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The filing fee for \$600,000,000 maximum aggregate offering price of senior debt securities offered by means of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus has been calculated in accordance with Rule 457(r) and been satisfied by applying, pursuant to Rule 457(p), \$18,420 against the registration fee of \$136,418 that has already been paid and remains unused with respect to securities that were previously registered pursuant to Registration Statement Nos. 333-126797 and 333-124337 and were not sold thereunder. \$117,998 remains available for future registration fees. This paragraph shall be deemed to update the Calculation of Registration Fee table in Registration Statement No. 333-142839.

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT (To Prospectus dated May 11, 2007)

**Regions Financial Corporation** 

# \$250,000,000 Floating Rate Senior Notes due 2009 \$350,000,000 Floating Rate Senior Notes due 2012

We will pay interest on the floating rate senior notes due 2009, or the 2009 notes, at a rate equal to the then-applicable U.S. dollar three-month LIBOR rate plus 0.03% and will pay such interest on March 26, June 26, September 26 and December 26 of each year, beginning on September 26, 2007. We will pay interest on the floating rate senior notes due 2012, or the 2012 notes, at a rate equal to the then-applicable U.S. dollar three-month LIBOR rate plus 0.17%, and will pay such interest on March 26, June 26, September 26 and December 26 of each year, beginning on September 26 and December 26 of each year, beginning on September 26, September 26 and December 26 of each year, beginning on September 26, 2007. The 2009 notes will mature on June 26, 2009 and the 2012 notes will mature on June 26, 2012. We refer to the 2009 notes and the 2012 notes collectively as the notes. The notes will not be subject to redemption at our option or to repayment at the option of the holder at any time prior to maturity. There is no sinking fund for the notes.

The notes will be unsecured senior debt securities of Regions Financial Corporation. The notes will be issued only in minimum denominations of \$5,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange. Currently there is no public market for the notes.

The notes will not be deposits or other obligations of a depository institution and will not be insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is accurate or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

Investing in the notes involves risks. See Risk Factors beginning on page 13 of our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006.

Floating Rate Senior Notes due 2009

Proceeds, BeforeUnderwritingExpenses, toDiscountRegions

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# Price to Public(1)

Per Note	99.980%	0.000%		
Total	\$ 249,950,000	\$	0	\$

### Floating Rate Senior Notes due 2012

		Underwriting			Proceeds, Before Expenses, to		
	Price to Public(1) Discount				Regions		
Per Note Total	\$ 100% 350,000,000	\$	0.350% 1,225,000	\$	99.650% 348,775,000		

(1) Plus accrued interest from June 26, 2007, if settlement occurs after that date.

The underwriters expect to deliver the notes through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company for the accounts of its participants, including Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme*, and Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., against payment in New York, New York on or about June 26, 2007.

Joint Book-Running Managers

Morgan Keegan & Company, Inc.

Lehman Brothers

99.980%

249,950,000

**Co-Managers** 

Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc.

Merrill Lynch & Co.

Junior Co-Manager Toussaint Capital Partners, LLC

The date of this prospectus supplement is June 19, 2007.

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### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This document consists of two parts. The first part is the prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of this offering. The second part is the accompanying prospectus, which describes more general information, some of which may not apply to this offering. You should read both this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, together with additional information described in the accompanying prospectus under the heading Where You Can Find More Information. If the information set forth in this prospectus supplement differs in any way from the information set forth in the accompanying prospectus, you should rely on the information set forth in this prospectus supplement.

Unless otherwise mentioned or unless the context requires otherwise, all references in this prospectus supplement to *Regions* or to *we*, *us*, *our* or similar references mean Regions Financial Corporation and does not include any of our subsidiaries.

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. This prospectus supplement may be used only for the purpose for which it has been prepared. No one is authorized to give information other than that contained in this prospectus supplement and in the documents referred to in this prospectus supplement and which are made available to the public. We have not, and the underwriters have not, authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it.

We are not, and the underwriters are not, making an offer to sell these notes in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should not assume that the information appearing in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or any document incorporated by reference is accurate as of any date other than the date of the applicable document. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date. Neither this prospectus supplement nor the accompanying prospectus constitutes an offer, or an invitation on our behalf or on behalf of the underwriters, to subscribe for and purchase any of the notes, and may not be used for or in connection with an offer or solicitation by anyone, in any jurisdiction in which such an offer or solicitation is not authorized or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such an offer or solicitation.

### SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus may include forward-looking statements which reflect Regions current views with respect to future events and financial performance. The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the *Act*) provides a safe harbor for forward-looking statements which are identified as such and are accompanied by the identification of important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements. For these statements, Regions, together with its subsidiaries, unless the context implies otherwise, claim the protection afforded by the safe harbor in the Act. Forward-looking statements are not based on historical information, but rather are related to future operations, strategies, financial results or other developments. Forward-looking statements are based on management as expectations as well as certain assumptions and estimates made by, and information available to, management at the time the statements are made. Those statements are based on general assumptions and are subject to various risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from the views, beliefs and projections expressed in such statements. These risks, uncertainties and other factors include, but are not limited to, those described below:

Regions ability to achieve the earnings expectations related to the businesses that have been acquired, including its merger with AmSouth Bancorporation (AmSouth) in November

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2006, or that may be acquired in the future, which in turn depends on a variety of factors, including:

Regions ability to achieve the anticipated cost savings and revenue enhancements with respect to acquired operations, or lower than expected revenues from continuing operations;

the assimilation of the combined companies corporate culture;

the continued growth of the markets that the acquired entities serve, consistent with recent historical experience;

difficulties related to the integration of the businesses, including integration of information systems and retention of key personnel; and

the effect of required divestitures of branches operated by AmSouth prior to the merger.

Regions ability to expand into new markets and to maintain profit margins in the face of competitive pressures.

Regions ability to keep pace with technological changes.

Regions ability to develop competitive new products and services in a timely manner and the acceptance of such products and services by Regions customers and potential customers.

Regions ability to effectively manage interest rate risk, market risk, credit risk, operational risk, legal risk and regulation and compliance risk.

Regions ability to manage fluctuations in the value of assets and liabilities and off-balance sheet exposure so as to maintain sufficient capital and liquidity to support Regions business.

The cost and other effects of material contingencies, including litigation contingencies.

The effects of increased competition from both banks and non-banks.

Further easing of restrictions on participants in the financial services industry, such as banks, securities brokers and dealers, investment companies and finance companies, may increase competitive pressures.

Possible changes in interest rates may increase funding costs and reduce earning asset yields, thus reducing margins.

Possible changes in general economic and business conditions in the United States in general and in the communities Regions serves in particular.

Possible changes in the creditworthiness of customers and the possible impairment of collectability of loans.

The effects of geopolitical instability and crises such as terrorist attacks.

Possible changes in trade, monetary and fiscal policies, laws and regulations, and other activities of governments, agencies and similar organizations, including changes in accounting standards, may have

an adverse effect on business.

Possible changes in consumer and business spending and saving habits could affect Regions ability to increase assets and to attract deposits.

The effects of weather and natural disasters such as hurricanes.

The words *believe*, *expect*, *anticipate*, *project* and similar expressions signify forward-looking statements. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements made by or on behalf of Regions. Any such statement speaks only as of the date the statement was made. Regions undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements.

### SUMMARY

This summary highlights information contained elsewhere, or incorporated by reference, in this prospectus supplement. As a result, it does not contain all of the information that may be important to you or that you should consider before investing in the notes. You should read this entire prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the documents incorporated by reference, which are described under Where You Can Find More Information in the accompanying prospectus.

### **Regions Financial Corporation**

Regions Financial Corporation is a Delaware corporation and financial holding company headquartered in Birmingham, Alabama, which operates throughout the South, Midwest and Texas. Regions operations consist of banking, brokerage and investment services, mortgage banking, insurance brokerage, credit life insurance, equipment financing, commercial accounts receivable factoring and specialty financing. At March 31, 2007, Regions had total consolidated assets of approximately \$138 billion, total consolidated deposits of approximately \$95 billion and total consolidated stockholders equity of approximately \$20 billion. In November 2006, Regions and AmSouth completed a merger of the two companies. AmSouth was a \$52 billion bank holding company headquartered in Birmingham, Alabama.

Regions conducts its banking operations through Regions Bank, an Alabama-chartered banking corporation that is a member of the Federal Reserve System. At March 31, 2007, Regions operated over 1,900 full service banking offices in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

Morgan Keegan & Company, Inc. ( *Morgan Keegan* ), a subsidiary of Regions Financial Corporation, is a full-service regional brokerage and investment banking firm. Morgan Keegan offers products and services including securities brokerage, asset management, financial planning, mutual funds, securities underwriting, sales and trading, and investment banking. Morgan Keegan, one of the largest investment firms in the South, provides services from over 450 offices located in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New York, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

Regions Mortgage, a division of Regions Bank, is engaged in mortgage banking.

Regions offers its insurance products through various subsidiaries. Through its insurance brokerage operations in eight states, Regions offers a variety of personal and commercial insurance products as well as credit-related insurance. Through other subsidiaries, Regions acts as a re-insurer of insurance for certain of its affiliates.

Regions provides additional financial services through its other subsidiaries or divisions.

Additional information about us and our subsidiaries is included in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. See Where You Can Find More Information in the accompanying prospectus.

### How to Contact Us

Our principal executive offices are located at 1900 Fifth Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama 35203, and our telephone number at that address is 205-944-1300. Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange

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under the symbol RF. We maintain a web site at www.regions.com. Information on our web site is not, and shall not be deemed to be, a part of or to be incorporated into this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

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## SUMMARY OF THE OFFERING

Issuer	Regions Financial Corporation
2009 Notes:	
Notes Offered	\$250,000,000 aggregate principal amount of floating rate senior notes due 2009
Issue Date	June 26, 2007
Issue Price	99.980% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2009 notes plus accrued interest, if any, from June 26, 2007
Maturity	June 26, 2009
Interest	We will pay interest on the 2009 notes at a rate equal to the then-applicable U.S. dollar three-month LIBOR rate plus 0.03% and will pay such interest on March 26, June 26, September 26 and December 26 of each year, beginning on September 26, 2007.
2012 Notes:	
Notes Offered	\$350,000,000 aggregate principal amount of floating rate senior notes due 2012
Issue Date	June 26, 2007
Issue Price	100% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2012 notes plus accrued interest, if any, from June 26, 2007
Maturity	June 26, 2012
Interest	We will pay interest on the 2012 notes at a rate equal to the then-applicable U.S. dollar three-month LIBOR rate plus 0.17% and will pay such interest on March 26, June 26, September 26 and December 26 of each year, beginning on September 26, 2007.
2009 Notes and 2012 Notes:	
Interest Reset Dates	Each March 26, June 26, September 26 and December 26, beginning September 26, 2007
Interest Determination Dates	Two London banking days prior to the applicable interest reset date
Day Count Convention	Actual/360
Ranking	The notes will be unsecured and will rank equally among themselves and with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness.
Redemption / Repayment	

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The notes will not be subject to redemption at our option or to repayment at the option of the holder at any time prior to maturity.

Further issuances The 2009 notes will initially be limited to an aggregate principal amount of \$250,000,000 and the 2012 notes will initially be limited to an aggregate principal amount of \$350,000,000. We may, without your consent, increase the principal amount of the 2009 notes or the 2012 notes by issuing additional 2009 notes or 2012 notes, as the case may be, in the future on the same respective terms and conditions, except for the respective issue date and offering price.

Use of proceeds	The net proceeds to us from the sale of the notes, after expenses, will be approximately \$598,325,000 and will be used by us for general corporate purposes. Pending such use of the net proceeds, we may invest the proceeds in highly liquid short-term securities.
Form and denomination	The notes will be offered in book-entry form through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company in minimum denominations of \$5,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. Investors may elect to hold interests in the notes through Clearstream Banking, <i>société anonyme</i> , or Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., as operator of the Euroclear System, if they are participants in these systems, or indirectly through organizations which are participants in these systems.
Listing	The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange.
Governing law	The notes and the indenture governing the notes are governed by the laws of the State of New York.
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### SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA

The following are selected consolidated financial data for Regions for each of the quarters ended March 31, 2007 and 2006 and for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005 and 2004.

The financial data for each of the quarters ended March 31, 2007 and 2006 are derived from our unaudited consolidated financial statements. Results for the quarter ended March 31, 2007 are not necessarily indicative of results for any other interim period or for the year as a whole. The consolidated financial data for each of the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005 and 2004 are derived from Regions audited consolidated financial statements. Regions consolidated financial statements for each of the three fiscal years ended December 31, 2006, 2005 and 2004 are derived from Regions audited consolidated financial statements. Regions consolidated financial statements for each of the three fiscal years ended December 31, 2006, 2005 and 2004 were audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm. The summary below should be read in conjunction with Regions consolidated financial statements, and the related notes thereto, and the other information in Regions 2006 Annual Report on Form 10-K and in Regions Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2007.

Regions consolidated financial statements include the results of operations of acquired companies only from their respective dates of acquisition. The consolidated results of operations of Regions for the year ended December 31, 2006 include the results of operations of AmSouth since November 4, 2006, and for the year ended December 31, 2004 include the results of operations of Union Planters Corporation since July 1, 2004.

	Quarter End	ed March 31,	Year Ended December 31,					
(In thousands, except per share data)	2007 2006 (Unaudited)		2006	2005	2004			
Consolidated Condensed Statements of Income								
Total interest income	\$ 2,099,895	\$ 1,185,933	\$ 5,649,118	\$ 4,271,144	\$ 2,918,405			
Total interest expense	930,857	453,005	2,340,816	1,489,756	842,651			
Net interest income	1,169,038	732,928	3,308,302	2,781,388	2,075,754			
Provision for loan losses	47,000	27,620	142,373	166,746	124,215			
Net interest income after provision for								
loan losses	1,122,038	705,308	3,165,929	2,614,642	1,951,539			
Total non-interest income before security								
gains (losses), net	696,608	460,380	2,021,597	1,705,712	1,421,145			
Securities gains (losses), net	304	11	8,123	(18,892)	63,086			
Total non-interest expense	1,108,966	729,012	3,204,029	2,942,895	2,315,549			
Income taxes	235,908	137,545	619,099	395,860	330,478			
Income from continuing operations	474,076	299,142	1,372,521	962,707	789,743			
Discontinued operations: Income (loss) from discontinued								
operations before income taxes	(215,818)	(7,437)	(32,605)	63,527	55,361			
Income tax expense (benefit)	(74,723)	(2,975)	(13,229)	25,690	21,339			
	(1,723)	(2,973)	(10,227)	23,090	21,557			
	(141,095)	(4,462)	(19,376)	37,837	34,022			

Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax

Net income	\$ 332,981	\$ 294,680	\$ 1,353,145	\$ 1,000,544	\$ 823,765
Net income available to common shareholders	\$ 332,981	\$ 294,680	\$ 1,353,145	\$ 1,000,544	\$ 817,745
Per Common Share Data					
Earnings per share from continuing					
operations basic	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.66	\$ 2.74	\$ 2.09	\$ 2.13
Earnings per share from continuing					
operations diluted	0.65	0.65	2.71	2.07	2.10
Earnings per share basic	0.46	0.65	2.70	2.17	2.22
Earnings per share diluted	0.45	0.64	2.67	2.15	2.19
Cash dividends declared	0.36	0.35	1.40	1.36	1.33
Weighted-average number of shares					
outstanding basic	726,921	456,442	501,681	461,171	368,656
Weighted-average number of shares					
outstanding diluted	734,534	461,043	506,989	466,183	373,732

	March 31,					December 31,			
(In thousands)	ds) 2007 2006 (Unaudited)					2006		2005	
		(Unaud	ante	u)					
Consolidated Condensed Period-End Ba	alan	ce Sheets							
Assets									
Cash and due from banks	\$	2,991,232	\$	2,059,251	\$	3,550,742	\$	2,414,560	
Securities available for sale		18,361,050		11,823,198		18,514,332		11,947,810	
Trading account assets		1,490,374		1,119,854		1,442,994		992,082	
Loans held for sale		1,175,650		1,547,840		3,308,064		1,531,664	
Loans held for sale divestitures.						1,612,237			
Loans, net of unearned income		94,168,260		58,460,211		94,550,602		58,404,913	
Allowance for loan losses		(1,056,260)		(782,368)		(1,055,953)		(783,536)	
Net loans		93,112,000		57,677,843		93,494,649		57,621,377	
Excess purchase price		11,191,675		4,987,770		11,175,647		5,027,044	
Other identifiable intangible assets		914,410		304,008		957,834		314,368	
Other assets		8,831,677		5,074,754		9,312,522		4,936,695	
Total assets	\$	138,068,068	\$	84,594,518	\$	143,369,021	\$	84,785,600	
Liabilities and Stockholders Equity									
Deposits	\$	95,336,648	\$	60,519,479	\$	101,227,969	\$	60,378,367	
Short-term borrowings	Ψ	10,516,134	Ψ	4,896,049	Ψ	9,667,071	Ψ	4,966,279	
Long-term borrowings		8,593,117		6,621,710		8,642,649		6,971,680	
Other liabilities		3,308,003		1,900,495		3,129,878		1,854,991	
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Total liabilities		117,753,902		73,937,733		122,667,567		74,171,317	
Stockholders equity		20,314,166		10,656,785		20,701,454		10,614,283	
Total liabilities and stockholders equity	\$	138,068,068	\$	84,594,518	\$	143,369,021	\$	84,785,600	
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# CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth the consolidated capitalization of Regions as of March 31, 2007, and as adjusted to give effect to the issuance and sale of the notes. The information is only a summary and should be read together with the financial information incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. See Where You Can Find More Information in the accompanying prospectus.

	March 31, 2007 Actual(1) As Adjust (In thousands, except share da (Unaudited)		
Long-term debt			
Senior notes:			
Floating rate senior notes due 2009	\$	\$ 250,000	
Floating rate senior notes due 2012		350,000	
Fixed and floating rate notes (Bank)	701,446	701,446	
Floating rate notes due 2008	399,481	399,481	
4.50% notes due 2008	349,331	349,331	
4.375% notes due 2010	490,064	490,064	
Subordinated notes:			
6.125% due 2009	177,776	177,776	
7.00% due 2011	497,751	497,751	
7.75% due 2011	543,302	543,302	
6.375% due 2012	596,905	596,905	
4.85% due 2013 (Bank)	486,203	486,203	
5.20% due 2015 (Bank)	343,966	343,966	
6.45% due 2018 (Bank)	322,843	322,843	
6.50% due 2018 (Bank)	312,324	312,324	
7.75% due 2024	100,000	100,000	
6.75% due 2025	164,164	164,164	
Junior subordinated notes	225,561	225,561	
FHLB structured advances	2,054,994	2,054,994	
Other FHLB advances	284,028	284,028	
Valuation adjustments on hedged long-term debt	21,943	21,943	
Other	521,035	521,035	
Total long-term debt	8,593,117	9,193,117	
Stockholders equity			
Common stock, \$.01 par value, 1.5 billion shares authorized,			
732,036,345 shares outstanding	7,320	7,320	
Additional paid-in capital	16,447,358	16,447,358	
Undivided profits	4,289,354	4,289,354	
Treasury stock, at cost, 10,211,100 shares	(368,837)	(368,837)	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(61,029)	(61,029)	
Total stockholders equity	20,314,166	20,314,166	

Total long-term debt and stockholders equity

(1) As of the date of this prospectus supplement, there has been no material change in the consolidated capitalization of Regions since March 31, 2007, except for (i) the issuance by Regions of \$700 million of junior subordinated notes bearing an initial fixed interest rate of 6.625% on April 24, 2007, with a scheduled maturity of May 15, 2047 and a final maturity of May 1, 2077, to Regions Financing Trust II (the *Trust*) as the underlying collateral of trust preferred securities issued by the Trust; (ii) the April 27, 2007 agreement by which Regions agreed to repurchase approximately 14.2 million shares of its outstanding common stock for a total purchase price of \$500 million; and (iii) the issuance and sale of subordinated bank notes by Regions Bank in June 2007.

### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

The net proceeds to us from the sale of the notes, after expenses, will be approximately \$598,325,000 and will be used by us for general corporate purposes. Pending such use of the net proceeds, we may invest the proceeds in highly liquid short-term securities.

## **DESCRIPTION OF NOTES**

#### General

The 2009 notes and the 2012 notes will each be a series of our senior debt securities. The notes will be issued under a senior indenture, dated August 8, 2005, as amended and supplemented by a supplemental indenture, to be dated June 26, 2007, between us and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, a New York banking corporation, as trustee. Throughout this summary, we refer to both the senior indenture and supplemental indenture together as the indenture. The trustee s main role is to enforce your rights against us if we default. Regions may from time to time, without notice or consent of the holders of the notes, incur additional senior indebtedness ranking equally with the notes. The following description of the notes may not be complete and is subject to and qualified in its entirety by reference to the indenture. Capitalized terms used but not defined in this description will have the meanings given to them in the indenture. Wherever we refer to particular sections or defined terms of the indenture, it is our intent that those sections or defined terms will be incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement.

The notes will be issued in fully registered book-entry form without coupons and in denominations of \$5,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. We do not intend to apply for the listing of the notes on any securities exchange.

The notes will be unsecured and will rank equally among themselves and with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness. The notes will not be entitled to any sinking fund. Since we are a holding company, our rights and the rights of our creditors, including holders of the notes, to participate in the assets of any of our subsidiaries upon the liquidation or reorganization of any of our subsidiaries will be subject to prior claims of the creditors of any such subsidiary, including, in the case of Regions Bank, its depositors, except to the extent that we are a creditor of such subsidiary with recognized claims against the subsidiary. Claims on our subsidiaries by creditors other than us may include claims with respect to long-term debt and substantial obligations with respect to deposit liabilities, federal funds purchased, securities sold under repurchase agreements and other short-term borrowings.

The notes will be subject to defeasance under the conditions described below in Discharge, Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance. No additional amounts or make-whole amounts, as those terms are defined in the indenture, will be payable with respect to the notes.

The 2009 notes will initially be limited to an aggregate principal amount of \$250,000,000 and the 2012 notes will initially be limited to an aggregate principal amount of \$350,000,000. We may, without the consent of the holders of the 2009 notes or the 2012 notes, increase the principal amount of the 2009 notes or the 2012 notes by issuing additional 2009 notes or 2012 notes, as applicable, in the future on the same terms and conditions, except for any differences in the issue price and interest accrued prior to the date of issuance of the additional 2009 notes or 2012 notes, as applicable, and with the same CUSIP number as the 2009 notes or 2012 notes, as applicable, offered by this prospectus supplement. The 2009 notes offered by this prospectus supplement and any additional 2009 notes would rank equally and ratably and would be treated as a single series for all purposes under the indenture and the 2012 notes offered by this prospectus supplement and any additional 2012 notes would rank equally and ratably and would be treated as a single series for all purposes under the indenture and the 2012 notes offered by this prospectus supplement and any additional 2012 notes would rank equally and ratably and would be treated as a single series for all purposes under the indenture and the 2012 notes offered by this prospectus supplement and any additional 2012 notes would rank equally and ratably and would be treated as a single series for all purposes under the indenture and the 2012 notes offered by this prospectus supplement and any additional 2012 notes would rank equally and ratably and would be treated as a single series for all purposes under the indenture and the 2012 notes offered by this prospectus supplement and any additional 2012 notes would rank equally and ratably and would be treated as a single series for all purposes under the indenture.

The 2009 notes will mature at 100% of their principal amount on June 26, 2009 (the 2009 notes maturity date ). The 2012 notes will mature at 100% of their principal amount on June 26, 2012 (the 2012 notes maturity date ). The notes will not be subject to redemption at our option or repayment at the option of the holder at any time prior to maturity.

Payments of principal and interest to owners of the book-entry interests described below are expected to be made in accordance with the procedures of The Depository Trust Company ( *DTC* ) and its participants, including Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme* ( *Clearstream* ), and Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., as operator of the Euroclear System ( *Euroclear* ).

### Interest

The 2009 notes will bear interest from and including June 26, 2007 to but excluding September 26, 2007 at a rate per annum equal to the initial interest rate for the 2009 notes (the 2009 notes initial interest rate) and from and including September 26, 2007 to but excluding the 2009 notes maturity date at a rate per annum equal to LIBOR (as defined below) plus 0.03%. The 2009 notes initial interest rate will be equal to LIBOR plus 0.03% per annum as determined by the calculation agent as described below.

The 2012 notes will bear interest from and including June 26, 2007 to but excluding September 26, 2007 at a rate per annum equal to the initial interest rate for the 2012 notes (the 2012 notes initial interest rate) and from and including September 26, 2007 to but excluding the 2012 notes maturity date at a rate per annum equal to LIBOR plus 0.17%. The 2012 notes initial interest rate will be equal to LIBOR plus 0.17% per annum as determined by the calculation agent as described below.

Interest on the notes will be payable quarterly in arrears on March 26, June 26, September 26 and December 26 of each year (each, an *interest payment date*), beginning on September 26, 2007, to the persons in whose names the 2009 notes or the 2012 notes, as applicable, are registered at the close of business on the fifteenth calendar day, whether or not a business day, prior to the applicable interest payment date. Interest on the notes at the 2009 notes maturity date or the 2012 notes maturity date, as applicable, will be payable to the persons to whom principal is payable. Interest payments on the notes will be the amount of interest accrued from and including June 26, 2007 or the most recent interest payment date on which interest has been paid to but excluding the interest payment date, the 2009 notes maturity date or the 2012 notes maturity date, as the case may be.

When we refer to a business day with respect to the notes, we mean any day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, that is neither a legal holiday nor a day on which banking institutions in The City of New York are authorized or required by law, regulation or executive order to close and is also a London banking day (as defined below).

If any interest payment date, other than the 2009 notes maturity date or the 2012 notes maturity date, as applicable, falls on a day that is not a business day, the interest payment date will be postponed to the next succeeding business day, except if that business day falls in the next succeeding calendar month, the interest payment date will be the immediately preceding business day. If the 2009 notes maturity date or the 2012 notes maturity date falls on a day that is not a business day, the payment of interest and principal will be made on the next succeeding business day with the same force and effect as if made on the day such payment was due, and no interest will accrue for the period from and after the 2009 notes maturity date or the 2012 notes maturity date, as the case may be.

The rate of interest on the notes will be reset quarterly (the *interest reset period*, and the first day of each interest reset period will be an *interest reset date*). The interest reset dates for the notes will be March 26, June 26, September 26, and December 26 of each year, beginning on September 26, 2007; provided, that the interest rate in effect from and including June 26, 2007 to but excluding the first interest reset date with respect to the notes will be the 2009 notes initial interest rate or the 2012 notes initial interest rate, as applicable. If any interest reset date falls on a day that is not a business day, the interest reset date will be postponed to the next succeeding business day, except if that business day falls in the next succeeding calendar month, the interest reset date will be the immediately preceding business day.

The calculation agent for the notes will be Regions Bank, which we refer to as the calculation agent. Upon the request of the holder of any 2009 note or 2012 note, the calculation agent will provide the applicable interest rate then in effect and, if determined, the interest rate that will become effective on the next applicable interest reset date. The determination of the interest rate by the calculation agent will be final and binding absent manifest error.

The calculation agent will determine the 2009 notes initial interest rate or 2012 notes initial interest rate, as applicable, by reference to LIBOR on the second London banking day preceding the issue date for the notes and the interest rates for each succeeding interest reset period by reference to LIBOR on the second London banking day preceding the applicable interest reset date, each of which we refer to as an *interest* 

*determination date.* London banking day means any day on which dealings in deposits in U.S. dollars are transacted in the London interbank market.

LIBOR, with respect to an interest determination date, shall be the rate (expressed as a percentage per annum) for deposits in United States dollars for a three-month period that appears on Reuters on page LIBOR01 (or any other page as may replace such page on such service (or any successor service) for the purpose of displaying the London interbank rates of major banks for United States dollars) ( Reuters Page LIBOR01 ) as of 11:00 a.m., London time, on the interest determination date. If Reuters Page LIBOR01 does not include this rate or is unavailable on the interest determination date, the calculation agent will request the principal London office of each of four major banks in the London interbank market (which may include affiliates of the underwriters (other than Morgan Keegan & Company, Inc.)), as selected by the calculation agent, to provide that bank s offered quotation (expressed as a percentage per annum) as of approximately 11:00 a.m., London time, on the interest determination date to prime banks in the London interbank market for deposits in a principal amount that is representative of a single transaction in United States dollars for a three-month period beginning on the second London banking day after the interest determination date. If at least two offered quotations are so provided, LIBOR for such interest determination date will be the arithmetic mean of those quotations. If fewer than two quotations are so provided, the calculation agent will request each of three major banks in The City of New York (which may include affiliates of the underwriters (other than Morgan Keegan & Company, Inc.)), as selected by the calculation agent, to provide that bank s rate (expressed as a percentage per annum), as of approximately 11:00 a.m., New York City time, on the interest determination date for loans in a principal amount that is representative of a single transaction in United States dollars to leading European banks for a three-month period beginning on the second London banking day after the interest determination date. If at least two rates are so provided, LIBOR for such interest determination date will be the arithmetic mean of those rates. If fewer than two rates are so provided, then LIBOR for such interest determination date will be LIBOR in effect on such interest determination date.

Accrued interest on any 2009 note or 2012 note will be calculated by multiplying the principal amount of such note by an accrued interest factor. The accrued interest factor will be computed by adding the interest factors calculated for each day in the period for which interest is being paid. The interest factor for each day is computed by dividing the interest rate applicable to that day by 360. The interest rate in effect on any interest reset date will be the applicable rate as reset on that date. The interest rate applicable to any other day is the interest rate from the immediately preceding interest reset date, or if none, the 2009 notes initial interest rate or 2012 notes initial interest rate, as applicable. All percentages used in or resulting from any calculation of the rate of interest on a 2009 note or 2012 note will be rounded, if necessary, to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point (with .000005% rounded up to .00001%), and all U.S. dollar amounts used in or resulting from these calculations will be rounded to the nearest cent (with one-half cent rounded upward).

### Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets

We may consolidate with, or sell, lease or otherwise transfer all or substantially all of our assets to, or merge with or into, any other corporation, trust or other entity provided that:

we are the survivor in the merger, or the survivor, if not us, is an entity organized under the laws of the United States or a state of the United States and expressly assumes by supplemental indenture the due and punctual payment of the principal of and interest on all of the outstanding notes and the due and punctual performance and observance of all of the covenants and conditions contained in the indenture;

immediately after giving effect to the transaction and treating any indebtedness that becomes an obligation of ours or one of our subsidiaries as a result of the transaction, as having been incurred by us or the subsidiary at the time of the transaction, no event of default under the indenture, and no event

which, after notice or the lapse of time, or both, would become an event of default, shall have occurred and be continuing;

if, as a result of the transaction, our property or assets would be subject to an encumbrance that would not be permitted under the indenture, we shall take steps to secure the notes equally and ratably with all indebtedness secured in the transaction; and

certain other conditions that are described in the indenture are met.

Upon any such consolidation, merger, or sale, the successor corporation formed, or into which we are merged or to which we are sold, shall succeed to, and be substituted for, us under the indenture.

This covenant would not apply to any recapitalization transaction, change of control of us or a transaction in which we incur a large amount of additional debt unless the transactions or change of control included a merger or consolidation or transfer of substantially all of our assets. There are no covenants or other provisions in the indenture providing for a put or increased interest or that would otherwise afford holders of the notes additional protection in the event of a recapitalization transaction, a change of control of us or a transaction in which we incur or acquire a large amount of additional debt.

### **Certain Covenants**

*Existence.* Except as permitted under Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets above we will do or cause to be done all things necessary to preserve and keep our legal existence, rights and franchises in full force and effect; provided, however, that we will not be required to preserve any right or franchise if we determine that the preservation of that right or franchise is no longer desirable in the conduct of our business and that its loss is not disadvantageous in any material respect to the holders of the notes.

*Maintenance of Properties.* We will cause all of our material properties used or useful in the conduct of our business or the business of any of our subsidiaries to be maintained and kept in good condition, repair and working order and supplied with all necessary equipment and we will cause to be made all necessary repairs, renewals, replacements, betterments and improvements for those properties, as we in our judgment believe is necessary so that we may carry on the business related to those properties properly and advantageously at all times; provided, however, that we will not be prevented from selling or otherwise disposing of our properties or the properties of our subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business.

Payment of Taxes and Other Claims. We will pay or discharge, or cause to be paid or discharged, before they become delinquent,

all taxes, assessments and governmental charges levied or imposed upon us or any subsidiary of ours or upon our income, profits or property or that of any subsidiary of ours, and

all lawful claims for labor, materials and supplies which, if unpaid, might by law become a lien upon our property or any subsidiary of ours;

provided, however, that we will not be required to pay or discharge or cause to be paid or discharged any tax, assessment, charge or claim the amount, applicability or validity of which is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings.

*Provision of Financial Information.* Whether or not we are subject to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or *Exchange Act*, we will, within 15 days of each of the respective dates by which we are or would be required to file annual reports, quarterly reports and other documents with the Securities and Exchange Commission

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(the SEC) pursuant to such Sections 13 and 15(d):

file with the trustee copies of the annual reports, quarterly reports and other documents that we are or would be required to file with the SEC pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act; and

promptly upon written request and payment of the reasonable cost of duplication and delivery, supply copies of those documents to any holder of the notes.

*Waiver of Certain Covenants.* We may choose not to comply with any term, provision or condition of the foregoing covenants, or with certain other terms, provisions or conditions with respect to a series of

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notes (except any such term, provision or condition which could not be amended without the consent of all holders of such series of notes), if before or after the time for compliance with the covenant, term, provision or condition, the holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the notes of such series either waive compliance in that instance or generally waive compliance with that covenant or condition. Unless the holders of such series expressly waive compliance with a covenant and the waiver has become effective, our obligations and the duties of the trustee in respect of the term, provision, or condition will remain in full force and effect.

*Covenants Relating to the Notes.* We will not be permitted, pursuant to the covenants in the indenture, directly or indirectly, to do any of the following:

sell, assign, pledge, transfer or otherwise dispose of or permit to be issued any shares of capital stock of a principal subsidiary bank or any securities convertible into or rights to subscribe to such capital stock, unless, after giving effect to that transaction and the shares to be issued upon conversion of such securities or exercise of such rights into that capital stock, we will own, directly or indirectly, at least 80% of the outstanding shares of capital stock of each class of that principal subsidiary bank; or

pay any dividend or make any other distribution in capital stock of a principal subsidiary bank, unless the principal subsidiary bank to which the transaction relates, after obtaining any necessary regulatory approvals, unconditionally guarantees payment of the principal and any premium and interest on the notes.

The term principal subsidiary bank means any subsidiary bank, the consolidated assets of which constitute 50% or more of our consolidated assets. As of the date of this prospectus supplement, we have only one principal subsidiary bank, which is Regions Bank. The indenture does not restrict the ability of a principal subsidiary bank to sell or dispose of assets.

The foregoing covenants in the indenture, however, do not prohibit any of the following:

any dispositions or dividends made by us or any principal subsidiary bank acting in a fiduciary capacity for any person or entity other than us or any principal subsidiary bank or to us or any of our wholly-owned subsidiaries;

the merger or consolidation of a principal subsidiary bank with and into another principal subsidiary bank;

the sale, assignment, pledge, transfer or other disposition of shares of voting stock of a principal subsidiary bank made by us or any subsidiary where:

the sale, assignment, pledge, transfer or other disposition is made, in the minimum amount required by law, to any person for the purpose of the qualification of such person to serve as a director;

the sale, assignment, pledge, transfer or other disposition is made in compliance with an order of a court or regulatory authority of competent jurisdiction or as a condition imposed by any such court or regulatory authority to the acquisition by us or any principal subsidiary bank, directly or indirectly, of any other corporation, trust or other entity;

the sale, assignment, pledge, transfer or other disposition of voting stock or any other securities convertible into or rights to subscribe to voting stock of a principal subsidiary bank, so long as:

any such transaction is made for fair market value as determined by our board of directors or the board of directors of the principal subsidiary bank disposing of such voting stock or other securities or rights, and

after giving effect to such transaction and to any potential dilution, we and our directly or indirectly wholly-owned subsidiaries will own, directly or indirectly, at least 80% of the voting stock of such principal subsidiary bank;

any of our principal subsidiary banks selling additional shares of voting stock to its stockholders at any price, so long as immediately after such sale, we own, directly or indirectly, at least as great a percentage of the voting stock of such subsidiary bank as we owned prior to such sale of additional shares; or

a pledge made or a lien created to secure loans or other extensions of credit by a principal subsidiary bank subject to Section 23A of the Federal Reserve Act.

### **Events of Default, Notice and Waiver**

Each of the following Events of Default set forth in the indenture will be applicable to a series of notes:

(1) we fail for 30 days to pay any installment of interest payable on the notes of such series;

(2) we fail to pay the principal of the notes of such series when due;

(3) we default in the performance or breach of any other covenant or agreement we made in the indenture with respect to such series of notes which has continued for 60 days after written notice as provided for in accordance with the indenture by the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the notes of such series;

(4) we default under a bond, debenture, note or other evidence of indebtedness for money borrowed by us that has a principal amount outstanding that is more than \$50,000,000 (other than non-recourse indebtedness) under the terms of the instrument under which the indebtedness is issued or secured, which default has caused the indebtedness to become due and payable earlier than it would otherwise have become due and payable, and the acceleration has not been rescinded or annulled, or the indebtedness is discharged, or there is deposited in trust enough money to discharge the indebtedness, within 30 days after written notice was provided to us in accordance with the indenture; and

(5) certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of us occur.

If there is a continuing event of default under the indenture with respect to the notes of a series (except for an event of default described in clause (3) above triggered by a failure on our part to file with the trustee copies of the annual reports, quarterly reports and other documents that we are or would be required to file with the SEC pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act), then the trustee or the holders of not less than 25% of the total principal amount of the notes of such series may declare immediately due and payable the principal amount of the notes of such series. However, at any time after a declaration of acceleration with respect to the notes of a series then outstanding has been made, but before a judgment or decree for payment of the money due has been obtained by the trustee, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the notes of such series may rescind and annul such declaration and its consequences if:

we deposit with the trustee all required payments of the principal of, and interest on the notes of such series, plus certain fees, expenses, disbursements and advances of the applicable trustee; and

all events of default, other than the nonpayment of accelerated principal of the notes of such series, have been cured or waived as provided in the indenture.

The indenture also provides that the holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the notes of a series may waive any past default with respect to the notes of such series and its consequences, except a default consisting of:

our failure to pay the principal of or interest on the notes of such series; or

a default relating to a covenant or provision contained in the indenture that cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the holders of the notes of such series.

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The trustee is generally required to give notice to the holders of notes of a series within 90 days of a default of which the trustee has actual knowledge under the indenture unless the default has been cured or waived.

The indenture provides that no holder of the notes of a series may institute a proceeding with respect to the indenture or for any remedy under the indenture, unless such holder has previously given notice to the trustee of an event of default and the trustee fails to act, for 60 days, after:

it has received a written request to institute proceedings in respect of an event of default from the holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the notes of such series, as well as an offer of indemnity reasonably satisfactory to the trustee; and

no direction inconsistent with such written request has been given to the trustee during that 60-day period by the holders of a majority in principal amount of the notes of such series.

Subject to provisions in the indenture relating to the trustee s duties in case of default, the trustee is not under an obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the indenture at the request or direction of any holders of the notes of a series, unless the holders of such series have offered to the trustee security or indemnity satisfactory to it. Subject to these provisions for the indemnification of the trustee, the holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the notes of a series will have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee, or of exercising any trust or power conferred upon the trustee. However, the trustee may refuse to follow any direction which is in conflict with any law or the indenture, which may involve the trustee in personal liability or which may be unduly prejudicial to the holders of the notes of such series not joining in the direction.

Within 120 days after the close of each fiscal year, we must deliver to the trustee a certificate, signed by one of several specified officers, stating such officer s knowledge of our compliance with all the conditions and covenants under the indenture and, in the event of any noncompliance, specifying such noncompliance and the nature and status of the noncompliance.

### **Modification of the Indenture**

Modification and amendment of the indenture may be made only with the consent of the holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the notes of each affected series. However, no modification or amendment may, without the consent of all the holders of the notes of such series, do any of the following:

change the stated maturity of the principal of or interest payable on the notes of such series or change any place of payment where such principal and interest is payable;

reduce the principal amount of or the rate or amount of interest on the notes of such series;

impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment on or with respect to the notes of such series;

reduce the percentage of the holders of the notes of such series necessary to modify or amend the indenture, to waive compliance with certain provisions thereof or certain defaults and consequences thereunder, or to reduce the quorum or voting requirements contained in the indenture; or

modify any of the foregoing provisions or any of the provisions relating to the waiver of certain past defaults or certain covenants with respect to such series, except to increase the required percentage to effect such action or to provide that certain other provisions may not be modified or waived without the consent of the holders of the notes of such series.

We and the trustee may modify or amend the indenture, without the consent of any holder of the notes of a series, for any of the following purposes:

to evidence the succession of another person to us as obligor under the indenture;

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to add to the covenants for the benefit of the holders of the notes of a series or to surrender any right or power conferred upon us in the indenture;

to add events of default for the benefit of the holders of the notes of a series;

to add or change any provisions of the indenture to facilitate the issuance of the notes of such series in uncertificated form, provided that such action shall not adversely affect the interests of the holders of the notes of such series in any material respect;

to add, change or eliminate any provisions of the indenture with respect to a series, provided that any such addition, change or elimination shall:

neither (a) apply to any note of any series created prior to the execution of the supplemental indenture effectuating such addition, change or elimination and entitled to the benefit of such provision, nor (b) modify the rights of the holder of such note with respect to such provision; or

become effective only when there are no notes of any series outstanding under the indenture;

to secure the notes of a series;

to establish the form or terms of the notes of a series, including the provisions and procedures, if applicable, for the conversion of notes of a series into our common stock or other securities or property of ours;

to provide for the acceptance or appointment of a successor trustee or facilitate the administration of the trusts under the indenture by more than one trustee;

to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency in the indenture;

to close the indenture with respect to the authentication and delivery of additional series of notes or to qualify, or maintain qualification of, the indenture under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the *Trust Indenture Act*);

to supplement any of the provisions of the indenture to the extent necessary to permit or facilitate defeasance and discharge of the notes of a series.

#### **Discharge, Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance**

Under the indenture, we may discharge certain obligations to holders of the notes of a series that have not already been delivered to the trustee for cancellation and that either have become due and payable or will become due and payable within one year. We can discharge these obligations by irrevocably depositing with the trustee funds in United States dollars in an amount sufficient to pay the entire indebtedness on the notes of such series, including the principal of and interest payable on the notes of such series to the date of the deposit, if the notes of such series have become due and payable or to the maturity date, as the case may be.

We may also elect either of the following:

to be defeased and be discharged from any and all obligations with respect to the notes of a series; except our obligations to:

register the transfer or exchange of the notes of such series,

replace temporary or mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen notes of such series,

maintain an office or agency for the notes of such series, and

to hold moneys for payment in trust; or

to be defeased and discharged from our obligations with respect to the notes of a series described under Certain Covenants and with respect only to the notes of such series, our

obligations described under Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets or, if the terms of the notes of such series permit, our obligations with respect to any other covenant.

If we choose to defease and discharge our obligations under the covenants with respect to a series of notes, any failure to comply with the obligations imposed on us by the covenants will not constitute a default or an event of default with respect to the notes of such series. However, to make either election we must irrevocably deposit with the trustee, in trust, an amount, in United States dollars, or in United States government obligations, or both, that will provide sufficient funds to pay the principal of and interest on the notes of such series, on the relevant scheduled due dates.

We may defease and discharge our obligations as described in the preceding paragraphs only if, among other things:

we have delivered to the trustee an opinion of counsel to the effect that the holders of the notes of the applicable series will not recognize income, gain or loss for United States federal income tax purposes as a result of the defeasance or covenant defeasance described in the previous paragraphs and will be subject to United States federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if the defeasance or covenant defeasance had not occurred. In the case of defeasance the opinion of counsel must refer to and be based upon a ruling of the Internal Revenue Service or a change in applicable United States federal income tax laws occurring after the date of the indenture;

any defeasance does not result in, or constitute, a breach or violation of an indenture or any other material agreement which we are a party to or obligated under; and

no event of default, or event that with notice or lapse of time or both will be an event of default, has occurred and is continuing with respect to the notes of such series.

In the event we effect covenant defeasance with respect to the notes of a series and the notes of such series are declared due and payable because of the occurrence of any event of default other than the event of default described in clause (3) of the first paragraph under Events of Default, Notice and Waiver, which would no longer be applicable to the notes of such series, then the amount on deposit with the trustee will still be sufficient to pay amounts due on the notes of such series at the time of their maturity date but may not be sufficient to pay amounts due on the notes of such series at the time of the acceleration resulting from the event of default. In this case, we would remain liable to make payment of such amounts due at the time of acceleration.

### **Book-Entry, Delivery and Form**

The notes of each series will be issued only in fully registered form, represented by global certificates (the *Global Securities*) that will be deposited with DTC and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as the nominee of DTC.

Investors may elect to hold beneficial interests in the Global Securities through either DTC, in the United States, Clearstream, or Euroclear, if they are participants in these systems, or indirectly through organizations which are participants in these systems.

Upon the issuance of a Global Security, DTC will credit, on its book-entry registration and transfer system, the principal amount of notes represented by the Global Security to the accounts of institutions that have accounts with DTC, known as participants. Ownership of beneficial interests in the Global Security will be limited to participants or persons that may hold interests through participants. Ownership of beneficial interests in a Global Security will be shown on, and the transfer of that ownership will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC or its nominee, in the case of participants, or by participants or persons that hold through participants, in the case of persons

other than participants. The laws of certain jurisdictions require that certain purchasers of securities take physical delivery of their securities as certificates issued in definitive form. These laws may make it difficult to transfer beneficial interests in a Global Security.

Principal and interest payments on the notes of a series will be made to DTC or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered holder of a related Global Security. We have been advised that DTC or its nominee, upon receipt of any payment of principal or interest in respect of a Global Security, will immediately credit participants accounts with payments in amounts equal to their respective beneficial interests in the principal amount of such Global Security as shown on the records of DTC or its nominee. Payments by participants, or by persons that hold interests for customers through participants, to owners of beneficial interests in such Global Security held through such participants will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is now the case with securities held for the accounts of customers registered in street name, and will be the responsibility of such participants, or of such persons that hold interests for customers through participants.

Each owner of a beneficial interest in a Global Security relating to a series of notes must ensure that the person through whom its interest is held, such as a participant or other person that holds interests through a participant, maintains accurate records of its beneficial interest in the Global Security. The interests of participants, which may be in the form of a custodial relationship, will be shown on records maintained by DTC for that Global Security. The designation of DTC or its nominee as custodian for participants and persons that hold interests through participants, either as principal, nominee or custodian, will be shown on the register maintained by the trustee.

Neither we nor the trustee will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to, or for payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in, a Global Security or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to those beneficial ownership interests.

If DTC notifies us that it is unwilling or unable to continue as depositary for the Global Securities relating to a series of notes or if at any time DTC ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act, if so required by applicable law or regulation, we will appoint a successor depositary. If we do not appoint such successor depositary within 90 days after we receive such notice or become aware of such unwillingness, inability or ineligibility, or an event of default under the indenture with respect to the notes of such series has occurred and is continuing and the beneficial owners representing a majority in principal amount of the notes of such series advise DTC to cease acting as depositary for the notes of such series, we will issue notes of such series in certificated form (the *Certificated Notes*) in exchange for that Global Security. In addition, we may at any time and in our sole discretion decide not to have the notes of such series represented by Global Securities. The Certificated Notes issued in exchange for those Global Security to be exchanged. Except as provided above, owners of beneficial interests in a Global Security will not be entitled to receive physical delivery of Certificated Notes and will not be considered the registered holders of the notes for any purpose, including receiving payments of principal or interest.

DTC has advised us that it is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a banking organization within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a clearing corporation within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code and a clearing agency registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Exchange Act. DTC holds securities that DTC s participants (*Direct Participants*) deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporation (*DTCC*). DTCC, in turn, is owned by a number of Direct Participants of DTC and members of the National Securities Clearing Corporation, Fixed Income Clearing Corporation and Emerging Markets Clearing Corporation (also subsidiaries of DTCC), as well as by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., the American Stock Exchange LLC, and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Access to the depository system is also

available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing

corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly. The DTC rules applicable to DTC s participants are on file with the SEC. More information about DTC can be found at its Internet website at http://www.dtcc.com. The address of DTC s Internet website is provided solely for the information of prospective investors and is not intended to be an active link.

According to DTC, the foregoing information with respect to DTC has been provided to its participants and the financial community for informational purposes only and is not intended to serve as a representation, warranty, or contract modification of any kind.

Clearstream and Euroclear will hold interests on behalf of their participants through customers securities accounts in Clearstream s and Euroclear s names on the books of their respective depositaries, which in turn will hold interests in customers securities accounts in the depositaries names on the books of DTC. At the present time, Citibank, N.A. acts as U.S. depositary for Clearstream and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. acts as U.S. depositary for Euroclear (the *U.S. Depositaries*). Beneficial interests in the Global Securities of a series will be held in denominations of \$5,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

Clearstream holds securities for its participating organizations ( *Clearstream Participants* ) and facilitates the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between Clearstream Participants through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of Clearstream Participants, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates. Clearstream provides to Clearstream Participants, among other things, services for safekeeping, administration, clearance and settlement of internationally traded securities and securities lending and borrowing. Clearstream interfaces with domestic markets in several countries.

Clearstream is registered as a bank in Luxembourg, and as such is subject to regulation by the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier and the Banque Centrale du Luxembourg, which supervise and oversee the activities of Luxembourg banks. Clearstream Participants are world-wide financial institutions including underwriters, securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations, and may include the underwriters or their affiliates. Indirect access to Clearstream is available to other institutions that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Clearstream Participant. Clearstream has established an electronic bridge with Euroclear as the operator of the Euroclear System (the *Euroclear Operator*) in Brussels to facilitate settlement of trades between Clearstream and the Euroclear Operator.

Distributions with respect to the notes of a series held beneficially through Clearstream will be credited to cash accounts of Clearstream Participants in accordance with its rules and procedures, to the extent received by the U.S. Depositary for Clearstream.

Euroclear holds securities and book-entry interests in securities for participating organizations (*Euroclear Participants*) and facilitates the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between Euroclear Participants, and between Euroclear Participants and participants of certain other securities intermediaries through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of such participants or other securities intermediaries. Euroclear provides Euroclear Participants, among other things, with safekeeping, administration, clearance and settlement, securities lending and borrowing, and related services. Euroclear Participants are investment banks, securities brokers and dealers, banks, central banks, supranationals, custodians, investment managers, corporations, trust companies and certain other organizations, and may include the underwriters or their affiliates. Non-participants in Euroclear may hold and transfer beneficial interests in a Global Security through accounts with a Euroclear Participant or any other securities intermediary that holds a book-entry interest in a Global Security through one or more securities intermediaries standing between such other securities intermediary and Euroclear.

Securities clearance accounts and cash accounts with the Euroclear Operator are governed by the Terms and Conditions Governing Use of Euroclear and the related Operating Procedures of the Euroclear System, and applicable Belgian law (collectively, the *Terms and Conditions*). The Terms and Conditions govern transfers of securities and cash within Euroclear, withdrawals of securities and cash from Euroclear and receipts of payments with respect to securities in Euroclear. All securities in Euroclear are held on a fungible basis without attribution of specific certificates to specific securities clearance accounts. The Euroclear

Operator acts under the Terms and Conditions only on behalf of Euroclear Participants, and has no record of or relationship with persons holding through Euroclear Participants.

Distributions with respect to notes of a series held beneficially through Euroclear will be credited to the cash accounts of Euroclear Participants in accordance with the Terms and Conditions, to the extent received by the U.S. Depositary for Euroclear.

Transfers between Euroclear Participants and Clearstream Participants will be effected in the ordinary way in accordance with their respective rules and operating procedures.

Cross-market transfers between the Depository's participating organizations (*DTC Participants*), on the one hand, and Euroclear Participants or Clearstream Participants, on the other hand, will be effected through the Depository in accordance with the Depository's rules on behalf of Euroclear or Clearstream, as the case may be, by its U.S. Depositary; however, such cross-market transactions will require delivery of instructions to Euroclear or Clearstream, as the case may be, by the counterparty in such system in accordance with the rules and procedures and within the established deadlines (European time) of such system. Euroclear or Clearstream, as the case may be, will, if the transaction meets its settlement requirements, deliver instructions to its U.S. Depositary to take action to effect final settlement on its behalf by delivering or receiving interests in the Global Security in DTC, and making or receiving payment in accordance with normal procedures for same-day fund settlement applicable to DTC. Euroclear Participants and Clearstream Participants may not deliver instructions directly to their respective U.S. Depositaries.

Due to time zone differences, the securities accounts of a Euroclear Participant or Clearstream Participant purchasing an interest in a Global Security from a DTC Participant in DTC will be credited, and any such crediting will be reported to the relevant Euroclear Participant or Clearstream Participant, during the securities settlement processing day (which must be a business day for Euroclear or Clearstream) immediately following the settlement date of DTC. Cash received in Euroclear or Clearstream as a result of sales of interests in a Global Security related to a series of notes by or through a Euroclear Participant or Clearstream Participant to a DTC Participant will be received with value on the settlement date of DTC but will be available in the relevant Euroclear or Clearstream cash account only as of the business day for Euroclear or Clearstream following the Depository s settlement date.

The information in this section concerning Euroclear and Clearstream and their book-entry systems has been obtained from sources that we believe to be reliable, but we take no responsibility for the accuracy of that information.

None of us, any of the underwriters or the trustee will have any responsibility for the performance by Euroclear or Clearstream or their respective participants of their respective obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations.

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