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To: The Board of Directors
London Stock Exchange Group plc
10 Paternoster Square
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1 June 2016

Dear Sirs

Recommended all-share merger of equals between London Stock Exchange Group plc (the "Company") and Deutsche Börse AG ("Deutsche Börse"), to be implemented by way of a scheme of arrangement of the Company pursuant to which it will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of HLDCO123 PLC ("TopCo") and the acquisition of Deutsche Börse by TopCo by it making a securities exchange offer to all shareholders of Deutsche Börse (the "Transaction")

We refer to the scheme circular (the "Circular") proposed to be issued on or around 1 June 2016 in relation to the Transaction.

We hereby confirm that we have given and not withdrawn our consent to the publication of the Circular with the inclusion of the references to our name in the form and context in which they appear.

This letter is for your information only and should not be relied upon by any other person.

Yours faithfully,



Matthew Smith
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For and on behalf of Barclays Bank PLC, acting through its Investment Bank