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Report of Foreign Private Issuer  
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

31 May 2013

LLOYDS BANKING GROUP plc  
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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**LLOYDS BANKING GROUP ANNOUNCES SALE OF PORTFOLIO OF US RMBS GENERATING CAPITAL BENEFIT OF £1.4 BILLION**

Lloyds Banking Group plc (the Group) announces today that it has agreed the sale of a portfolio of US RMBS (residential mortgage backed securities) to a number of different institutions for a cash consideration of £3.3 billion. The transaction is part of the Group's continued capital accretive non-core asset reduction.

The assets subject to the transaction have a book value of approximately £2.7 billion and as a result of the transaction the Group will realise a pre tax gain on sale of approximately £540 million. The sale proceeds will be used for general corporate purposes.

As part of the same transaction the Lloyds TSB Group Pension Trust (No. 1) Limited also sold its share of the portfolio of US RMBS with a book value of £805 million, realising a pre tax gain on sale of £360 million, which will reduce the deficit in the scheme.

Taking into account the gain on sale, the reduction in risk weighted assets and the benefit from the pension deficit reduction the sale is expected to increase the Group's common equity tier 1 capital ratio, on a pro forma fully loaded CRD IV basis, by approximately 47 basis points (£1,400 million capital equivalent) and increase the Group's core tier 1 capital ratio, under current capital rules, by approximately 33 basis points (£950 million capital equivalent).

The transaction is expected to complete in the first week of June.

In line with the transaction aggregation disclosure requirements of the UK listing rules we note that of the £2.7 billion portfolio, approximately £170 million has been sold to Goldman Sachs International Ltd for a cash consideration of approximately £200 million. The Group will realise a pre tax gain on sale of approximately £30 million on this portion of the portfolio.

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FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This announcement contains forward looking statements with respect to the business, strategy and plans of the Lloyds Banking Group, its current goals and expectations relating to its future financial condition and performance. Statements that are not historical facts, including statements about the Group or the Group's management's beliefs and expectations, are forward looking statements. By their nature, forward looking statements involve risk and uncertainty because they relate to events and depend on circumstances that will or may occur in the future. The Group's actual future business, strategy, plans and/or results may differ materially from those expressed or implied in these forward looking statements as a result of a variety of risks, uncertainties and other factors, including, but not limited to, UK domestic and global economic and business conditions; the ability to derive cost savings and other benefits, including as a result of the Group's Simplification programme; the ability to access sufficient funding to meet the Group's liquidity needs; changes to the Group's credit ratings; risks concerning borrower or counterparty credit quality; instability in the global financial markets, including Eurozone instability and the impact of any sovereign credit rating downgrade or other sovereign financial issues; market-related risks including, but not limited to, changes in interest rates and exchange rates; changing demographic and market-related trends; changes in customer preferences; changes to laws, regulation, accounting standards or taxation, including changes to regulatory capital or liquidity requirements; the policies and actions of governmental or regulatory authorities in the UK, the European Union, or jurisdictions outside the UK in which the Group operates, including other European countries and the US; the implementation of the draft EU crisis management framework directive and banking reform following the recommendations made by the Independent Commission on Banking; the ability to attract and retain senior management and other employees; requirements or limitations imposed on the Group as a result of HM Treasury's investment in the Group; the ability to complete satisfactorily the disposal of certain assets as part of the Group's EC state aid obligations; the extent of any future impairment charges or write-downs caused by depressed asset valuations, market disruptions and illiquid markets; the effects of competition and the actions of competitors, including non-bank financial services and lending companies; exposure to regulatory scrutiny, legal proceedings, regulatory investigations or complaints, and other factors. Please refer to the latest Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the US Securities and Exchange Commission for a discussion of certain factors together with examples of forward looking statements. The forward looking statements contained in this announcement are made as at the date of this announcement, and the Group undertakes no obligation to update any of its forward looking statements.

Signatures

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

GROUP plc

LLOYDS BANKING

(Registrant)

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