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| CUSIP Number | Principal Amount | Selling Price | Gross Concessions | Net Proceeds | Coupon Type | Coupon Rate | Coupon Frequency | Day Count Basis | Maturity Date | 1st Coupon Date | 1st Coupon Amount | Survivors Option | FDIC Guaranteed | Pro |
|--------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 96121BBU0 | \$ 100.000% | | 1.250% | \$ | Fixed | 1.700% | Monthly | 30/360 | 08/15/2017 | 09/15/2012 | \$1.70 | Yes | No | Se Unsu N |

Redemption Information: Non-Callable

Trade Date: Monday, August 6, 2012 @
 12:00 PM ET

Settle Date: Thursday, August
 9, 2012

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,
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