**Hedging Costs**");
- (iii) **thirdly**, in or towards payment or discharge *pari passu* and *pro rata* of any and all Interest Amounts then due and payable by the Issuer under the relevant Series of Covered Bonds;
- (iv) **fourthly**, in or towards payment or discharge *pari passu* and *pro rata* of any and all principal amounts then due and payable by the Issuer under the relevant Series of Covered Bonds;
- (v) **fifthly**, only after and subject to the full repayment of any outstanding Covered Bonds, in or towards payment or discharge *pari passu* and *pro rata* of any and all amounts then due and payable by the Issuer, if any, in respect of any payments to be made by the Issuer following an early termination of the Issuer Hedging Agreements or Borrower Hedging Agreement(s) as a result of an event of default under the same in respect of which the relevant hedge counterparty of the Issuer is the defaulting party or following a termination event of the same in respect of which the hedge counterparty of the Issuer is the affected party (together, the "**Hedging Termination Costs**"); and

- (vi) **sixthly** (or fifthly prior to full repayment of any outstanding Covered Bonds), in or towards payment *pari passu* and *pro rata* of any and all amounts then due and payable by the Issuer with respect to (i) any dividend to be then distributed to the Issuer's shareholders, and (ii) interest, principal and other payments then due and payable under the Subordinated Loans.

*Controlled Post-Enforcement Priority Payment Order*

In the event of service by the Administrator (on behalf of the Issuer) to the Borrower of a Borrower Enforcement Notice and thereafter unless and until no Issuer Enforcement Notice has been served to the Issuer by the relevant Representative, on any Payment Date and (as applicable) Final Maturity Date of each relevant Series of Covered Bonds, the Administrator (on behalf of the Issuer) will give the appropriate instructions to the Issuer Accounts Bank to debit the relevant Issuer Cash Accounts (and as the case may be) the relevant Issuer Securities Accounts (other than the Issuer General Account) from the cash that shall constitute the Available Funds of the Issuer on such date and shall credit the same into the Issuer General Account. The Administrator (on behalf of the Issuer) shall then give the appropriate instructions on such date to the Issuer Accounts Bank and the Paying Agent to apply the Available Funds of the Issuer to the following payments owed by the Issuer on such date, in the following priority payment order (the "**Controlled Post-Enforcement Priority Payment Order**":

- (i) **first**, in or towards payment or discharge *pari passu* and *pro rata* of the Senior Administrative and Tax Costs then due and payable by the Issuer;
- (ii) **secondly**, in or towards payment or discharge *pari passu* and *pro rata* of any and all Hedging Costs then due and payable by the Issuer, if any, under the Issuer Hedging Agreements and the Borrower Hedging Agreement(s) (other than Hedging Termination Costs);
- (iii) **thirdly**, in or towards payment or discharge *pari passu* and *pro rata* of any and all Interest Amounts then due and payable by the Issuer under the relevant Series of Covered Bonds;
- (iv) **fourthly**, in or towards payment or discharge *pari passu* and *pro rata* of any and all principal amounts then due and payable by the Issuer under the relevant Series of Covered Bonds;
- (v) **fifthly**, only after and subject to the full repayment of any outstanding Covered Bonds, in or towards payment or discharge *pari passu* and *pro rata* of any and all Hedging Termination Costs then due and payable by the Issuer, if any; and
- (vi) **sixthly**, (a) only after and subject to the full repayment of any outstanding Covered Bonds, in or towards payment *pari passu* and *pro rata* of any and all amounts then due and payable by the Issuer with respect to any and all enforcement proceeds surplus amounts remaining after enforcement of the Collateral Security subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the Collateral Security Agreement; and (b) only after and subject to the full repayment of any outstanding Covered Bonds and sums referred to in (a) above, in or towards payment *pari passu* and *pro rata* of any and all amounts then due and payable by the Issuer to any third parties (with respect to any dividend already voted and to be then distributed to the Issuer's shareholders, and interest, principal and other payments then due and payable under the Subordinated Loans).



*Accelerated Post-Enforcement Priority Payment Order*

In the event of service by the relevant Administrative of an Issuer Enforcement Notice and thereafter (whether a Borrower Enforcement Notice shall have been served to the Borrower by the Administrator or not), the Administrator (on behalf of the Issuer) will promptly and no later than three (3) Business Days after receipt by the Issuer of such Issuer Enforcement Notice give the appropriate instructions to the Issuer Accounts Bank to debit all the Issuer Accounts (other than the Issuer General Account) from the cash that shall constitute the Available Funds of the Issuer on such date and shall credit the same into the Issuer General Account. The Administrator (on behalf of the Issuer) shall then give the appropriate instructions on such date to the Issuer Accounts Bank and the Paying Agent to apply the Available Funds of the Issuer to the following payments owed by the Issuer on such date, in the following priority payment order (the "**Accelerated Post-Enforcement Priority Payment Order**" and together with the Pre-Enforcement Priority Payment Order and the Controlled Post-Enforcement Priority Payment Order, the "**Priority Payment Orders**" (provided that each of the Pre-Enforcement Priority Payment Order, the Controlled Post-Enforcement Priority Payment Order and the Accelerated Post-Enforcement Priority Payment Order shall be individually referred to herein as a "**Priority Payment Order**":

- (i) **first**, in or towards payment or discharge *pari passu, pro rata* and in full of all Senior Administrative and Tax Costs then due and payable by the Issuer and remaining unpaid at such date;
- (ii) **secondly**, after and subject to the full repayment of any and all sums referred to in (i) above, in or towards payment or discharge *pari passu, pro rata* and in full of any and all sums then due and payable by the Issuer, if any, under the Issuer Hedging Agreements and the Borrower Hedging Agreement(s) (other than Hedging Termination Costs) and remaining unpaid at such date;
- (iii) **thirdly**, after and subject to the full repayment of any and all sums referred to in (i) and (ii) above, in or towards payment or discharge *pari passu, pro rata* and in full of any and all Interest Amounts then due and payable by the Issuer under the relevant Series of Covered Bonds and remaining unpaid at such date;
- (iv) **fourthly**, after and subject to the full repayment of any and all sums referred to in (i) to (iii) above, in or towards payment or discharge *pari passu, pro rata* and in full of any and all principal amounts then due and payable by the Issuer under the relevant Series of Covered Bonds and remaining unpaid at such date;
- (v) **fifthly**, after and subject to the full repayment of any and all sums referred to in (i) to (iv) above, in or towards payment or discharge *pari passu, pro rata* and in full of any and all Hedging Termination Costs then due and payable by the Issuer and remaining unpaid at such date; and
- (vi) **sixthly**, after and subject to the full repayment of any and all sums referred to in (i) to (v) above, (a) as applicable, in or towards payment *pari passu* and *pro rata* of any and all amounts then due and payable by the Issuer with respect to any and all enforcement proceeds surplus amounts remaining after enforcement of the Collateral Security subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the Collateral Security Agreement; and (b) only after and subject to the full repayment of any sums referred to in (a) above, in or towards payment *pari passu* and *pro rata* of any and all amounts then due and payable by the Issuer to any third parties (with respect to any dividend already voted and to be then distributed to the Issuer's shareholders, and interest, principal and other payments then due and payable under the Subordinated Loans).

## ORIGINATION OF THE HOME LOANS

*For the avoidance of doubt, it is specified that the expression "Covered Bonds" will include German law and French law Covered Bonds and the expression "Bondholders" includes any holder of such Covered Bonds, in the following section.*

The *Caisses Locales* (Caisses) and the *Banque Privée Européenne* (BPE) apply their lending criteria and conditions to all the home loans pursuant to the usual customary lending procedures of the Group Crédit Mutuel Arkéa, whatever the origination source is (branch level or brokers).

### *Pre-Acceptance Control*

Prior to the acceptance for granting a home loan, information on the client is systematically collected from:

- (i) the national database on household credit repayment incidents (*Fichier des Incidents de Remboursements des Crédits aux Particuliers*) regulated by the Banque de France, where payment incidents are recorded on all types of non-professional loans to individuals, including unauthorised overdrafts; and
- (ii) the central cheque register (*Fichier Central des Chèques*) held by the Banque de France, which is the central record of (i) payment incidents involving bad cheques, (ii) bans on issuing cheques as imposed by banks on those account holders having caused these incidents, and (iii) bans on issuing cheques as ordered by court.

Should the client be found registered as a defaulting borrower, as a result of searches of the above, the application is rejected.

The relevant applicant relationship manager shall collect the necessary information from the general information system within the Group Crédit Mutuel Arkéa and is responsible for the completion of the loan file and collection of all relevant documents (including, inter alia, salary slips, tax statements, bank statements, and audited financial statements for self-employed applicants). Debts and income are verified against documents, such as the last document sent by the French tax administration, tax statements, the most recent pay slips, and bank statements.

When a home loan guarantee is requested from *L'Équité* (Generali Group), the pre-acceptance process also includes the underwriting and acceptance process to be undertaken by *L'Équité* when some criteria are not satisfied (including, inter alia, a minimum relevant available income per family member (quotient familial), a debt-to-income ratio required limit and that the applicant be not self-employed). Otherwise the decision process is delegated to the Group Crédit Mutuel Arkéa.

When a home loan guarantee is requested from Crédit Logement, the pre-acceptance process also includes the underwriting and acceptance process to be undertaken by Crédit Logement.

### *Decision Process*

Underwriting relies on an authorization system whereby each relationship manager is assigned a hierarchical level depending on the relationship manager's seniority. The hierarchical levels at which loans are analysed depend on the contemplated amount of the loan, the available income per family member, the Basel II rating and the debt-to-income ratio. As a matter of rule for the Fédération du Crédit Mutuel de Bretagne, when the relevant debt-to-income ratio required limit is exceeded or the Basel II rating, with respect to the applicant, is lower than a certain level, the decision shall be taken by the highest hierarchical level in the branch. Furthermore, in the event that the available income per family member is lower than a certain level, the decision shall be taken by the board of directors of the relevant Caisse.

Any decision is taken in light of numerous factors such as, inter alia, type and length of employment, type of occupancy, family status, family's economic situation, capital, debt-to-income ratio, available income, and securities granted by the applicant.

### *Pre-Funding Controls*

Once accepted, the persons in charge at each Caisse and each BPE's branch verify that (i) all the documents necessary for the funding of the home loan have been provided, (ii) the home loan complies

with applicable laws, and (iii) information provided in respect of the client or property is consistent. In the event that any documents are missing or are not legally compliant, the home loan funding process is put on hold.

During this stage, all persons in charge at each Caisse and each BPE's branch are responsible for liaising with all relevant third parties (including, inter alia, the relevant notary public). The home loan offer and home loan documentation may only be issued to the client once all the documents required from the borrower have been obtained, (and the decision for the underwriting of the home loan has been approved).

Upon reception by the bank of an offer accepted by a client, the relevant Caisse or BPE's branch verifies the validity of the accepted offer and then proceeds with the funding of the home loan.

#### *Servicing*

The Caisses and BPE's branches are responsible for dealing with irregular situations as soon as such situations are detected. All Caisses and BPE's branches use an arrears management system to monitor and work out the delinquent payments incurred on home loans.

#### *First out-of-court recovery stage*

With respect to the Caisses, upon the first occurrence of an overdue payment, phone calls are made by the relationship manager to chase up payments. As soon as a home loan has a payment due and unpaid for more than fifteen (15) days or thirty five (35) days at the latest, depending on the Fédération du Crédit Mutuel, the servicing of such a home loan is transferred to a dedicated subsidiary of the Group Crédit Mutuel. Such recovery entity is responsible for recovering the first unpaid instalments by using methods such as warning letters or very selective phone calls in order to chase up payments.

With respect to BPE, the branches are responsible for servicing and collecting the unpaid payments during this stage. Once one instalment has been missed by the client, a first warning letter is sent by the relevant branch. If the missed payment is not rectified, the branch meets the client, sends a warning letter and then, if necessary, sends a formal notice.

#### *Second out-of-court recovery stage*

With respect to the Fédérations du Crédit Mutuel, once four instalments have been missed by the relevant client, the servicing of such a home loan is transferred back to the Caisse. The Fédérations' internal dispute and litigation departments provide their assistance to the Caisses for servicing and collection of the defaulted payments during this stage.

With respect to BPE, once four instalments have been missed by the relevant client, the servicing of such a home loan is transferred to the BPE's central out-of-court recovery department. At this point, the recovery manager initiates an out-of-court recovery procedure whereby it negotiates recovery solutions on amicable terms, in order to put the loan back into a performing loan.

#### *Judicial dispute and litigation stage*

The responsibility for the servicing of such a home loan is transferred to the Group Crédit Mutuel Arkéa's internal dispute and litigation departments when the out-of-court recovery procedures have failed, a commercial litigation is started or a judicial dispute is commenced by a third party.

#### *Servicing of the guaranteed home loans*

When the home loan is guaranteed by *L'Équité*, the guarantee is drawn in favour of the Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Group as soon as there are more than three (3) missed monthly payments or a quarterly payment is due and unpaid for more than two (2) months. The Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Group accelerates the payment of all guaranteed amounts. *L'Équité* shall pay the entirety of the guaranteed amounts (the delinquent instalments as well as the outstanding principal) within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the relevant drawing notice and documents required from the Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Group. The servicing of the home loan is transferred to *L'Équité* upon payment by the latter.

When the home loan is guaranteed by Crédit Logement, the guarantee is drawn in favour of Group Crédit Mutuel Arkéa as soon as any payment becomes more than 90 days overdue. Crédit Logement must start paying the relevant guaranteed amounts within one (1) month of receipt of the relevant drawing notice. Upon payment by Crédit Logement, the latter becomes responsible for the servicing of the home loan for a maximum duration of twenty-four (24) months. Crédit Logement is required to use its best efforts to reach an amicable solution with the client. During such a twenty-four (24) month period, Crédit Logement can opt either to reimburse the Group Crédit Mutuel Arkéa only the guaranteed amounts that are due, or

immediately accelerate the payment of all guaranteed amounts. Crédit Logement must accelerate the payment of the entirety of the guaranteed amounts at the end of the above mentioned twenty-four (24) month period. At this point, Crédit Logement shall become solely responsible for the servicing of the home loan.

## THE HEDGING STRATEGY

*For the avoidance of doubt, it is specified that the expression "Covered Bonds" will include German law and French law Covered Bonds and the expression "Bondholders" includes any holder of such Covered Bonds, in the following section.*

The present section describes the hedging strategy (the "**Hedging Strategy**") to be implemented by the Issuer upon the occurrence of a Hedging Rating Trigger Event (as defined below) and/or any Borrower Event of Default (as defined in section "**The Borrower and the Borrower Facility Agreement – The Borrower Facility Agreement**"), as applicable.

*Hedging strategy before the occurrence of a Hedging Rating Trigger Event and/or any Borrower Event of Default*

The Covered Bonds may be denominated in currencies which differ from the currencies of the Collateral Security Assets and may bear interest at rates which differ from the interest rates applicable to the Collateral Security Assets (see "**The Collateral Security**").

Prior to a Borrower Event of Default (and transfer of the title to the Collateral Security Assets to the Issuer), the Issuer will not be exposed to any interest rate or currency mismatch risks because the terms and conditions of each Series of Covered Bonds (including as to amount, interest rate, interest periods, calculation of principal and interest, payment dates and currency) will be identical to the terms and conditions of the Borrower Advance which such Series of Covered Bonds funds (see "**The Borrower Facility Agreement**"). As a consequence, in the absence of any Hedging Rating Trigger Event, the Issuer will have no obligation to hedge any interest rate or currency risk.

If a Borrower Event of Default occurs, and as a result the Collateral Security is enforced and title to the Collateral Security Assets is transferred to the Issuer, the Issuer will then be exposed to interest rate and currency mismatches between the Collateral Security Assets and the Covered Bonds. As a result, the Issuer will need to have in place appropriate derivative transactions to hedge such interest rate and currency risks.

The Hedging Strategy of the Issuer described in the present section requires that, upon the occurrence of any Hedging Rating Trigger Event, Hedging Agreements (as defined below) and Hedging Transactions (as defined below) are entered into by the Issuer as described in paragraph "Hedging Strategy upon the occurrence of a Hedging Rating Trigger Event" below.

Before the enforcement of the Collateral Security and in the absence of any Hedging Rating Trigger Event, any interest rate or currency risk arising from the mismatch between the Collateral Security Assets and the Borrower Debt will be hedged by Crédit Mutuel Arkéa according to its usual and current strategies and practices.

*Hedging Strategy upon the occurrence of a Hedging Rating Trigger Event*

In order to hedge any interest rate or currency risk arising from the mismatches between the terms and conditions of the Covered Bonds and the Collateral Security Assets, and therefore implement the Hedging Strategy of the Issuer described in the present section, the Issuer and the Borrower have agreed to execute a hedging approved form letter (the "**Hedging Approved Form Letter**"). The Hedging Strategy provides for the conclusion of three (3) sets of hedging agreements (the "**Hedging Agreements**") and related hedging transactions (the "**Hedging Transactions**").

The first set of Hedging Agreements refers to the "Issuer Hedging Agreement(s) – Covered Bonds" (as defined below) to be entered into by the Issuer with Eligible Hedging Provider(s) (as defined below) upon the occurrence of a Hedging Rating Trigger Event, in order to hedge any currency and/or interest rate risk borne by the Issuer in connection with any Series of Covered Bonds.

The second set of Hedging Agreements refers to the "Issuer Hedging Agreement(s) – Collateral Security" (as defined below) to be entered into by the Issuer with Eligible Hedging Provider(s) upon the occurrence of a Hedging Rating Trigger Event, in order to hedge any currency and/or interest rate risk borne by the Issuer in respect of the Collateral Security Assets.

The first and second sets of Hedging Agreements are defined as the "**Issuer Hedging Agreements**".

The third set of Hedging Agreements refers to the "Borrower Hedging Agreement(s)" (as defined below) to be entered into by the Issuer with the Borrower upon the occurrence of a Hedging Rating Trigger Event, and constitutes a back-to-back agreement with the two sets of Issuer Hedging Agreement(s). It aims at transferring to the Borrower the effect of such Issuer Hedging Agreements and related Hedging Transactions (the "**Issuer Hedging Transactions**") until a Borrower Event of Default occurs.

Therefore, the Hedging Agreements shall hedge the amount of interest and principal payable by the Issuer under any relevant Series of Covered Bonds in the relevant Specified Currency against the interest rate and/or currency risk of the payments corresponding to the interest and principal in each relevant currency to be received by the Issuer under the Collateral Security Assets following the delivery of a Borrower Enforcement Notice.

The floating interest rate applicable to the Hedging Transactions will refer to Euribor (one (1) month) or, subject to prior Rating Affirmation, to any other index agreed by the Issuer (the "**Permitted Index**").

Upon the issuance of each Series of Covered Bonds and in accordance with the Calculation Services Agreement, the Issuer Calculation Agent shall communicate to the Issuer (with copy to the Borrower, the Administrator and the Rating Agency) the margin (relative to Euribor (one (1) month) or the agreed Permitted Index) to be paid by the Issuer when hedging the interest and principal payable by it under such Series in the relevant Specified Currency, into variable rate flows denominated in Euros and indexed to Euribor (one (1) month) or the agreed Permitted Index (the "**Covered Bonds Hedging Margin**").

In accordance with the Calculation Services Agreement, at the end of each three (3) calendar months' period as from the Signing Date and before the occurrence of a Hedging Rating Trigger Event, the Issuer Calculation Agent shall communicate to the Issuer (with copy to the Borrower, the Administrator and the Rating Agency) the average margin (relative to Euribor (one (1) month) or the agreed Permitted Index) to be received by the Issuer when hedging the interest and principal payable under the Collateral Security Assets in each relevant currency, into variable rate flows denominated in Euros and indexed to Euribor (one (1) month) or the agreed Permitted Index (the "**Assets Hedging Margin**").

Upon the occurrence of a Hedging Rating Trigger Event, the Issuer (or the Administrator on its behalf) will enter into with Eligible Hedging Provider(s):

- (a) one or more agreements (the "**Issuer Hedging Agreement(s) – Collateral Security**") and related Issuer Hedging Transaction(s), the effective date of which being the occurrence of such Hedging Rating Trigger Event, in order to hedge any currency and/or interest rate risk it will bear in respect of the Collateral Security Assets, substantially in the relevant Approved Form (or, when legally required, its equivalent under the FBF (*Fédération Bancaire Française*) standard form) and in substance acceptable to the Rating Agency. The Hedging Transaction(s) entered into under the Issuer Hedging Agreement(s) – Collateral Security will swap the payments to be received under the Collateral Security Assets to Euro / EURIBOR (one (1) month) or any other Permitted Index; and
- (b) one or more agreements (the "**Issuer Hedging Agreement(s) – Covered Bonds**") and related Issuer Hedging Transaction(s), the effective date of which being the occurrence of such Hedging Rating Trigger Event, in order to hedge any currency and/or interest rate risk it will bear in connection with any Series of Covered Bonds, substantially in the relevant Approved Form (or, when legally required, its equivalent under the FBF (*Fédération Bancaire Française*) standard form) and in substance acceptable to the Rating Agency. The Hedging Transaction(s) entered into under the Issuer Hedging Agreement(s) – Covered Bonds will swap the Issuer's obligations under each Series of Covered Bonds to Euro / EURIBOR (one (1) month) or the Permitted Index agreed in respect of the Hedging Transaction(s) entered into under the Issuer Hedging Agreement(s) – Collateral Security.

In addition, the Issuer and the Borrower have undertaken to enter into, upon the occurrence of a Hedging Rating Trigger Event, one or more agreements (the "**Borrower Hedging Agreement(s)**") and related Hedging Transaction(s) (the "**Borrower Hedging Transaction(s)**"), the effective date of which being the occurrence of such Hedging Rating Trigger Event, substantially in the relevant Approved Form (or, when legally required, its equivalent under the FBF (*Fédération Bancaire Française*) standard form) and in substance acceptable to the Rating Agency, in order to transfer to the Borrower the effect of the two sets of Issuer Hedging Agreement(s) and related Issuer Hedging Transaction(s), until a Borrower Event of Default occurs. Under the Borrower Hedging Transaction(s), the Issuer will receive amounts equal to its payment obligations under the Issuer Hedging Transactions and will pay amounts equal to the amounts it receives under the Issuer Hedging Transactions.

The financial conditions of the Hedging Agreements shall be determined so that (a) the margin payable by the Issuer under the Issuer Hedging Agreement(s) related to a Series of Covered Bonds is no more than the Covered Bonds Hedging Margin calculated for such Series and (b) the margin received by the Issuer under the Issuer Hedging Agreement(s) related to the Collateral Security Assets is at least as much as the last communicated Assets Hedging Margin.

Depending on the market conditions prevailing at the time the Hedging Agreements are transacted, each Hedging Transaction may be "in the money" or "out of the money" from the Issuer's standpoint. As a result, the Issuer (i) will be required to pay to, or will receive from, the relevant Eligible Hedging Provider(s) under each Issuer Hedging Transaction a premium (*soulte*) (such premium will in particular take into account any sums to be paid (if any) given the prevailing market conditions to allow the Issuer Hedging Transactions to be transacted at the relevant Covered Bonds Hedging Margin and the Assets Hedging Margin) and (ii) will receive from, or pay to, the Borrower a corresponding amount under the relevant Borrower Hedging Transaction(s). In accordance with the Calculation Services Agreement, the Issuer Calculation Agent shall calculate and communicate to the Issuer (with copy to the Borrower, the Administrator and the Rating Agency) the amount of each such premium (*soulte*).

In any case, all sums to be received by the Issuer under the Issuer Hedging Transactions as from the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default (and thus the termination of the Borrower Hedging Agreement(s) as described in paragraph "Hedging Strategy upon the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default" below) until the Final Maturity Date of the last Series of Covered Bonds shall exceed at any payment date under the Issuer Hedging Transactions all sums to be paid by the Issuer under such Issuer Hedging Transactions, together with any costs and expenses relating thereto, if any.

If notwithstanding the payment of the premiums (*soulttes*) referred above, the Issuer still has to bear costs and expenses when it negotiates and/or enters into any Hedging Agreements and/or related Hedging Transactions to comply with any of the conditions referred to above, the Borrower has undertaken to pay any such costs and expenses.

In addition, the Issuer and the Borrower have undertaken that any costs and/or expenses to be paid in relation to any Hedging Agreements and/or related Hedging Transactions shall be paid, unless otherwise agreed, at a payment date under the applicable Hedging Transaction.

Upon the occurrence of a Hedging Rating Trigger Event, (i) any failure by the Issuer (or the Administrator on its behalf) to enter into (a) appropriate Issuer Hedging Agreements and related Issuer Hedging Transactions with Eligible Hedging Provider(s) or (b) appropriate Borrower Hedging Agreement(s) and related Borrower Hedging Transaction(s) with the Borrower, in each case within thirty (30) Business Days from the date of occurrence of the relevant Hedging Rating Trigger Event, will constitute an "Issuer Event of Default" (as defined in the **"Terms and Conditions of the French Law Covered Bonds"**) and a "Borrower Event of Default" under the Borrower Facility Agreement and (ii) any failure by the Borrower (a) to enter into appropriate Borrower Hedging Agreement(s) and related Borrower Hedging Transaction(s) with the Issuer within thirty (30) Business Days from the date of occurrence of the relevant Hedging Rating Trigger Event or (b) to pay any costs and expenses referred to above will constitute a "Borrower Event of Default" under the Borrower Facility Agreement.

Each Hedging Agreement will provide that all amounts to be paid by the Issuer under such Hedging Agreement will be paid according to the relevant Priority Payment Order, as described in Condition 15 of the Terms and Conditions.

In particular, upon the termination of a Hedging Agreement, the Issuer or the Borrower or any relevant Eligible Hedging Provider, as applicable, may be liable to pay any hedging termination costs to the other party in accordance with the provisions of the relevant Hedging Agreement. Such hedging termination costs, when to be paid by the Issuer and provided that the amount of such costs has not been reduced to zero (0) in accordance with the provisions of the relevant Hedging Agreement, shall be subordinated to payments under the Covered Bonds if resulting from an event of default in respect of which the relevant hedge counterparty of the Issuer is the defaulting party or from any termination event in respect of which the hedge counterparty of the Issuer is the affected party, as described in section **"Cash Flow – The Issuer Priority Payment Orders"**.

Pursuant to the terms of the Hedging Agreements, in the event that the relevant rating(s) of any Eligible Hedging Provider (or its respective guarantor, as applicable) (the **"Hedging Provider"**) is or are downgraded by the Rating Agency below the required ratings specified in the relevant Hedging Agreement and, where applicable, the relevant Hedging Provider will, in accordance with, and pursuant to, the terms of the relevant Hedging Agreement, be required to take certain remedial measures which may include one

or more of the following: (i) providing collateral for its obligations under the relevant Hedging Agreement; (ii) arranging for its obligations under the relevant Hedging Agreement to be transferred to a replacement hedging provider with the ratings required by the Rating Agency (as specified in the relevant Hedging Agreement); (iii) procuring another entity with the ratings required by the relevant Rating Agency (as specified in the relevant Hedging Agreement) to become co-obligor in respect of its obligations under the relevant Hedging Agreement; and/or (iv) taking such other actions as the relevant Hedging Provider may agree with the relevant Rating Agency.

Each Issuer Hedging Agreement may be terminated in accordance with certain termination events and events of default. An Issuer Event of Default will not constitute a termination event under any Issuer Hedging Agreement.

The Borrower Hedging Agreement(s) may be terminated in accordance with certain termination events and events of default. In particular, a Borrower Event of Default will constitute a termination event under the Borrower Hedging Agreement(s), but shall not constitute a termination event under the Issuer Hedging Agreements.

*Hedging Strategy upon the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default*

Upon the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default, and the subsequent transfer in favour of the Issuer of title to the Home Loans (and related Home Loans Security) following an enforcement of the Collateral Security:

- (a) the Issuer will maintain its rights and obligations under the existing Issuer Hedging Agreements; and
- (b) the Borrower Hedging Agreement(s) will be immediately terminated.

For the purposes of this section **"The Hedging Strategy"**:

**"Approved Form"** means a 1992 (Multicurrency - Cross Border) or 2002 ISDA Master Agreement (including its schedule), credit support document (if any) and confirmation governed thereby or, when legally required, a 2001 or 2007 FBF Master Agreement relating to transactions on forward financial instruments (including its schedule), collateral annex (if any) and confirmation governed thereby, in a form agreed by the Issuer and the Borrower pursuant to the Hedging Approved Form Letter or as otherwise agreed subject to prior Rating Affirmation.

**"Eligible Hedging Provider"** means a financial institution which meets the following conditions:

- such financial institution is permitted under any applicable and relevant law to enter into derivative contracts with French residents; and
- (i) the rating of its senior unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations is at least a Hedging Required Rating or (ii) the rating of the senior unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations of its guarantor under the relevant Hedging Agreement is at least a Hedging Required Rating or (iii) this financial institution has provided collateral for its obligations under the relevant Hedging Agreement and taken any remedial action as agreed with the relevant Rating Agency.

**"Hedging Approved Form Letter"** means the letter agreement dated on or about the Signing Date entered into between Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Covered Bonds and Crédit Mutuel Arkéa in order to implement the Hedging Strategy of the Issuer and pursuant to which the Issuer and the Borrower agree the Approved Form of the Hedging Agreements.

**"Hedging Rating Trigger Event"** means the event in which the senior unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa become rated below A-1 (short-term) by S&P.

**"Hedging Required Rating"** means, as regards any Eligible Hedging Provider or, as applicable, its guarantor under the relevant Hedging Agreement, in relation to the hedging of currency risks, interest risks and other risks, A-1 (short-term) by S&P.



# **FORM OF FINAL TERMS**

*(This form of Final Terms will only apply to the French law Covered Bonds. The form of final terms applicable to the German law Covered Bonds is included in the Agency Agreement)*

**Final Terms dated [ ● ]**

[LOGO, if document is printed]

## **Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Covered Bonds**

Issue of [Aggregate Nominal Amount of Tranche] [Title of Covered Bonds]  
under the €10,000,000,000 Covered Bond Programme

Issue Price: [ ● ] per cent.

[Name(s) of Dealer(s)]

## PART A – CONTRACTUAL TERMS

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions set forth in the Base Prospectus dated 22 December 2010 [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus dated [●]] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of the Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 November 2003 (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 such Base Prospectus [as so supplemented]. Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Covered Bonds is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectus [as so supplemented]. The Base Prospectus [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus] [is] [are] available for viewing on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (www.bourse.lu) at least during a period of twelve (12) months from the date of the Base Prospectus, and during normal business hours at the registered office of the Issuer and at the specified office of the Paying Agent(s) where copies may be obtained.[In addition<sup>1</sup>, the Base Prospectus [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus] [is] [are] available for viewing [on/at] [●].]

*The following alternative language applies if the first tranche of an issue which is being increased was issued under a Base Prospectus with an earlier date.*

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the conditions (the "**Conditions**") set forth in the Base Prospectus dated [original date] [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus dated [●]] ([together] the "**Original Base Prospectus**"). This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Covered Bonds described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 November 2003 (the "**Prospectus Directive**") and must be read in conjunction with the Base Prospectus dated 22 December 2010 [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus dated [●]], which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive, save in respect of the Conditions which are extracted from the Original Base Prospectus and are attached hereto. Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Covered Bonds is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms, the Original Base Prospectus and the Base Prospectus dated 22 December 2010 [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus dated [●]]. The Base Prospectus dated 22 December 2010 [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus] [is] [are] available for viewing on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (www.bourse.lu) at least during a period of twelve (12) months from the date of the Base Prospectus, [and] during normal business hours at, and copies may be obtained from, the registered office of the Issuer and at the specified office of the Paying Agent(s).[In addition<sup>2</sup>, the Base Prospectus dated 22 December 2010 [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus] [is] [are] available for viewing [on/at] [●].]

*[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 sub-paragraphs. Italics denote guidance for completing the Final Terms.]*

*[When completing final terms or adding any other final terms or information consideration should be given as to whether such terms or information constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive, the publication of which would in turn trigger the investors' right to withdraw their acceptances within a forty-eight (48)-hour time period.]*

1. **Issuer:** Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Covered Bonds

2. [(i)] **Series Number:** [●]

[(ii)] **Tranche Number:** [●]

*(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:** [●]

<sup>1</sup> If the Covered Bonds are listed on a Regulated Market other than the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

<sup>2</sup> If the Covered Bonds are listed on a Regulated Market other than the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

- 4. Aggregate Nominal Amount of Covered Bonds:**
- [(i)] Series: [●]  
 [(ii)] Tranche: [●]
- 5. Issue Price:** [●] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount  
 [plus accrued interest from *[insert date]* (if applicable)]
- 6. Specified Denominations:** [●] (*one (1) denomination only for Dematerialised Covered Bonds*) (*Not less than €50,000 or its equivalent in other currency at the Issue Date, when the Covered Bonds are admitted to trading on a Regulated Market in circumstances which require the publication of a prospectus under the Prospectus Directive*)<sup>3</sup>
- 7. (i) Issue Date:** [●]  
**(ii) Interest Commencement Date:** [Specify/Issue Date/Not Applicable]
- 8. Final Maturity Date:** [Specify date or (for Floating Rate Covered Bonds) Interest Payment Date falling in or nearest to the relevant month and year]
- 9. Extended Final Maturity Date:** [Applicable/Not Applicable] [if applicable, specify date]
- 10. Interest Basis:** [[●] per cent. Fixed Rate]  
 [[EURIBOR, EONIA, LIBOR, CMS, TEC or other] +/- [●] per cent. Floating Rate]  
 [Zero Coupon]  
 [Index Linked Interest]  
 [Other (specify)]  
 (*further particulars specified below*)
- 11. Redemption/Payment Basis:** [Redemption at par]<sup>4</sup>  
 [Index Linked Redemption]  
 [Dual Currency]  
 [Partly Paid]  
 [Instalment]  
 [Other (specify)]  
 (*further particulars specified below*)
- 12. Change of Interest or Redemption/Payment Basis:** [Specify details of any provision for convertibility of Covered Bonds into another interest or redemption/ payment basis]
- 13. Put/Call Options:** [Bondholder Put]

<sup>3</sup> Covered Bonds denominated in Sterling in respect of which the issue proceeds are to be accepted by the Issuer in the United Kingdom or whose issue otherwise constitute a contravention of section 19 of FSMA and having a maturity of less than one (1) year must have a minimum denomination of Sterling 100,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies).

<sup>4</sup> If the Final Redemption Amount is different than one hundred per cent. (100%) of the nominal value, the Covered Bonds will constitute derivative securities for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive and the requirements of Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation No. 809/2004 will apply. This form of Final Terms has been annotated to indicate where the key additional requirements of Annex XII are dealt with. Note that some regulatory authorities may require the inclusion of information or placeholders addressing Paragraph 5 of Annex XII even though (noting that such information is not required by Annex XIII) the denomination of the Covered Bonds is €50,000 or more. Where Annex XII is not applicable but income on the Covered Bonds is linked to an underlying, nevertheless consider including disclosure in relation to the underlying.

[Issuer Call]  
 [(further particulars specified below)]  
 [other option: specify details]

14. (i) **Status of the Covered Bonds:** Senior
- (ii) **Date of Board approval for issuance of Covered Bonds obtained:** [ ● ]
15. **Method of distribution:** [Syndicated/Non-syndicated]

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

16. **Fixed Rate Covered Bond Provisions:** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
 (If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)
- (i) **Rate[(s)] of Interest:** [ ● ] per cent. per annum [payable [annually / semi-annually / quarterly / monthly / other (specify)] in arrear]
- (ii) **Interest Payment Date(s):** [ ● ] in each year  
 [Specify Business Day Convention and any applicable Business Centre(s) for the definition of "Business Day"]
- (iii) **Fixed Coupon Amount[(s)]:** [ ● ] per [ ● ] in Specified Denomination
- (iv) **Broken Amount(s):** [Insert particulars of any initial or final broken interest amounts which do not correspond with the Fixed Coupon Amount[(s)]]
- (v) **Day Count Fraction:** [30/360 / Actual/Actual (ICMA/ISDA) / other]
- (vi) **[Determination Dates:** [ ● ] in each year  
 (insert regular Interest Payment Dates, ignoring Issue Date or Final Maturity Date in the case of a long or short first or last coupon. N.B. only relevant where Day Count Fraction is Actual/Actual (ICMA))]
- (vii) **Other terms relating to the method of calculating interest for Fixed Rate Covered Bonds:** [Not Applicable/give details]
17. **Floating Rate Covered Bond Provisions:** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
 (If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)
- (i) **Interest Period(s):** [ ● ]
- (ii) **Specified Interest Payment Dates:** [ ● ]
- (iii) **First Interest Payment Date:** [ ● ]
- (iv) **Interest Period Date:** [ ● ] [Interest Payment Date / Other (specify)]
- (v) **Business Day Convention:** [Floating Rate Business Day Convention/ Following Business Day Convention/ Modified Following Business Day Convention/ Preceding Business Day Convention/ other (give details)]  
 [Insert "unadjusted" if the application of the

*relevant Business Day Convention is not intended to affect the Interest Amount]*

- (vi) Business Centre(s) (Condition 6(a)): [ ● ]
- (vii) Manner in which the Rate(s) of Interest is/are to be determined: [Screen Rate  
Determination/ISDA  
Determination/other *(give details)*]
- (viii) Party responsible for calculating the Rate(s) of Interest and/or Interest Amount(s) (if not the Calculation Agent): [ ● ]
- (ix) Screen Rate Determination: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- Benchmark: [ ● ] *(specify Benchmark [EURIBOR, EONIA, LIBOR, CMS, TEC or other] and months [e.g. EURIBOR 3 months]) (additional information if necessary)*
- Relevant Time: [ ● ]
- Interest Determination Date(s): [ ● ]
- Primary Source: [Specify relevant screen page or "Reference Banks"]
- Reference Banks (if Primary Source is "Reference Banks"): [Specify four]
- Relevant Financial Centre: [The financial centre most closely connected to the benchmark - specify if not Paris]
- Representative Amount: [Specify if screen or Reference Bank quotations are to be given in respect of a transaction of a specified notional amount]
- Effective Date: [Specify if quotations are not to be obtained with effect from commencement of Interest Accrual Period]
- Specified Duration: [Specify period for quotation if not duration of Interest Accrual Period]
- (x) ISDA Determination: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- Floating Rate Option: [ ● ]
- Designated Maturity: [ ● ]
- Reset Date: [ ● ]
- (xi) Margin(s): [+/-] [ ● ] per cent. per annum
- (xii) Minimum Rate of Interest: [Not Applicable/[ ● ] per cent. per annum]

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| (xiii)     | Maximum Rate of Interest:  | [Not Applicable/[ ● ] per cent. per annum]   |
| (xiv)      | Day Count Fraction:  | [ ● ]  |
| (xv)       | Fall back provisions, rounding provisions, denominator and any other terms relating to the method of calculating interest on Floating Rate Covered Bonds, if different from those set out in the Conditions: | [ ● ]  |
| <b>18.</b> | <b>Zero Coupon Covered Bond Provisions</b>   | [Applicable/Not Applicable]<br><i>(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)</i> |
| (i)        | Amortisation Yield:  | [ ● ] per cent. per annum  |
| (ii)       | Day Count Fraction:  | [ ● ]  |
| (iii)      | Any other formula/basis of determining amount payable:   | [ ● ]  |
| <b>19.</b> | <b>Index-Linked Interest Covered Bond/other variable-linked interest Covered Bond Provisions<sup>5</sup>:</b>  | [Applicable/Not Applicable]<br><i>(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)</i> |
| (i)        | Index/Formula/other variable:  | [give or annex details]  |
| (ii)       | Party responsible for calculating the Rate(s) of Interest and/or Interest Amount(s) (if not the Calculation Agent):  | [ ● ][give name and address]   |
| (iii)      | Provisions for determining Coupon where calculated by reference to Index and/or Formula and/or other variable:   | [ ● ]  |
| (iv)       | Interest Determination Date(s):  | [ ● ]  |
| (v)        | Provisions for determining Coupon where calculation by reference to Index and/or Formula and/or other variable is impossible or impracticable or otherwise disrupted:  | [Need to include a description of market disruption or settlement disruption events and adjustment provisions]   |
| (vi)       | Interest or Calculation Period(s):   | [ ● ]  |
| (vii)      | Specified Interest Payment Dates:  | [ ● ]  |

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<sup>5</sup> If the Final Redemption Amount is different than one hundred per cent. (100%) of the nominal value, the Covered Bonds will constitute derivative securities for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive and the requirements of Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation No. 809/2004 will apply. This form of Final Terms has been annotated to indicate where the key additional requirements of Annex XII are dealt with. Note that some regulatory authorities may require the inclusion of information or placeholders addressing Paragraph 5 of Annex XII even though (noting that such information is not required by Annex XIII) the denomination of the Covered Bonds is €50,000 or more. Where Annex XII is not applicable but income on the Covered Bonds is linked to an underlying, nevertheless consider including disclosure in relation to the underlying.

- (viii) Business Day Convention: [Floating Rate Business Day Convention/  
Following Business Day Convention/Modified  
Following Business Day Convention/Preceding  
Business Day Convention/other (*give details*)]
- (ix) Business Centre(s): [ ● ]
- (x) Minimum Rate of Interest: [Not Applicable/[ ● ] per cent. per annum]
- (xi) Maximum Rate of Interest: [Not Applicable/[ ● ] per cent. per annum]
- (xii) Day Count Fraction: [ ● ]
- 20. Dual Currency Covered Bond Provisions<sup>6</sup>:** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
(*If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph*)
- (i) Rate of Exchange/Method of calculating Rate of Exchange: [*give details*]
- (ii) Party, if any, responsible for calculating the principal and/or interest due (if not the Calculation Agent): [ ● ][*give name and address*]
- (iii) Provisions applicable where calculation by reference to Rate of Exchange impossible or impracticable: [*Need to include a description of market disruption or settlement disruption events and adjustment provisions*]
- (iv) Person at whose option Specified Currency(ies) is/are payable: [ ● ]
- (v) Day Count Fraction: [ ● ]

## PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION

- 21. Call Option:** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
(*If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph*)
- (i) Optional Redemption Date(s): [ ● ]
- (ii) Optional Redemption Amount(s) of each Covered Bond and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s): [ ● ] per Covered Bond of [ ● ] specified denomination
- (iii) If redeemable in part:
- (a) Minimum Redemption Amount: [ ● ]

<sup>6</sup> If the Final Redemption Amount is different than one hundred per cent. (100%) of the nominal value, the Covered Bonds will constitute derivative securities for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive and the requirements of Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation No. 809/2004 will apply. This form of Final Terms has been annotated to indicate where the key additional requirements of Annex XII are dealt with. Note that some regulatory authorities may require the inclusion of information or placeholders addressing Paragraph 5 of Annex XII even though (noting that such information is not required by Annex XIII) the denomination of the Covered Bonds is €50,000 or more. Where Annex XII is not applicable but income on the Covered Bonds is linked to an underlying, nevertheless consider including disclosure in relation to the underlying.

- (b) Maximum Redemption Amount: [ ● ]
- (iv) Option Exercise Date [ ● ]
- (v) Notice period<sup>7</sup>: [ ● ]
- 22. Put Option:** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*
- (i) Optional Redemption Date(s): [ ● ]
- (ii) Optional Redemption Amount(s) of each Covered Bond and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s): [ ● ] per Covered Bond of [ ● ] specified denomination
- (iii) Option Exercise Date [ ● ]
- (iv) Notice period<sup>8</sup>: [ ● ]
- 23. Final Redemption Amount of each Covered Bond<sup>9</sup>:** [[ ● ] per Covered Bond of [ ● ] specified denomination / Specified Denomination/Other *(Specify)*]
- In cases where the Final Redemption Amount is Index-Linked or other variable-linked:
- (i) Index/Formula/variable: [give or annex details]
- (ii) Party responsible for calculating the Final Redemption Amount (if not the Calculation Agent): [ ● ] [give name and address]
- (iii) Provisions for determining Final Redemption Amount where calculated by reference to Index and/or Formula and/or other variable: [ ● ]

<sup>7</sup> If setting notice periods which are different to those provided in the terms and conditions, consider the practicalities of distribution of information through intermediaries, for example clearing systems, as well as any other notice requirements which may apply, for example as between the Issuer and the Fiscal Agent.

<sup>8</sup> If setting notice periods which are different to those provided in the terms and conditions, consider the practicalities of distribution of information through intermediaries, for example clearing systems, as well as any other notice requirements which may apply, for example as between the Issuer and the Fiscal Agent.

<sup>9</sup> If the Final Redemption Amount is different than one hundred per cent. (100%) of the nominal value, the Covered Bonds will constitute derivative securities for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive and the requirements of Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation No. 809/2004 will apply. This form of Final Terms has been annotated to indicate where the key additional requirements of Annex XII are dealt with. Note that some regulatory authorities may require the inclusion of information or placeholders addressing Paragraph 5 of Annex XII even though (noting that such information is not required by Annex XIII) the denomination of the Covered Bonds is €50,000 or more. Where Annex XII is not applicable but income on the Covered Bonds is linked to an underlying, nevertheless consider including disclosure in relation to the underlying.



- (iv) Determination Date(s): [ ● ]
  - (v) Provisions for determining Final Redemption Amount where calculation by reference to Index and/or Formula and/or other variable is impossible or impracticable or otherwise disrupted: [ ● ]
  - (vi) Payment Date: [ ● ]
  - (vii) Minimum Final Redemption Amount: [ ● ]
  - (viii) Maximum Final Redemption Amount: [ ● ]
- 24. Redemption by Instalments:** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*
- (i) Instalment Amount(s): [ ● ]
  - (ii) Instalment Date(s): [ ● ]
  - (iii) Other terms relating to Redemption by Instalments: [Not Applicable/give details]
- 25. Early Redemption Amount:**  
 Early Redemption Amount(s) of each Covered Bond payable on redemption for taxation reasons or on event of default or other early redemption and/or the method of calculating the same and/or any other terms (if required or if different from that set out in Condition 7): [ ● ]

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE COVERED BONDS

- 26. Form of Covered Bonds:** [Dematerialised Covered Bonds/ Materialised Covered Bonds] (Materialised Covered Bonds are only in bearer form)  
*[Delete as appropriate]*
- (i) Form of Dematerialised Covered Bonds: [Not Applicable / if Applicable specify whether bearer form (*au porteur*) / registered form (*au nominatif*)]
  - (ii) Registration Agent: [Not Applicable/if applicable give name and address] (Note that a Registration Agent must be appointed in relation to Fully Registered Dematerialised Covered Bonds only)

- (iii) Temporary Global Certificate: [Not Applicable/Temporary Global Certificate exchangeable for Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds on [●] (the "Exchange Date"), being forty (40) days after the Issue Date subject to postponement as specified in the Temporary Global Certificate]
27. **Financial Centre(s) or other special provisions relating to payment dates for the purposes of Condition 8(g):** [Not Applicable/Give details. Note that this paragraph relates to the date and place of payment, and not interest period end dates, to which sub-paragraphs 16 (ii), 17(iv) and 19(ix) relate]
28. **Talons for future Coupons or Receipts to be attached to Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds (and dates on which such Talons mature):** [Yes/No/Not Applicable. If yes, give details] (Only applicable to Materialised Covered Bonds)
29. **Details relating to Partly Paid Covered Bonds: amount of each payment comprising the Issue Price and date on which each payment is to be made and consequences (if any) of failure to pay, including any right of the Issuer to forfeit the Covered Bonds and interest due on late payment:** [Not Applicable/give details]
30. **Details relating to Instalment Covered Bonds: amount of each instalment, date on which each payment is to be made:** [Not Applicable/give details]
31. **Redenomination, renominalisation and reconventioning provisions:** [Not Applicable/The provisions [in Condition 2(d)] [annexed to these Final Terms] apply]
32. **Consolidation provisions:** [Not Applicable/The provisions [in Condition 16(b)] [annexed to these Final Terms] apply]
33. **Other final terms:** [Not Applicable/give details]  
(When adding any other final terms consideration should be given as to whether such terms constitute a "significant new factor" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.)
- DISTRIBUTION**
34. (i) **If syndicated, names of Managers:** [Not Applicable/give names]

- (ii) [Date of subscription agreement: [●]<sup>10</sup>]
- (iii) Stabilising Manager(s) (if any): [Not Applicable/give name]
35. If non-syndicated, name of Dealer: [Not Applicable/give name]
36. Additional selling restrictions: [Not Applicable/give details]
37. U.S. selling restrictions: [The Issuer is Category 1 for the purposes of Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended.]  
[TEFRA C/ TEFRA D/ TEFRA not Applicable]  
(TEFRA are not applicable to Dematerialised Covered Bonds)

#### GENERAL

The aggregate principal amount of Covered Bonds issued has been translated into Euro at the rate of [●] per cent. producing a sum of: [●]

#### PURPOSE OF FINAL TERMS

These Final Terms comprise the final terms required for issue [and admission to trading on the [specify relevant regulated market]] of the Covered Bonds described herein pursuant to the €10,000,000,000 Covered Bond Programme of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Covered Bonds.

#### RESPONSIBILITY

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in these Final Terms. [(Relevant third party information)] has been extracted from (specify source). The Issuer 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 (specify source), no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.]<sup>11</sup>

Signed on behalf of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Covered Bonds:

By: .....

Duly authorised

<sup>10</sup>

Required only for derivative securities to which Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies.

<sup>11</sup>

Include if third party information is provided, for example in compliance with Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation in relation to an index or its components, an underlying security or the issuer of an underlying security.

## PART B – OTHER INFORMATION

### 1. ISSUE SPECIFIC RISK FACTORS

*[Not Applicable / Insert any risk factors that are material to these Covered Bonds being admitted to trading in order to assess the market risk associated with these Covered Bonds and that may affect the Issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under the Covered Bonds which are not covered under "Risk Factors" in the Base Prospectus. If any such additional risk factors need to be included consideration should be given as to whether they constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.]*

### 2. LISTING AND ADMISSION TO TRADING

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|-------|--|--|
| (i)   | Listing(s):  | [Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange - other ( <i>specify</i> )/None]   |
| (ii)  | (a) Admission to trading:  | <p>[Application has been made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Covered Bonds to be admitted to trading on [<i>specify relevant regulated market</i>] 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 [<i>specify relevant regulated market</i>] with effect from [●].] [Not Applicable]</p> <p><i>(Where documenting a fungible issue need to indicate that original Covered Bonds are already admitted to trading.)</i></p>   |
|       | (b) Regulated Markets or equivalent markets on which, to the knowledge of the Issuer, securities of the same class of the Covered Bonds to be admitted to trading are already admitted to trading: | [●]  |
| (iii) | Estimate of total expenses related to admission to trading:  | [●]  |
| (iv)  | Additional publication of Base Prospectus and Final Terms:   | <p>[●] <i>(See paragraph 10 of the section "<b>General Information</b>" of this Base Prospectus which provides that the Base Prospectus will be published on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange at least during a period of twelve (12) months from the date of the Base Prospectus and that the Final Terms related to Covered Bonds on any Regulated Market will be published on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange. Please provide for additional methods of publication in respect of an admission to trading on a regulated market other than the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.)</i></p> |

### 3. RATINGS

Ratings:

The Covered Bonds to be issued have been rated:

[S & P: [●]]

[[Other]: [●]]

Credit ratings included or referred to above have been issued by S&P [and [●]], [each of] which is established in the European Union and has applied to be registered under European Commission Regulation No 1060/2009 dated 16 September 2009 on credit rating agencies.

*(The above disclosure should reflect the rating allocated to Covered Bonds of the type being issued under the Programme generally or, where the issue has been specifically rated, that rating.)*

### 4. [NOTIFICATION

The *Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier*, which is the Luxembourg competent authority for the purpose of the Prospectus Directive [has been requested to provide/has provided - include first alternative for an issue which is contemporaneous with the update of the Programme and the second alternative for subsequent issues] the [include names of competent authorities of host Member States] with a certificate of approval attesting that the Base Prospectus has been drawn up in accordance with the Prospectus Directive.]

### 5. [THIRD PARTY INFORMATION AND STATEMENT BY EXPERTS AND DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTEREST

*If advisors are mentioned in these Final Terms, specify the capacity in which the advisors have acted.*

*Specify other information mentioned in the Final Terms which has been audited or reviewed by auditors and where auditors have produced a report. Insert the report or, with permission of the competent authority, a summary of the report.*

*Where a statement or report attributed to a person as an expert is included in these Final Terms in respect of the Issuer or the Covered Bonds, provide such person's name, business address, qualifications and material interest if any in the Issuer. If the report has been produced at the Issuer's request a statement to that effect that such statement or report is included, in the form and context in which it is included, with the consent of that person who has authorised the contents of that part in respect of the Issuer or the Covered Bonds.*

*Where information has been sourced from a third party, provide a confirmation that this information has been accurately reproduced and that as far as the Issuer is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by that third party, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.*

*In addition, the Issuer shall identify the source(s) of the information.]*

### 6. [INTERESTS OF NATURAL AND LEGAL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE [ISSUE/OFFER]

Need to include a description of any interest, including conflicting ones, that is material to the issue, detailing the persons involved and the nature of the interest. May be satisfied by the inclusion of the following statement: "Save as discussed in "Subscription and Sale", so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the offer of the Covered Bonds has an interest material to the offer."

*[(When adding any other description, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.)]*

**7. [REASONS FOR THE OFFER, ESTIMATED NET PROCEEDS AND TOTAL EXPENSES]**

[(i)] Reasons for the offer: [ ● ]

*(See "Use of Proceeds" wording in Base Prospectus – if reasons for offer different from general corporate purposes will need to include those reasons here.)*

[(ii)] Estimated net proceeds: [ ● ]

*(If proceeds are intended for more than one use will need to split out and present in order of priority. If proceeds insufficient to fund all proposed uses state amount and sources of other funding.)*

(iii) Estimated total expenses: [ ● ]<sup>12</sup>

**8. [FIXED RATE COVERED BONDS ONLY – YIELD]**

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. ]

**9. [INDEX-LINKED OR OTHER VARIABLE-LINKED COVERED BONDS ONLY – PERFORMANCE OF INDEX/FORMULA/OTHER VARIABLE, EXPLANATION OF EFFECT ON VALUE OF INVESTMENT AND ASSOCIATED RISKS AND OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE UNDERLYING]<sup>13</sup>**

*[Need to include details of where past and future performance and volatility of the index/formula/other variable can be obtained. Where the underlying is an index need to include the name of the index and a description if composed by the Issuer and if the index is not composed by the Issuer need to include details of where the information about the index can be obtained. Where the underlying is not an index need to include equivalent information. Include other information concerning the underlying required by Paragraph 4.2 of Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation.*

*[(When completing this paragraph, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.)]*

**10. [DUAL CURRENCY COVERED BONDS ONLY – PERFORMANCE OF RATE[S] OF EXCHANGE AND EXPLANATION OF EFFECT ON VALUE OF INVESTMENT]<sup>14</sup>**

*[Need to include details where past and future performance and volatility of the relevant rate[s] can be obtained<sup>15</sup>.*

<sup>12</sup> Required for derivative securities to which Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies. See footnote no. 8 above.

<sup>13</sup> For derivative securities to which Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies, please complete instead paragraph 11 below relating to explanation of effect on value of investment, return on derivatives securities and information concerning the underlying.

<sup>14</sup> For derivative securities to which Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies, please complete instead paragraph 11 below relating to explanation of effect on value of investment, return on derivatives securities and information concerning the underlying.

<sup>15</sup> Where the underlying is an index need to include the name of the index and a description if composed by the Issuer and if the index is not composed by the Issuer need to include details where the information about the index can be obtained. Where the

*[(When completing this paragraph, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.)]*

# 11. **[DERIVATIVES ONLY – EXPLANATION OF EFFECT ON VALUE OF INVESTMENT, RETURN ON DERIVATIVES SECURITIES AND INFORMATION CONCERNING THE UNDERLYING SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES FOR DERIVATIVE SECURITIES]**

*[Need to include a description of the settlement procedures of the derivative securities.]]*

## **RETURN ON DERIVATIVES SECURITIES**

Return on derivative securities: *[Description of how any return on derivative securities takes place]*

Payment or delivery date: [ ● ]

Method of calculation: [ ● ]

## **INFORMATION CONCERNING THE UNDERLYING**

The exercise price or the final reference price of the underlying: [ ● ]

A statement setting out the type of the underlying and details of where information on the underlying can be obtained:

- an indication where information about the past and the further performance of the underlying and its volatility can be obtained [ ● ]

- where the underlying is a security: [Applicable/Not Applicable]

the name of the issuer of the security: [ ● ]

the ISIN (International Security Identification Number) or other such security identification code: [ ● ]

- where the underlying is an index: [Applicable/Not Applicable]

the name of the index and a description of the index if it is composed by the issuer. If the index is not composed by the issuer, where information about the index can be obtained: [ ● ]

- where the underlying is an interest rate: [Applicable/Not Applicable]

a description of the interest rate: [ ● ]

- others: [Applicable/Not Applicable]

where the underlying does not fall within the categories specified above the Final Terms shall contain equivalent information: [ ● ]

- where the underlying is a basket of underlyings: [Applicable/Not Applicable]

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underlying is not an index need to include equivalent information. Include other information concerning the underlying required by Paragraph 4.2 of Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation.

disclosure of the relevant weightings of each underlying in the basket: [●]

A description of any market disruption or settlement disruption events that affect the underlying: [●]

Adjustment rules with relation to events concerning the underlying:<sup>16</sup> [●]

## OTHER

Name and address of Calculation Agent: [●]

[Information on taxes on the income from the Covered Bonds withheld at source in the country where admission to trading (other than in Luxembourg) is sought: [●]]

## 12. **[DERIVATIVES ONLY – POST ISSUANCE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE UNDERLYING]**

The Issuer will not provide any post-issuance information, except if required by any applicable laws and regulations.

*[If post-issuance information is to be reported, specify what information will be reported and where such information can be obtained.]]*

## 13. **[TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE OFFER<sup>17</sup>]**

### **CONDITIONS, OFFER STATISTICS, EXPECTED TIMETABLE AND ACTION REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR THE OFFER**

Offer Price [Issue Price] *[specify the expected price at which the securities will be offered or the method of determining the price and the process for its disclosure. Indicate the amount of any expenses and taxes specifically charged to the subscriber or purchaser]*

Conditions to which the offer is subject: [Not Applicable/give details]

Total amount of the issue/offer; if the amount is not fixed, description of the arrangements and time for announcing to the public the amount of the offer: [Not Applicable/give details]

The time period, including any possible amendments, during which the offer will be open and description of the application process: [Not Applicable/give details]

Description of the application process: [Not Applicable/give details]

A description of the possibility to reduce subscriptions and the manner for refunding excess

<sup>16</sup> Required for derivative securities to which Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies.

<sup>17</sup> Required for derivative securities to which Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies.



amount paid by applicants: [Not Applicable/*give details*]

Details of the minimum and/or maximum amount of application:

[Not Applicable/*give details*]

Method and time limits for paying up and delivering the Covered Bonds:

[Not Applicable/*give details*]

Manner and date on which results of the offer are to be made public:]

[Not Applicable/*give details*]

Procedure for exercise of any right of pre-emption, negotiability of subscription rights and treatment of subscription rights not exercised:

[Not Applicable/*give details*]

#### 14. [PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION AND ALLOTMENT]<sup>18</sup>

The various categories of prospective investors to which the securities are offered. If the offer is being made simultaneously in the markets of two or more countries and if a tranche has been or is being reserved for certain of these, indicate any such tranche:

[ ● ]

Process for notification to applicants of the amount allotted and indication whether dealing may begin before notification is made:]

[ ● ]

#### 15. [PRICING]<sup>19</sup>

Indication of the expected price at which the securities will be offered or the method of determining the price and the process for its disclosure. Indicate the amount of any expenses and taxes specifically charged to the subscriber or purchaser:]

[ ● ]

#### 16. [PLACING AND UNDERWRITING]<sup>20</sup>

Name and address of the coordinator(s) of the global offer and of single parts of the offer and, to the extent known to the issuer or to the offeror, of the placers in the various countries where the offer takes place:

[ ● ]

Entities agreeing to underwrite the issue on a firm commitment basis, and entities agreeing to place the issue without a firm commitment or under 'best efforts' arrangements. Where not all of the issue is underwritten, a statement of the portion not covered:]

[ ● ]

<sup>18</sup> Required for derivative securities to which Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies.

<sup>19</sup> Required for derivative securities to which Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies.

<sup>20</sup> Required for derivative securities to which Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies.

**17. OPERATIONAL INFORMATION**

ISIN Code:	[ ● ]
Common Code:	[ ● ]
Depositories:	
(i) Euroclear France to act as Central Depositary	[Yes/No]
(ii) Common Depositary for Euroclear Bank and Clearstream Banking, <i>société anonyme</i>	[Yes/No]
Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. and Clearstream Banking, <i>société anonyme</i> and the relevant identification number(s):	[Not Applicable/give name(s) and number(s) and address(es)]
Delivery:	Delivery [against/free of] payment
Names and addresses of initial Paying Agent:	<b>Principal Paying Agent and Paris Paying Agent</b> BNP Paribas Securities Services (affiliated with Euroclear France under number 29106) Corporate Trust Services Les Grands Moulins de Pantin 9 rue du Débarcadère 93500 Pantin France
Names and addresses of additional Paying Agent(s) (if any):	[ ● ]

## TAXATION

*For the avoidance of doubt, it is specified that the expression "Covered Bonds" will only include French law Covered Bonds, in the following section.*

*The following is a summary limited to certain tax considerations in France and in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg relating to the payments made in respect of the Covered Bonds that may be issued under the Programme and specifically contains information on taxes on the income from the securities withheld at source. This summary is based on the laws in force in France and in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg as of the date of this Base Prospectus and as applied by the tax authorities, all of which are subject to changes or to different interpretation. It does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all the tax considerations which may be relevant to a decision to purchase, own or dispose of the Covered Bonds. Each prospective holder or beneficial owner of Covered Bonds should consult its tax advisor as to the tax consequences of any investment in or ownership and disposal of the Covered Bonds in light of its particular circumstances.*

### EU Savings Directive

On 3 June 2003, the European Union adopted the Directive 2003/48/EC regarding the taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments (the "**Directive**"). The Directive requires Member States as from 1 July 2005 to provide to the tax authorities of other Member States details of payments of interest and other similar income within the meaning of the Directive made by a paying agent located within its jurisdiction to (or, under certain circumstances, to the benefit of) a beneficial owner (within the meaning of the Directive) resident another Member State, except that Luxembourg and Austria will instead impose a withholding system for a transitional period unless the beneficiary of the interest payment elects for the exchange of information.

For these purposes, the term "**paying agent**" is defined widely and includes in particular any economic operator who is responsible for making interest payments, within the meaning of the Directive, for the immediate benefit of individuals.

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 Issuer nor any paying agent 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. If a withholding tax is imposed on payment made by a paying agent, the Issuer will be required to maintain a paying agent in a Member State that will not be obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to the Directive.

On 15 September 2008 the European Commission issued a report to the Council of the European Union on the operation of the Directive, which included the Commission's advice on the need for changes to the Directive. On 13 November 2008, the European Commission published a detailed proposal for amendments to the Directive, which included a number of suggested changes. The European Parliament approved an amended version of this proposal on 24 April 2009. If any of those proposed changes are made in relation to the Directive they may amend or broaden the scope of the requirements described above.

## 2. French Withholding Tax

### 2.1. French Withholding Tax

#### *Covered Bonds issued as from 1 March 2010*

Following the introduction of the French "*loi de finances rectificative pour 2009 n° 3*" (no. 2009-1674 dated 30 December 2009) (the "**Law**"), payments of interest and other revenues made by the Issuer with respect to Covered Bonds issued on or after 1 March 2010 (other than Covered Bonds (described below) which are assimilated (*assimilables* for the purpose of French law) and form a single Series with Covered Bonds issued before 1 March 2010 having the benefit of Article 131 *quater* of the French General Tax Code) will not be subject to the withholding tax set out under Article 125 A III of the French General Tax

Code unless such payments are made outside France in a non-cooperative State or territory (*Etat ou territoire non coopératif*) within the meaning of Article 238-0 A of the French General Tax Code (a "**Non-Cooperative State**"). If such payments under the Covered Bonds are made in a Non-Cooperative State, a 50% withholding tax will be applicable (subject to certain exceptions and to the more favourable provisions of any applicable double tax treaty) by virtue of Article 125 A III of the French General Tax Code.

Furthermore, interest and other revenues on such Covered Bonds will no longer be deductible from the Issuer's taxable income, as from the fiscal years starting on or after 1 January 2011, if they are paid or accrued to persons established in a Non-Cooperative State or paid in such a Non-Cooperative State. Under certain conditions, any such non-deductible interest and other revenues may be recharacterised as constructive dividends pursuant to Article 109 of the French General Tax Code, in which case such non-deductible interest and other revenues may be subject to the withholding tax set out under Article 119 *bis* of the French General Tax Code, at a rate of 25% or 50%.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Law provides that neither the 50% withholding tax nor the non-deductibility will apply in respect of a particular issue of Covered Bonds if the Issuer can prove that the principal purpose and effect of such issue of Covered Bonds was not that of allowing the payments of interest or other revenues to be made in a Non-Cooperative State (the "**Exception**"). Pursuant to the ruling (*rescrit*) no. 2010/11 (FP and FE) of the *Direction générale des impôts* dated 22 February 2010, an issue of Covered Bonds will benefit from the Exception without the Issuer having to provide any proof of the purpose and effect of such issue of Covered Bonds if such Covered Bonds are:

- (i) offered by means of a public offer within the meaning of Article L.411-1 of the French Monetary and Financial Code or pursuant to an equivalent offer in a State or territory other than a Non-Cooperative State. For this purpose, an "equivalent offer" means any offer requiring the registration or submission of an offer document by or with a foreign securities market authority; or
- (ii) admitted to trading on a regulated market or on a French or foreign multilateral securities trading system provided that such market or system is not located in a Non-Cooperative State, and the operation of such market is carried out by a market operator or an investment services provider, or by such other similar foreign entity, provided further that such market operator, investment services provider or entity is not located in a Non-Cooperative State; or
- (iii) admitted, at the time of their issue, to the operations of a central depository or of a securities clearing and delivery and payments systems operator within the meaning of Article L.561-2 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, or of one or more similar foreign depositories or operators provided that such depository or operator is not located in a Non-Cooperative State.

***Covered Bonds issued before 1 March 2010 and Covered Bonds which are assimilated (assimilables for the purpose of French law) with Covered Bonds issued before 1 March 2010***

Payments of interest and other revenues with respect to (i) Covered Bonds issued (or deemed issued) outside France as provided under Article 131 *quater* of the French General Tax Code, before 1 March 2010 and (ii) Covered Bonds which are assimilated (*assimilables* for the purpose of French law) and form a single Series with such Covered Bonds, will continue to be exempt from the withholding tax set out under Article 125 A III of the French General Tax Code.

Covered Bonds issued before 1 March 2010, whether denominated in Euro or in any other currency, and constituting *obligations* under French law, or *titres de créances négociables* within the meaning of rulings (*rescrits*) no. 2007/59 (FP) and 2009/23 (FP) of the *Direction générale des impôts* dated 8 January 2008 and 7 April 2009, respectively, or other debt securities issued under French or foreign law and considered by the French tax authorities as falling into similar categories, are deemed to be issued outside the Republic of France for the purpose of Article 131 *quater* of the French General Tax Code, in accordance with Circular 5 I-11-98 of the *Direction générale des impôts* dated 30 September 1998 and the aforementioned rulings (*rescrits*) no. 2007/59 (FP) and 2009/23 (FP).

In addition, interest and other revenues paid by the Issuer on Covered Bonds issued before 1 March 2010 (or Covered Bonds issued after 1 March 2010 and which are to be assimilated (*assimilables* for the purpose of French law) and form a single Series with such Covered Bonds) will not be subject to the withholding

tax set out in Article 119 *bis* of the French General Tax Code solely on account of their being paid in a Non-Cooperative State or accrued or paid to persons established or domiciled in a Non-Cooperative State.

## **2.2. Directive**

The Directive has been implemented in French law by Article 242 *ter* of the French General Tax Code (*Code général des impôts*) and Articles 49 I *ter* to 49 I *sexies* of the Schedule III to the French General Tax Code (*Code général des impôts*). Article 242 *ter* of the French General Tax Code (*Code général des impôts*), imposes on paying agents based in France an obligation to report to the French tax authorities certain information with respect to interest payments made to beneficial owners domiciled in another Member State, including, among other things, the identity and address of the beneficial owner and a detailed list of the different categories of interest paid to that beneficial owner.

## **3. Luxembourg Withholding Tax**

The Directive has been implemented in Luxembourg law by Act of 21 June 2005.

### **3.1 Individuals**

#### *Luxembourg residents*

A ten per cent. (10%) withholding tax has been introduced, as from 1 January 2006, on interest payments made by Luxembourg paying agents (defined in the same way as in the Directive) to Luxembourg individual residents. Only interest accrued after 1 July 2005 falls within the scope of this withholding tax. Income (other than interest) from investment funds and from current accounts provided that the interest rate is not higher than 0.75% are exempt from the withholding tax. Furthermore, interest which is accrued once a year on savings accounts (short and long term) and which does not exceed €250 per person and per paying agent is exempted from the withholding tax.

This withholding tax represents the final tax liability for the Luxembourg individual resident taxpayers.

#### *Luxembourg non-residents*

Subject to the application of the Directive and the applicable laws, there is no withholding tax on payments of interest (including accrued but unpaid interest) made to Luxembourg non-resident Bondholders.

Under the Directive and the applicable laws, a Luxembourg based paying agent (within the meaning of the Directive) is required since 1 July 2005 to withhold tax on interest and other similar income paid by it to (or under certain circumstances, to the benefit of) a beneficial owner (within the meaning of the Directive) resident in another Member State unless the beneficiary of the interest payments elects for the exchange of information. The same regime applies to payments to beneficial owners (within the meaning of the Directive) resident in certain dependent territories.

The withholding tax rate was initially fifteen per cent. (15%) until 30 June 2008, increasing steadily to twenty per cent. (20%) as from 1 July 2008 and to thirty-five per cent. (35%) as from 1 July 2011. The withholding tax system will only apply during a transitional period, the ending of which depends on the conclusion of certain agreements relating to information exchange with certain other countries.

### **3.2 Corporations**

There is no withholding tax for Luxembourg resident and non-resident corporations holders of the Covered Bonds on payments of interest (including accrued but unpaid interest).

## SUBSCRIPTION AND SALE

*For the avoidance of doubt, it is specified that the expression "Covered Bonds" will only include French law Covered Bonds and the expression "Bondholders" includes any holder of such French law Covered Bonds, in the following section.*

Subject to the terms and on the conditions contained in an amended and restated dealer agreement dated 22 December 2010 between the Issuer, the Arranger and the Permanent Dealers (the "**Dealer Agreement**"), the Covered Bonds will be offered by the Issuer to the Permanent Dealers. However, the Issuer has reserved the right to sell Covered Bonds directly on its own behalf to Dealers that are not Permanent Dealers. The Covered Bonds may be resold at prevailing market prices, or at prices related thereto, at the time of such resale, as determined by the relevant Dealer(s). The Covered Bonds may also be sold by the Issuer through the Dealers, acting as agents of the Issuer. The Dealer Agreement also provides for Covered Bonds to be issued in syndicated Tranches that are jointly and severally underwritten by two or more Dealers.

The Issuer will pay each relevant Dealer a commission as agreed between them in respect of Covered Bonds subscribed by it. The Issuer has agreed to reimburse the Arranger for its expenses incurred in connection with the Programme and the Dealers for certain of their activities in connection with the Programme.

The Issuer has agreed to indemnify the Dealers against certain liabilities in connection with the offer and sale of the Covered Bonds. The Dealers have agreed to indemnify the Issuer against certain liabilities in connection with the offer and sale of the Covered Bonds. The Dealer Agreement entitles the Dealers to terminate any agreement that they make to subscribe Covered Bonds in certain circumstances prior to payment for such Covered Bonds being made to the Issuer.

### Selling Restrictions

#### General

These selling restrictions may be modified by the agreement of the Issuer and the Dealers in particular following a change in a relevant law, regulation or directive. Any such modification will be set out in the Final Terms issued in respect of the issue of Covered Bonds to which it relates or in a supplement to this Base Prospectus.

Each Dealer has agreed that it will comply, to the best of its knowledge, with all relevant laws, regulations and directives in each jurisdiction in which it purchases, offers, sells or delivers Covered Bonds or has in its possession or distributes the Base Prospectus, any other offering material or any Final Terms and neither the Issuer nor any other Dealer shall have responsibility therefore.

#### United States of America

The Covered Bonds have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act, and subject to certain exceptions, may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of U.S. persons as defined under Regulation S. Each Dealer has agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree, that it will not offer or sell the Covered Bonds of any identifiable Tranche within the United States, except as permitted by the Dealer Agreement.

Materialised Covered Bonds having a maturity of more than one (1) year 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 a United States person, except in certain transactions permitted by U.S. tax regulations. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and regulations thereunder.

In addition, until forty (40) days after the commencement of the offering of any identifiable Tranche, an offer or sale of Covered Bonds within the United States by any dealer (whether or not participating in the offering) may violate the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

This Base Prospectus has been prepared by the Issuer for use in connection with the offer and sale of the Covered Bonds outside the United States. The Issuer and the Dealers reserve the right to reject any offer to purchase the Covered Bonds, in whole or in part, for any reason.

This Base Prospectus does not constitute an offer to any person in the United States. Distribution of this Base Prospectus by any non-U.S. person outside the United States to any U.S. person or to any other person within the United States is unauthorised and any disclosure without the prior written consent of the Issuer of any of its contents to any such U.S. person or other person within the United States is prohibited.

### **European Economic Area**

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 Programme 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 the Base Prospectus as completed by the Final Terms 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 (except for German Law Covered Bonds) to the public in that Relevant Member State:

- (a) at any time to legal entities which are authorised or regulated to operate in the financial markets or, if not so authorised or regulated, whose corporate purpose is solely to invest in securities;
- (b) to any legal entity which has two (2) or more of (i) an average of at least 250 employees during the last financial year; (ii) a total balance sheet of more than €43,000,000; and (iii) an annual net turnover of more than €50,000,000, as shown in its last annual or consolidated accounts;
- (c) to fewer than 100 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 Issuer for any such offer; or
- (d) 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 (d) above shall require 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.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an "**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 the Covered Bonds, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State and the expression "**Prospectus Directive**" means Directive 2003/71/EC and includes any relevant implementing measure in each Relevant Member State.

The qualification of German Law Covered Bonds, in particular their qualification as securities within the meaning of the implementing measures to the Prospectus Directive, may vary among the different Member States of the European Economic Area. Therefore, each Dealer represents and agrees and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not made and will not make an offer of German Law Covered Bonds to the public in that Relevant Member State unless in compliance with the laws applicable in that Relevant Member State to German Law Covered Bonds.

### **United Kingdom**

Each Dealer has represented and agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree that:

- (a) in relation to any Covered Bonds which have a maturity of less than one (1) year, (i) it is a person whose ordinary activities involve 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 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 the Covered Bonds would otherwise constitute a contravention of section 19 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the "FSMA") by the Issuer;

- (b) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of section 21 of the FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of any Covered Bonds in circumstances in which section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to the Issuer; and
- (c) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to any Covered Bonds in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

## Japan

The Covered Bonds have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act of Japan (Law No. 25 of 1948, as amended, the "FIEA") and each of the Dealers has represented and agreed that it will not, directly or indirectly, offer or sell any Covered Bonds in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident in Japan (as defined under Item 5, Paragraph 1, Article 6 of the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act No. 228 of 1949, as amended), or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly in Japan or to a resident in 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.

## The Netherlands

Each Dealer has represented and agreed that it has not, directly or indirectly, offered or sold and will not, directly or indirectly, offer or sell in the Netherlands any Covered Bonds other than to persons who trade or invest in securities in the conduct of a profession or business which includes banks, stock brokers, insurance companies, pension funds, other institutional investors and finance companies and treasury departments of large enterprises.

## France

Each of the Dealers and the Issuer has represented and agreed that it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell, directly or indirectly, any Covered Bonds to the public in France and it has not distributed or caused to be distributed and will not distribute or cause to be distributed to the public in France, the Base Prospectus, the relevant Final Terms or any other offering material relating to the Covered Bonds and such offers, sales and distributions have been and will be made in France only to (a) providers of investment services relating to portfolio management for the account of third parties (*personnes fournissant le service d'investissement de gestion de portefeuille pour compte de tiers*), and/or (b) qualified investors (*investisseurs qualifiés*), all as defined in, and in accordance with, Articles L.411-1, L.411-2 and D.411-1 to D.411-3 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*).

This Base Prospectus, prepared in connection with the Covered Bonds to be issued under the Programme, has not been submitted to the clearance procedures of the *Autorité des marchés financiers*.

## Italy

This Base Prospectus has not been, nor will be, published in the Republic of Italy in connection with the offering of Covered Bonds and such offering of Covered Bonds has not been registered with the *Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa* ("**Consob**") in the Republic of Italy pursuant to Legislative Decree no. 58 of 24 February 1998 as amended (the "**Financial Services Act**") and to Consob Regulation no. 11971 of 14 May 1999, as amended (the "**Issuers Regulation**") and, accordingly, no



Covered Bond may be offered, sold, transferred or delivered, and will not be offered, sold, transferred or delivered, directly or indirectly, in an offer to the public in the Republic of Italy, nor may, or will, copies of this Base 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 34-ter, paragraph 1(b) of the Issuers Regulation; or
- (b) in other circumstances which are exempted from the rules on offers to the public pursuant to, and in compliance with, the conditions set out in Article 100 of the Financial Services Act and its implementing regulations, including Article 34-ter, first paragraph, of the Issuers Regulation.

Any offer, sale, transfer or delivery of Covered Bonds or distribution of copies of this Base Prospectus or any other document relating to the Covered Bonds in the Republic of Italy under (a) or (b) above must, and will, be effected in accordance with all relevant Italian securities, tax and exchange control and other applicable laws and regulations and, in particular, will be made:

- (a) 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 "**Banking Act**"); and
- (b) in compliance with any other notification requirement or limitation which may be, from time to time, imposed by Consob, the Bank of Italy and/or any other Italian authority.

Any investor purchasing Covered Bonds in the offering is solely responsible for ensuring that any offer or resale of Covered Bonds it purchased in the offering occurs in compliance with applicable Italian laws and regulations. No person resident or located in the Republic of Italy other than the original addressees of this Base Prospectus may rely on this Base Prospectus, its content or any other document relating to the Covered Bonds.

## Germany

Each of the Dealers and the Issuer has represented and agreed that it will offer or sell, directly or indirectly, any Covered Bonds to the public in Germany in compliance with the provisions of the German Securities Prospectus Act (*Wertpapier-Prospektgesetz*) and the German Sales Prospectus Act (*Wertpapier-Verkaufsprospektgesetz*), as applicable.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

*For the avoidance of doubt, it is specified that the expression "Covered Bonds" will only include French law Covered Bonds and the expression "Bondholders" includes any holder of such French law Covered Bonds, in the following section, except as otherwise specified.*

- (1) This Base Prospectus has been approved by the CSSF, as competent authority in Luxembourg for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive.
- (2) The Issuer has obtained all necessary corporate and other consents, approvals and authorisations in France in connection with the update of the Programme. Any issuance of Covered Bonds under the Programme, to the extent that such Covered Bonds constitute *obligations* under French law, requires the prior authorisation of the board of directors (*conseil d'administration*) of the Issuer, which may delegate its power to any other member of the board of directors (*conseil d'administration*), to the chief executive officer (*directeur général*), or with the latter's agreement to any of the vice chief executive officer (*directeur général délégué*), or to any other person.

For this purpose, on 26 August 2010 the board of directors (*conseil d'administration*) of the Issuer has delegated, for a period of one year from 9 October 2010 to 9 October 2011, to Mr. Dominique Andro, chief executive officer (*président directeur général*) of the Issuer, and to Mr. Marc Paradis, vice chief executive officer (*directeur général délégué*) of the Issuer, acting jointly or separately, the power to decide the issue of bonds (*obligations*) under the Programme, up to a maximum aggregate amount of €3,000,000,000 (or the equivalent in any other currency) and, to determine the final terms and conditions of such bonds (*obligations*).

- (3) There has been no material adverse change in the financial position or prospects of the Issuer since 31 December 2009.
- (4) The Issuer is not and has not been involved in any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceeding which are pending or threatened of which the Issuer is aware), since its incorporation on 3 November 2000, which may have, or have had in the recent past, significant effects on the financial position or profitability of the Issuer.
- (5) Save as disclosed in this Base Prospectus, there are no material contracts that are not entered into the ordinary course of the Issuer's business which could result in any member of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Group being under an obligation or entitlement that is material to the Issuer's ability to meet its obligation to Bondholders in respect of the Covered Bonds being issued.
- (6) Application may be made for Covered Bonds to be accepted for clearance through Euroclear (boulevard du Roi Albert II, 1210 Bruxelles, Belgique) and Clearstream, Luxembourg (42 avenue JF Kennedy, 1855 Luxembourg, Luxembourg) which are entities in charge of keeping the records. The Common Code and the International Securities Identification Number (ISIN) or the identification number for any other relevant clearing system for each Series of Covered Bonds will be set out in the relevant Final Terms.

Dematerialised Covered Bonds will be inscribed in the books of Euroclear France (acting as central depository). Dematerialised Covered Bonds which are in registered form (*au nominatif*) are also inscribed either with the Issuer or with the Registration Agent. The address of Euroclear France is 115 rue Réaumur, 75081 Paris Cedex 02, France.

- (7) The Issuer does not intend to provide post-issuance transaction information regarding the Covered Bonds to be admitted to trading and the performance of the underlying collateral, except if required by any applicable laws and regulations.
- (8) The Issuer does not produce consolidated financial statements.
- (9) This Base Prospectus will be published on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)) during a period of at least twelve (12) months from the date of this Base Prospectus. The Final Terms related to Covered Bonds admitted to trading on any Regulated Market of the EEA in accordance with the Prospectus Directive will be published on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)) during a period of at least twelve (12) months from the date of this Base Prospectus.

In addition, should the Covered Bonds be admitted to trading on a Regulated Market of the EEA other than the Regulated Market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange in accordance with the Prospectus Directive, the Final Terms related to those Covered Bonds will provide whether this Base Prospectus and the relevant Final Terms will be published on the website of (x) the Regulated Market of the Member State of the EEA where the Covered Bonds have been admitted to trading or (y) the competent authority of the Member State of the EEA where the Covered Bonds have been admitted to trading.

- (10) So long as Covered Bonds (including German law Covered Bonds) are capable of being issued under the Programme, copies of the following documents will, when published, be available during normal business hours on any weekday (Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted), at the registered office of the Issuer and at the specified office of the Paying Agent(s):
- (a) the *statuts* of the Issuer;
  - (b) the audited non-consolidated financial statements of the Issuer in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2008;
  - (c) the audited non-consolidated financial statements of the Issuer in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2009;
  - (d) the interim non-consolidated financial statements of the Issuer in respect of the six-month period ended 30 June 2010;
  - (e) the Agency Agreement (which includes the form of the *Lettre Comptable*, the Temporary Global Certificates, the Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds, the Coupons, the Receipts, the Talons, the Terms and Conditions of the German law Covered Bonds and the form of Assignment of the German law Covered Bonds);
  - (f) the Issuer Accounts Pledge Agreement and the Issuer Receivables Pledge Agreement;
  - (g) Final Terms for Covered Bonds that are listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and traded on the Regulated Market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange or any other Regulated Market in the EEA;
  - (h) a copy of this Base Prospectus together with any supplement to this Base Prospectus or further Base Prospectus;
  - (i) all reports, letters and other documents, historical financial information, valuations and statements prepared by any expert at the Issuer's request any part of which is included or referred to in this Base Prospectus.

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