London Stock Exchange Group plc is pleased to announce that, under the terms of the Rights Issue announced on 22 August 2014, as at the latest time and date for receipt of valid acceptances, it had received valid acceptances in respect of 72,166,939 New Shares, representing approximately 97.07 per cent. of the total number of New Shares offered to Qualifying Shareholders pursuant to the Rights Issue.

It is expected that the New Shares in uncertificated form will be credited to CREST accounts as soon as practicable after 8.00 a.m. today, 26 September 2014 and that definitive share certificates will be despatched to the relevant Qualifying Shareholders by no later than 6 October 2014.

It is expected that the New Shares will commence trading, fully paid, on the London Stock Exchange plc’s main market for listed securities at 8.00 a.m. today, 26 September 2014.

In accordance with their obligations under the Underwriting Agreement in respect of the Rights Issue as set out in the Prospectus, Barclays, on behalf of the Underwriters, will endeavour to procure subscribers for the remaining 2,179,779 New Shares not validly taken up under the Rights Issue and the 1,095 New Shares representing fractional entitlements in respect of the Rights Issue, failing which the Underwriters or their sub-underwriters have agreed to acquire, on a several basis, any remaining underwritten New Shares.

In respect of New Shares not validly taken up under the Rights Issue, any premium over the aggregate of the issue price of 1,295 pence per New Share and the expenses of procuring subscribers (including any applicable brokerage and commissions and amounts in respect of value added tax) will be paid (without interest) to Shareholders whose rights have lapsed in accordance with the Rights Issue, pro rata to their lapsed provisional allotments. However, individual amounts of less than £5.00 will not be paid to such persons but will be aggregated and donated to charity. Net proceeds from the sale of fractional entitlements (after deduction of expenses) will be aggregated and ultimately accrue for the benefit of the Company. Cheques and credits to CREST accounts in
respect of any such amounts are expected to be despatched to the relevant Shareholders by no later than 6 October 2014.

A further announcement as to the number of New Shares for which subscribers have been procured will be made in due course.

Total Voting Rights

In accordance with the FCA’s Disclosure and Transparency Rules, the Company notifies that as at 26 September 2014 following completion of the Rights Issue, London Stock Exchange Group plc has in issue 346,956,464 ordinary shares of 6 79/86 pence each with voting rights. London Stock Exchange Group plc does not hold any ordinary shares in treasury.

Therefore, the total number of voting rights in London Stock Exchange Group plc is 346,956,464 ordinary shares.

The above figure (346,956,464) may be used by shareholders as the denominator for the calculations by which they will determine if they are required to notify their interest in, or a change to their interest in, London Stock Exchange Group plc under the FCA’s Disclosure and Transparency Rules.

Notification of transactions of directors, PDMRs or connected persons

Further to the announcement made by the Company on 23 September 2014 relating to certain transactions undertaken by the Company’s directors, PDMRs and/or their connected persons in the Nil Paid Rights in connection with the Rights Issue (the “Nil Paid Rights Announcement”), in accordance with DTR 3.1.4R, the Company announces that today such directors, PDMRs and/or their connected persons have acquired New Shares corresponding to the number of Nil Paid Rights that were validly taken up as set out in the Nil Paid Rights Announcement.

Defined terms used herein have the meanings given to them in the Appendix.

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A copy of the Prospectus is available from the registered office of LSEG and on LSEG’s website at www.lseg.com. The Prospectus is not, subject to certain exceptions, available (through the website or otherwise) to Shareholders in the United States or any other Excluded Territory. Neither the content of LSEG’s website nor any website accessible by hyperlinks on LSEG’s website is incorporated in, or forms part of, this announcement. The Prospectus gives details of the New Shares, the Nil Paid Rights and the Fully Paid Rights offered pursuant to the Rights Issue.

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The Underwriters and their respective affiliates, acting as investors for their own accounts, may, in accordance with applicable legal and regulatory provisions, engage in transactions in relation to the Nil Paid Rights, the Fully Paid Rights, the New Shares and/or related instruments for their own account for the purpose of hedging their underwriting exposure or otherwise. Accordingly, references in the Prospectus to the Nil Paid Rights, Fully Paid Rights or New Shares being issued, offered, subscribed, acquired, placed or otherwise dealt in should be read as including any issue or offer to, or subscription, acquisition, placing or dealing by, the Underwriters and any of their respective affiliates acting as investors for their own accounts. Except as required by applicable law or regulation, the Underwriters do not propose to make any public disclosure in relation to such transactions.
APPENDIX

Definitions

The following definitions apply throughout this announcement unless the context otherwise requires:

“Acquisition” the proposed acquisition of Russell by LSEG in accordance with the Merger Agreement

“Banca IMI” Banca IMI S.p.A

“Banco Santander” Banco Santander, S.A.

“Barclays” Barclays Bank PLC

“Company” or “LSEG” London Stock Exchange Group plc

“CREST” the relevant system (as defined in the CREST Regulations) for the paperless settlement of trades in listed securities in the United Kingdom, of which Euroclear UK & Ireland Limited is the operator (as defined in the CREST Regulations)

“CREST Regulations” the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/3755)

“Deutsche Bank” Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch

“Excluded Territory” the Commonwealth of Australia, its territories and possessions, the Republic of South Africa, Japan and any other jurisdictions where the extension and availability of the Rights Issue would breach any applicable law

“FSMA” the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended

“Fully Paid Rights” rights to acquire New Shares, fully paid

“Greenhill” Greenhill & Co. International LLP

“HSBC” HSBC Bank plc

“J.P. Morgan Cazenove” J.P. Morgan Securities plc

“Merger Agreement” the Agreement and Plan of Merger entered into between and among the Company, Russell, Northwestern Mutual and Merger Sub on 26 June 2014, as summarised in Part XII “Key Transaction Terms” of the Prospectus

“Mitsubishi UFJ Securities” Mitsubishi UFJ Securities International plc

“New Shares” the new Shares to be issued pursuant to the Rights Issue

“Nil Paid Rights” rights to acquire New Shares, nil paid

“Northwestern Mutual” The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company

“Overseas Shareholders” Shareholders with registered addresses in, or who are citizens, residents or nationals of jurisdictions outside the United Kingdom

“Peter J. Solomon” Peter J. Solomon, L.P.

“Prospectus” the prospectus and class 1 circular published on 22 August 2014 relating to the Company for the purpose of the Rights Issue and the acquisition of Russell by LSEG, including any supplements or amendments thereto

“Provisional Allotment Letter” the provisional allotment letter issued to non-CREST Shareholders (other than certain Overseas Shareholders)

“Qualifying Shareholders” Shareholders on the register of members of the Company at the Record Date with the exclusion of persons with a registered address or located or resident in an Excluded Territory or (subject to certain exceptions) a Restricted Territory

“RBC Capital Markets” RBC Europe Limited

“Record Date” close of business on 8 September 2014

“Restricted Territory” Canada, the People’s Republic of China, Kuwait, Qatar, Dubai International Finance Centre, Singapore, Switzerland and the United States

“Rights Issue” the offer by way of rights to Qualifying Shareholders to subscribe for New Shares, on the terms and conditions set out in the Prospectus and the Provisional Allotment Letter

“Robey Warshaw” Robey Warshaw LLP

“Russell” Frank Russell Company

“Securities Act” the US Securities Act of 1933, as amended

“Shareholders” holders of Shares as at the close of business on the Record Date

“Shares” ordinary shares in the capital of the Company
“Sponsors”  Barclays and Greenhill

“UK” or “United Kingdom”  the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

“Underwriters”  Barclays, Deutsche Bank, J.P. Morgan Cazenove, RBC Capital Markets, Banca IMI, Banco Santander, HSBC and Mitsubishi UFJ Securities

“Underwriting Agreement”  the underwriting agreement dated 22 August 2014 between the Company, Barclays, Greenhill, Deutsche Bank, J.P. Morgan Cazenove, RBC Capital Markets, Banca IMI, Banco Santander, HSBC and Mitsubishi UFJ Securities

“United States” or “US”  the United States of America, its territories and possessions, any state of the United States and the District of Columbia