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Preliminary Pricing Supplement No. 18 - Dated Monday, December 5, 2011 (To: Prospectus Dated November 16, 2011)

CUSIP	Principal		Gross	Net	Coupon	Coupon	Coupon	Day	Maturity	1st	1st	Survivor s	FDIC
Number	Amount	Selling Price	Concession	Proceeds	Type	Rate	Frequency	Basis	Date	Date	Amount	Option	Guarante
96121BAT4	\$ 100.000%		1.250%	\$	Fixed	2.500%	Monthly	30/360	12/15/2016	01/15/2012	\$2.08	Yes	No

Redemption Information: Non-Callable

Trade Date: Monday, December 12, 2011 @ 12:00 PM ET

Westpac Banking Corporation

Settle Date: Thursday, December 15, 2011

Prospectus dated November 16, 2011

Minimum Denomination/Increments:\$1,000.00/\$1,000.00

Initial trades settle flat and clear SDFS: DTC Book Entry only

Westpac Banking Corporation

Joint Lead Managers and Lead Agents: BofA Merrill Lynch, Incapital LLC **Agents:** Citigroup, Deutsche Bank Securities,

Goldman, Sachs & Co., HSBC, J.P. Morgan, Morgan Stanley, UBS Investment Bank, Wells Fargo Advisors

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