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**ABN AMRO lifts stand-still requirement and allows due diligence by RBS consortium**

ABN AMRO has repeatedly tried to engage in cooperative discussions with a consortium led by Royal Bank of Scotland. Despite explicit requests, the consortium has to date not provided us with any clarification on its indicative proposal, particularly regarding funding (including EUR 50 bln of cash), implications for staff and clients, regulatory issues, execution risk and other possible conditions. Until the receipt yesterday evening of the formal notification referred to below, the three refused to provide this information.

On Wednesday 25 April 2007, the consortium issued a press release including an indicative price per share without previously informing ABN AMRO of either such price or press release. As a further sign of the consortium's unwillingness to pursue discussions on a constructive basis, ABN AMRO received a formal notification yesterday evening from the consortium indicating preparedness to launch a public offer without the recommendations of ABN AMRO's Managing Board and Supervisory Board.

Nonetheless, ABN AMRO remains committed to exploring the consortium's proposal in a constructive manner. In order to facilitate discussions, ABN AMRO has therefore decided to remove the customary requirement for a stand-still provision and has offered the consortium access to due diligence material.

In the absence of a compelling and concrete proposal from the consortium, ABN AMRO considers that the Barclays offer is in the best interests of ABN AMRO's stakeholders and we continue to recommend that offer to our shareholders.

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Forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties. A number of important factors could therefore cause actual future results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forward looking statement. Such factors include, without limitation, the consummation of our proposed merger with Barclays PLC ("Barclays"); the completion of our proposed disposition of LaSalle; the conditions in the financial markets in Europe, the United States, Brazil and elsewhere from which we derive a substantial portion of our trading revenues; potential defaults of borrowers or trading counterparties; the implementation of our restructuring including the envisaged reduction in headcount; the reliability of our risk management policies, procedures and methods; the outcome of ongoing criminal investigations and other regulatory initiatives related to compliance matters in the United States and the nature and severity of any sanctions imposed; and other risks referenced in our filings with the US Securities and Exchange Commission. For more information on these and other factors, please refer to Part I: Item 3.D "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the US Securities and Exchange Commission and to any subsequent reports furnished or filed by us with the US Securities and Exchange Commission. The forward-looking statements contained in this announcement are made as of the date hereof, and the companies assume no obligation to update any of the forward-looking statements contained in this announcement.

**Additional Information and Where to Find it**

In connection with the proposed business combination transaction between Barclays and ABN AMRO, Barclays expects that it will file with the US Securities and Exchange Commission a Registration Statement on Form F-4 which will contain a prospectus, a Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO and other relevant materials. In addition, ABN AMRO expects that it will file with the US Securities and Exchange Commission a Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 and other relevant materials. Such documents, however, are not currently available.

**INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ ANY DOCUMENTS REGARDING THE POTENTIAL TRANSACTION IF AND WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION.**

Investors will be able to obtain a free copy of such filings without charge, at the SEC's website (<http://www.sec.gov>) once such documents are filed with the SEC. Copies of such documents may also be obtained from Barclays and ABN AMRO, without charge, once they are filed with the SEC.

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