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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	Survivor s Option	FDIC Guaranteed	Pro
96121BBS5	\$ 100.000%		1.250%	\$	Fixed	1.800%	Monthly	30/360	07/15/2017	08/15/2012	\$0.95	Yes	No	Se Unse N

Redemption Information: Non-Callable

Trade Date: Monday, July 23, 2012 @ 12:00 PM ET

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Settle Date: Thursday, July 26, 2012

Prospectus date
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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,

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