

BARCLAYS PLC
Form 6-K
April 07, 2010

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16

under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

April 7, 2010

Barclays PLC and
Barclays Bank PLC

(Names of Registrants)

1 Churchill Place

London E14 5HP

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England

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F Form 40-F

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is submitting the Form 6-K in paper as permitted by Regulation S-T Rule 101(b)(1):

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THIS REPORT ON FORM 6-K SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON FORM F-3 (NO. 333-145845) OF BARCLAYS BANK PLC AND TO BE A PART THEREOF FROM THE DATE ON WHICH THIS REPORT IS FURNISHED, TO THE EXTENT NOT SUPERSEDED BY DOCUMENTS OR REPORTS SUBSEQUENTLY FILED OR FURNISHED.

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This Report is a joint Report on Form 6-K filed by Barclays PLC and Barclays Bank PLC. All of the issued ordinary share capital of Barclays Bank PLC is owned by Barclays PLC.

The Report comprises the following:

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 4.1 | The form of Global Note. |
| 4.2 | Officer's Certificate pursuant to Sections 1.02 and 3.01 of the Senior Debt Securities Indenture |
| 5.1 | Opinion of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, U.S. counsel to Barclays Bank PLC, as to the validity of the securities. |
| 5.2 | Opinion of Clifford Chance LLP, English counsel to Barclays Bank PLC, as to the validity of the securities. |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each of the registrants has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

BARCLAYS PLC
(Registrant)

Date: April 7, 2010

By: /s/ Marie Smith
Name: Marie Smith
Title: Assistant Secretary

BARCLAYS BANK PLC
(Registrant)

Date: April 7, 2010

By: /s/ Marie Smith
Name: Marie Smith
Title: Assistant Secretary

THIS SECURITY IS A GLOBAL REGISTERED SECURITY WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE INDENTURE HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AND IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF A DEPOSITARY OR A NOMINEE THEREOF. THIS SECURITY MAY NOT BE EXCHANGED IN WHOLE OR IN PART FOR A SECURITY REGISTERED, AND NO TRANSFER OF THIS SECURITY IN WHOLE OR IN PART MAY BE REGISTERED, IN THE NAME OF ANY PERSON OTHER THAN SUCH DEPOSITARY OR A NOMINEE THEREOF, EXCEPT IN THE LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED IN THE INDENTURE.

BARCLAYS BANK PLC

3.90% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2015

No. []

[\$[]]
CUSIP NO. 06739G BB4

ISIN NO. US06739G BB41

BARCLAYS BANK PLC, a company duly incorporated and existing under the laws of England and Wales (herein called the Company, which term includes any successor Person under the Indenture hereinafter referred to), for value received, hereby promises to pay to Cede & Co., or registered assigns, the principal sum of \$[] on April 7, 2015, except as otherwise provided herein, and to pay interest thereon, in accordance with the terms hereof. Interest shall accrue on the Security from April 7, 2010 or from the most recent Interest Payment Date (as defined below) to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, and shall be paid semi-annually in arrear on April 7th and October 7th of each year (each an Interest Payment Date), commencing on October 7, 2010, except as otherwise provided herein, at the rate of 3.90% per annum, until the principal hereof is paid or made available for payment.

The amount of interest which shall accrue hereon shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year divided into twelve months of 30 days each.

The interest so payable, and punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date will, as provided in such Indenture, be paid to the Person in whose name this Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest which shall be the fifteenth calendar day preceding each Interest Payment Date (whether or not a Business Day), as the case may be, next preceding such Interest Payment Date. Any such interest not so punctually paid or duly provided for will forthwith cease to be payable to the Holder on such Regular Record Date and may either be paid to the Person in whose name this Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on a Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest to be fixed by the Trustee, notice whereof shall be given to Holders of Securities of this series not less than

10 days prior to such Special Record Date, or be paid at any time in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which the Securities of this series may be listed, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange, all as more fully provided in said Indenture.

Payment of the principal of and any such interest on this Security will be made at the office or agency of the Company maintained for that purpose in New York City, in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts; *provided, however*, that at the option of the Company payment of interest may be made by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto as such address shall appear in the Senior Debt Security Register, unless such person requests payment by wire transfer pursuant to Section 3.07 of the Indenture.

This Security shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

Reference is hereby made to the further provisions of this Security set forth on the reverse hereof, which further provisions shall for all purposes have the same effect as if set forth at this place.

All terms used in this Security which are defined in the Indenture shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture, as defined herein.

THIS SECURITY IS NOT A DEPOSIT AND IS NOT INSURED BY THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES OR THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Unless the certificate of authentication hereon has been executed by the Trustee referred to on the reverse hereof, directly or through an Authenticating Agent, by manual signature of an authorized signatory, this Security shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this instrument to be duly executed.

Dated: April 7, 2010

BARCLAYS BANK PLC

By:
Name:
Title:

By:
Name:
Title:

Trustee's Certificate of Authentication

This is one of the Securities of the series designated herein referred to in the Indenture.

Dated: April 7, 2010

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON,
As Trustee

By:
Authorized Signatory

Signature Page to Global Note

(Reverse of Security)

This Security is one of a duly authorized issue of securities of the Company (herein called the Securities) issued and to be issued in one or more series under an Indenture, dated as of September 16, 2004 (herein called the Indenture, which term shall have the meaning assigned to it in such instrument), between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee (herein called the Trustee, which term includes any successor trustee under the Indenture), and reference is hereby made to the Indenture for a statement of the respective rights, limitations of rights, duties and immunities thereunder of the Company, the Trustee, the Holders of the Securities and of the terms upon which the Securities are, and are to be, authenticated and delivered. Insofar as the provisions of the Indenture may conflict with the provisions set forth on the face of this Security, the latter shall control for purposes of this Security.

This Security is one of the series designated on the face hereof, limited to a principal amount of \$1,000,000,000, which amount may be increased at the option of the Company if in the future it determines that it may wish to sell additional Securities of this series. References herein to this series mean the series designated on the face hereof.

Payments under the Securities will be made without deduction or withholding for, or on account of, any and all present or future income, stamp and other taxes, levies, imposts, duties, charges, fees, deductions or withholdings (Taxes) now or hereafter imposed, levied, collected, withheld or assessed by or on behalf of the United Kingdom or any political subdivision or authority thereof or therein having the power to tax (each a Taxing Jurisdiction), unless such deduction or withholding is required by law. If any such Taxes are at any time required by a Taxing Jurisdiction to be deducted or withheld, the Company will, subject to the exceptions and limitations set forth in Section 10.04 of the Indenture, pay such additional amounts of the principal of such Security and any other amounts payable on such Security (Additional Amounts) as may be necessary in order that the net amounts paid to the Holder of any Security, after such deduction or withholding, shall equal the amounts of the principal of such Security and any other amounts payable on such Security which would have been payable in respect of such Security had no such deduction or withholding be required.

If at any time the Company determines that as a result of a change in or amendment to the laws or regulations of a Taxing Jurisdiction (including any treaty to which such Taxing Jurisdiction is a party), or a change in an official application or interpretation of such laws or regulations (including a decision of any court or tribunal), either generally or in relation to any particular Securities, which change, amendment, application or interpretation becomes effective on or after March 30, 2010, and, in the event that any successor entity has assumed the obligations of the Company, which

change or amendment becomes effective on or after the date of such assumption of the Company's obligations: (a) in making any payments of principal or interest, if any, on, or in respect of, such series of Securities, the Company or any such successor entity that has assumed the obligations of the Company has paid or will or would on the next Interest Payment Date be required to pay Additional Amounts with respect thereto, or (b) the Company or any such successor entity would not be entitled to claim a deduction in respect of such payments in computing its taxation liabilities, then the Securities will be redeemable upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice by mail, on any Interest Payment Date thereafter, in whole but not in part, at the election of the Company as provided in the Indenture at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of such Securities together with any accrued but unpaid interest (if any) in respect of such Securities to the date fixed for redemption. In any case where the Company shall determine that as a result of either Section 11.08 or Section 11.09 of the Indenture it is entitled to redeem the Securities of any series, the Company shall be required to deliver to the Trustee prior to the giving of any notice of redemption a written legal opinion of independent counsel of recognized standing (selected by the Company) in a form satisfactory to the Trustee confirming that the Company is entitled to exercise its right of redemption under Sections 11.08 or 11.09 of the Indenture.

The successor entity that assumes the obligations of the Company pursuant to Section 8.03 of the Indenture shall also be entitled to redeem the Securities of the relevant series in accordance with Section 11.08 of the Indenture with respect to any change or amendment to, or change in the application or interpretation of the laws or regulations (including any treaty) of the successor entity's jurisdiction of incorporation which change or amendment occurs subsequent to the date of any such assumption.

The Indenture permits, with certain exceptions as therein provided, the amendment thereof and the modification of the rights and obligations of the Company and the rights of the Holders of the Securities of each series to be affected under the Indenture at any time by the Company and the Trustee with the consent of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Securities at the time Outstanding of each series to be affected. The Indenture also contains provisions permitting the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of each series at the time Outstanding, on behalf of the Holders of all Securities of such series, to waive compliance by the Company with certain provisions of the Indenture and certain past defaults under the Indenture and their consequences. Any such consent or waiver by the Holder of this Security shall be conclusive and binding upon such Holder and upon all future Holders of this Security and of any Security issued upon the registration of transfer hereof or in exchange herefor or in lieu hereof, whether or not notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this Security.

As provided in and subject to the provisions of the Indenture, the Holder of this Security shall not have any right to institute any proceeding, judicial or otherwise, with respect to the Indenture or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee or for any other remedy thereunder, unless such Holder shall have previously given the Trustee written notice of a continuing Event of Default with respect to the Securities of this series, the Holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of this series at the time Outstanding shall have made written request to the Trustee to institute proceedings in respect of such Event of Default as Trustee and offered the Trustee reasonable indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred in compliance with such request, the Trustee shall not have received from the Holders of a majority in principal amount of Securities of this series at the time Outstanding a direction inconsistent with such request, and shall have failed to institute any such proceeding, for 60 days after receipt of such notice, request and offer of indemnity, and, in the case of a proceeding for the winding-up of the Company in England, such proceeding is in the name and on behalf of the Trustee to the same extent (but no further or otherwise) as the Trustee would have been entitled so to do. The foregoing shall not apply to any suit instituted by the Holder of this Security for the enforcement of any payment of principal hereof or interest hereon on or after the respective due dates expressed or provided for herein.

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Security or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Company, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of and interest on this Security at the times, place and rate, and in the coin or currency, as herein provided.

As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, the transfer of this Security is registrable in the Senior Debt Security Register, upon surrender of this Security for registration of transfer at the office or agency of the Company in any place where the principal of this Security is payable, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company and the Senior Debt Security Registrar duly executed by, the Holder hereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing. Thereupon one or more new Securities of this series and of like tenor, of authorized denominations and for the same aggregate principal amount, will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees.

This Security, and any other Securities of this series and of like tenor, are issuable only in registered form without coupons in initial denominations of \$100,000 and increments of \$1,000 thereafter.

No service charge shall be made for any such registration of transfer or exchange, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith.

Prior to due presentment of this Security for registration of transfer, the Company, the Trustee and any agent of the Company or the Trustee may treat the Person in whose name this Security is registered as the owner hereof for all purposes, whether or not this Security be overdue, and neither the Company, the Trustee nor any such agent shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

The Indenture provides that the Company will be discharged from any and all obligations in respect of this Security (except for certain obligations to register the transfer or exchange of the Security, replace stolen, lost or mutilated Securities, maintain paying agencies and hold moneys for payment in trust) or need not comply with certain restrictive covenants of the Indenture, in each case if the Company deposits, in trust, with the Trustee money or Government Obligations which through the payment of interest thereon and principal thereof in accordance with their terms will provide money, in an amount sufficient to pay all the principal of, and interest on, the Security on the dates such payments are due in accordance with the terms of this Security and certain other conditions are satisfied.

This Security and the Indenture shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

BARCLAYS BANK PLC

Officer's Certificate

In connection with the issuance of \$1,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 3.90% Senior Notes due 2015 (the Securities) of Barclays Bank PLC (the Bank), I, Nick Lambert, hereby certify pursuant to Sections 1.02 and 3.01 of the Senior Debt Securities Indenture (the Indenture), dated as of September 16, 2004, between the Bank and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee, as follows:

1. I have read the provisions of the Indenture setting forth conditions precedent to the issuance and authentication of the Securities, including Sections 1.02 and 3.01 thereof, and the definitions relating thereto;

2. I have reviewed the written resolutions of the Fund Raising Committee (the Fund Raising Committee) dated August 29, 2007 and June 29, 2009, and pursuant to such resolutions, I hereby confirm that the following forms and terms of the Securities were established in accordance with Section 3.01 of the Indenture:

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|---------------------------|---|
| Title of Securities: | 3.90% Senior Notes due 2015 |
| Issue Price: | 99.995% |
| Issue Date of Securities: | April 7, 2010 |
| Aggregate Principal | \$1,000,000,000 |
| Amount of Securities: | |
| Denomination: | \$100,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof |

Form of Securities: The Securities will be issued in the form of global notes that will be deposited with The Depository Trust Company (DTC) on the closing date. Each global note will be registered in the name of Cede & Co. and executed and delivered in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Maturity: April 7, 2015

Interest Rate: 3.90% per annum accruing from April 7, 2010.

Interest Payment Dates: April 7 and October 7 of each year, commencing on October 7, 2010, *provided that* if such Interest Payment Date is not a Business Day, the Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next Business Day. Business Day shall have the meaning assigned to it in the Prospectus dated February 10, 2009 relating to the Securities.

Currency of payment of principal, interest and Additional Amounts: United States Dollars.

Place of Payment and Paying Agent: Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, New York, NY.

Tax Redemption Provisions: Optional, in whole but not in part, at the option of the Bank at 100% of the principal amount of the Securities, as discussed under the Tax Redemption provision in the Prospectus Supplement and the Description of Debt Securities Redemption Redemption or Conversion for tax reasons in the Prospectus.

Regular Record Dates: The 15th calendar day preceding such Interest Payment Date, whether or not such day is a Business Day.

Other Terms of the Securities: The other terms of the Securities, including with respect to defeasance and discharge, shall be substantially as set forth in the Indenture, the Prospectus Supplement dated March 30, 2010 and the Prospectus dated February 10, 2009 relating to the Securities.

3. I have also made such other examinations and investigations as I deemed necessary to enable me to express an informed opinion as to whether the conditions precedent provided for in the Indenture as they relate to the issuance and authentication of the Securities have been complied with; and

4. I am of the opinion that the Bank has complied with all conditions precedent provided for in the Indenture relating to the issuance and authentication of the Securities under the Indenture.

Dated: April 7, 2010

Barclays Bank PLC

By: /s/ Nick Lambert

Name: Nick Lambert

Title: Director, Capital Issuance and Securitisation

EXHIBIT A

Form of Global Note

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BARCLAYS BANK PLC

3.90% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2015

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The amount of interest which shall accrue hereon shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year divided into twelve months of 30 days each.

The interest so payable, and punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date will, as provided in such Indenture, be paid to the Person in whose name this Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest which shall be the fifteenth calendar day preceding each Interest Payment Date (whether or not a Business Day), as the case may be, next preceding such Interest Payment Date. Any such interest not so punctually paid or duly provided for will forthwith cease to be payable to the Holder on such Regular Record Date and may either be paid to the Person in whose name this Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on a Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest to be fixed by the Trustee, notice whereof shall be given to Holders of Securities of this series not less than 10 days prior to such Special Record Date, or be paid at any time in any other lawful

manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which the Securities of this series may be listed, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange, all as more fully provided in said Indenture.

Payment of the principal of and any such interest on this Security will be made at the office or agency of the Company maintained for that purpose in New York City, in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts; *provided, however*, that at the option of the Company payment of interest may be made by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto as such address shall appear in the Senior Debt Security Register, unless such person requests payment by wire transfer pursuant to Section 3.07 of the Indenture.

This Security shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

Reference is hereby made to the further provisions of this Security set forth on the reverse hereof, which further provisions shall for all purposes have the same effect as if set forth at this place.

All terms used in this Security which are defined in the Indenture shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture, as defined herein.

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Unless the certificate of authentication hereon has been executed by the Trustee referred to on the reverse hereof, directly or through an Authenticating Agent, by manual signature of an authorized signatory, this Security shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this instrument to be duly executed.

Dated: April 7, 2010

BARCLAYS BANK PLC

By:
Name:
Title:

By:
Name:
Title:

Trustee's Certificate of Authentication

This is one of the Securities of the series designated herein referred to in the Indenture.

Dated: April 7, 2010

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON,
As Trustee

By:
Authorized Signatory

(Reverse of Security)

This Security is one of a duly authorized issue of securities of the Company (herein called the Securities) issued and to be issued in one or more series under an Indenture, dated as of September 16, 2004 (herein called the Indenture, which term shall have the meaning assigned to it in such instrument), between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee (herein called the Trustee, which term includes any successor trustee under the Indenture), and reference is hereby made to the Indenture for a statement of the respective rights, limitations of rights, duties and immunities thereunder of the Company, the Trustee, the Holders of the Securities and of the terms upon which the Securities are, and are to be, authenticated and delivered. Insofar as the provisions of the Indenture may conflict with the provisions set forth on the face of this Security, the latter shall control for purposes of this Security.

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Company's obligations: (a) in making any payments of principal or interest, if any, on, or in respect of, such series of Securities, the Company or any such successor entity that has assumed the obligations of the Company has paid or will or would on the next Interest Payment Date be required to pay Additional Amounts with respect thereto, or (b) the Company or any such successor entity would not be entitled to claim a deduction in respect of such payments in computing its taxation liabilities, then the Securities will be redeemable upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice by mail, on any Interest Payment Date thereafter, in whole but not in part, at the election of the Company as provided in the Indenture at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of such Securities together with any accrued but unpaid interest (if any) in respect of such Securities to the date fixed for redemption. In any case where the Company shall determine that as a result of either Section 11.08 or Section 11.09 of the Indenture it is entitled to redeem the Securities of any series, the Company shall be required to deliver to the Trustee prior to the giving of any notice of redemption a written legal opinion of independent counsel of recognized standing (selected by the Company) in a form satisfactory to the Trustee confirming that the Company is entitled to exercise its right of redemption under Sections 11.08 or 11.09 of the Indenture.

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April 7, 2010

Barclays Bank PLC,

1 Churchill Place,

London E14 5HP,

United Kingdom.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In connection with the registration under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Act") of \$1,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 3.90% Senior Notes due 2015 (the "Securities") of Barclays Bank PLC, a public limited company organized under the laws of England and Wales (the "Bank"), issued in global form pursuant to the Senior Debt Securities Indenture, dated as of September 16, 2004 (the "Indenture"), between the Bank and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee (the "Trustee"), we, as your United States counsel, have examined such corporate records, certificates and other documents, and such questions of United States Federal and New York State law, as we have considered necessary or appropriate for the purposes of this opinion. Upon the basis of

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such examination, we advise you that, in our opinion, the Securities constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Bank enforceable in accordance with their terms, subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws of general applicability relating to or affecting creditors' rights and to general equity principles.

The foregoing opinion is limited to the Federal laws of the United States and the laws of the State of New York, and we are expressing no opinion as to the effect of the laws of any other jurisdiction. In rendering the foregoing opinion, we have assumed that (i) the Bank has been duly organized and is an existing company under the laws of England and Wales and (ii) the Securities and the Indenture have been duly authorized, executed and delivered in accordance with the laws of England and Wales.

Also, we have relied as to certain matters on information obtained from public officials, officers of the Bank and other sources believed by us to be responsible, and we have assumed that the Indenture has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Trustee, that the Securities conform to the specimen examined by us, that the Trustee's certificates of authentication of the Securities have been manually signed by one of the Trustee's authorized officers, and that the signatures on all documents examined by us are genuine, assumptions which we have not independently verified.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 6-K to be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and the reference to us under the heading "Validity of Securities" in the Prospectus Supplement

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relating to the Securities, dated March 30, 2010. In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Sullivan & Cromwell LLP

[Letterhead of Clifford Chance LLP]

7 April 2010

Barclays Bank PLC

1 Churchill Place

London E14 5HP

Dear Sirs

Barclays Bank PLC

U.S.\$1,000,000,000 3.90 per cent. Senior Notes due 2015

We have acted, and have prepared this letter, on the instructions of Barclays Bank PLC (the **Issuer**) in connection with the issue by the Issuer of U.S.\$1,000,000,000 3.90 per cent. Senior Notes due 2015 (the **Senior Debt Securities**) under the indenture dated 16 September 2004 (the **Senior Debt Indenture**) between the Issuer and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee (the **Trustee**).

1. Documents

For the purposes of this letter, we have examined *inter alia* the following:

- 1.1 The prospectus dated 10 February 2009 relating to, inter alia, the Senior Debt Securities (the **Base Prospectus**).
- 1.2 The prospectus supplement dated 30 March 2010 relating to the Senior Debt Securities (the **Prospectus Supplement** and, together with the Base Prospectus, the **Prospectus**).
- 1.3 The Underwriting Agreement Standard Provisions dated 19 May 2009 relating to the Senior Debt Securities (the **Underwriting Agreement**).
- 1.4 The pricing agreement dated 30 March 2010 relating to the Senior Debt Securities (the **Pricing Agreement**).

1.5 The Senior Debt Indenture.

1.6 An extract from minutes of a meeting of the board of directors of the Issuer held on 14 April 1994 and a copy of the minutes of the Fund Raising Committee of the board of directors of the Issuer (the **Fund Raising Committee**) held on 29 August 2007 and 29 June 2009.

1.7 A copy of the memorandum and articles of association of the Issuer (the **Articles of Association**).

The Underwriting Agreement and the Pricing Agreement shall together be referred to as the **Issue Documents** . Terms and expressions which are defined in the Underwriting Agreement or the Pricing Agreement have the same respective meanings where used in this letter.

2. **English Law**

The opinions set out in this letter (which are strictly limited to the matters stated herein and are not to be read as extended, by implication or otherwise, to any other matters) relate only to English law as applied by the English courts as at today's date. This letter expresses no opinion on the laws of any other jurisdiction and is governed by English law.

3. **Assumptions**

The opinions set out in this letter are based upon the following assumptions:

3.1 The genuineness of all signatures, stamps and seals, the conformity to the originals of all documents supplied to us as copies of whatever nature and the authenticity of the originals of such documents and that all deeds and counterparts were executed in single physical form.

3.2 That the Issue Documents are duly authorised by and duly executed by or on behalf of each of the parties thereto (except the Issuer) and that entering into the Issue Documents and the performance thereof is within the capacity and powers of each of them (except as aforesaid).

3.3 That the resolutions set out in the minutes referred to above were passed at a duly convened and quorate meeting and have not been revoked or superseded and that the minutes of any meeting (or any extract of such minutes) referred to above are true records of the proceedings at the meeting.

3.4 That, as at 30 March 2010, Nick Lambert held the office of Director, Capital Issuance and Securitisation.

- 3.5 That there has been no alteration in the status or condition of the Issuer as revealed by a search carried out against the Issuer at the Companies Registration Office in London at 10.28 a.m. on 7 April 2010 and an enquiry by telephone in respect of the Issuer at the Central Index of Winding Up Petitions at 10.42 a.m. on 7 April 2010.
- 3.6 That there has been no alteration in the status or condition of the Issuer as revealed by an online search of the register of authorised persons under the FSMA (the **FSA Register**) at or about 10.38 a.m. on 7 April 2010.
- 3.7 That the Fund Raising Committee referred to above, in resolving to create and issue the Senior Debt Securities and to execute the Issue Documents, has acted in good faith to promote the success and interests of the Issuer for the benefit of its members and in accordance with any other duty.

4. Opinion as to English Law

On the basis of such assumptions and subject to the reservation set out below, we are of the opinion that the issue of the Senior Debt Securities has been duly authorised by or on behalf of the Issuer.

5. Reservations

The opinion set out in paragraph 4 above is subject to a number of reservations. You should particularly note that it is our experience that searches and enquiries of the type referred to in paragraphs 3.6 and 3.7 above may be unreliable and, in particular, that notice of a winding up order made or resolutions passed, or an administration order made, or a receiver or administrative receiver appointed may not be filed promptly at the Companies Registry.

6. Limits of our Opinion

We express no opinion as to any agreement, instrument or other document other than as specified in this letter which may arise or be suffered as a result of or in connection with the Senior Debt Securities or their creation, issue, allotment or delivery. We have not been responsible for investigation or verification of statements of fact (including statements as to foreign law) or the reasonableness of any statements of opinion contained in the Prospectus, the Underwriting Agreement or the Pricing Agreement, nor have we been responsible for ensuring that the Prospectus contains all material facts. In particular, we have not been responsible for ensuring that the Prospectus complies with the rules of the New York Stock Exchange, or the requirements of any competent authority.

This letter is given solely for the purposes of the issue of the Senior Debt Securities and for the information of the persons to whom it is addressed, and may not be relied upon for any other purpose or by any other person.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 6-K to be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and the reference to us under the heading "Validity of Securities" in the Prospectus Supplement relating to the Securities, dated 30 March 2010. In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the US Securities Act of 1933.

Yours faithfully
/s/ Clifford Chance LLP