

*This document constitutes a base prospectus (the "Debt Issuance Programme Prospectus" or the "Prospectus") for the purposes of Article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2017, as amended (the "Prospectus Regulation") and the Luxembourg act relating to prospectuses for securities of 16 July 2019 (Loi du 16 juillet 2019 relative aux prospectus pour valeurs mobilières et portant mise en œuvre du règlement (UE) 2017/1129) (the "Luxembourg Law") of RWE Aktiengesellschaft in respect of non-equity securities within the meaning of Article 2(c) of the Prospectus Regulation ("Non-Equity Securities").*



## RWE Aktiengesellschaft

(Essen, Federal Republic of Germany)

as Issuer

**€ 10,000,000,000**

**Debt Issuance Programme**  
(the "Programme")

This Prospectus has been approved by the *Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier* (the "**Commission**") of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg as competent authority under the Prospectus Regulation. The Commission only approves this Prospectus as meeting the standards of completeness, comprehensibility and consistency imposed by the Prospectus Regulation. Such approval should not be considered as an endorsement of the Issuer or of the quality of the Notes that are the subject of this Prospectus. Investors should make their own assessment as to the suitability of investing in the Notes. By approving this Prospectus, the Commission shall give no undertaking as to the economic and financial soundness of the operation or the quality or solvency of the issuer pursuant to Article 6(4) of the Luxembourg Law.

Application has been made to list Notes issued under the Programme on the official list of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and to trade Notes on the Regulated Market or on the professional segment of the Regulated Market "*Bourse de Luxembourg*". The Luxembourg Stock Exchange's Regulated Market is a regulated market for the purposes of the Market in Financial Instruments Directive 2014/65/EU, as amended (the "**Regulated Market**"). Notes issued under the Programme may also be listed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange or may not be listed at all.

The Issuer has requested the Commission in its capacity as competent authority under the Prospectus Regulation and the Luxembourg Law to provide the competent authorities in the Federal Republic of Germany ("**Germany**"), The Netherlands, the Republic of Austria and the Republic of Ireland with a certificate of approval attesting that the Prospectus has been drawn up in accordance with the Prospectus Regulation ("**Notification**"). The Issuer may request the Commission to provide competent authorities in additional Member States within the European Economic Area with a Notification pursuant to Article 25 of the Prospectus Regulation.

*Arranger and Dealer*

**Deutsche Bank**

This Prospectus will be published in electronic form on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)) and on the website of RWE Group (<https://www.group.rwe/en/investor-relations/bonds-and-rating>). This Prospectus succeeds the Prospectus dated 21 April 2021. It is valid for a period of twelve months after its approval. **The validity ends upon expiration of 6 May 2023. There is no obligation to supplement the Prospectus in the event of significant new factors, material mistakes or material inaccuracies when the Prospectus is no longer valid.**

## RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

RWE Aktiengesellschaft ("**RWE**" together with its consolidated group companies, the "**RWE Group**" or the "**Group**") with its registered office in Essen, Germany (herein also called the "**Issuer**") accepts responsibility for the information given in this Prospectus and for the information which will be contained in the Final Terms (as defined herein).

The Issuer hereby declares that to the best of its knowledge the information contained in this Prospectus for which it is responsible is, in accordance with the facts and makes no omission likely to affect its import.

## NOTICE

This Prospectus should be read and understood in conjunction with any supplement hereto and with any other documents incorporated herein by reference. Full information on the Issuer and any tranche of Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of the Prospectus and the relevant Final Terms (as defined herein).

The Issuer has confirmed to the Dealers (as defined herein) that this Prospectus contains all information which is necessary to enable investors to make an informed assessment of the assets and liabilities, financial position, profit and losses and prospects of the Issuer and the rights attaching to the Notes which is material in the context of the Programme; that the information contained herein with respect to the Issuer and the Notes is accurate and complete in all material respects and is not misleading; that any opinions and intentions expressed herein are honestly held and based on reasonable assumptions; that there are no other facts with respect to the Issuer or the Notes, the omission of which would make this Prospectus as a whole or any of such information or the expression of any such opinions or intentions misleading; that the Issuer has made all reasonable enquiries to ascertain all facts material for the purposes aforesaid.

The Issuer has undertaken with the Dealers to supplement this Prospectus or publish a new Prospectus (i) if and when the information herein should become materially inaccurate or incomplete and (ii) in the event of any significant new factor, material mistake or material inaccuracy relating to the information included in this Prospectus in respect of Notes issued on the basis of this Prospectus which is capable of affecting the assessment of the Notes and where approval of the Commission of any such document is required, to have such document approved by the Commission.

No person has been authorised to give any information which is not contained in or not consistent with this Prospectus or any other document entered into in relation to the Programme or any information supplied by the Issuer or any other information in the public domain and, if given or made, such information must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Issuer, the Dealers or any of them.

To the extent permitted by the law of any relevant jurisdiction, neither the Arrangers nor any Dealer nor any other person mentioned in this Prospectus, excluding the Issuer, is responsible for the information contained in this Prospectus or any supplement hereto, or any Final Terms or any document incorporated herein by reference, and accordingly, and to the extent permitted by the laws of any relevant jurisdiction, none of these persons accepts any responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of the information contained in any of these documents.

This Prospectus is valid for 12 months after its approval and this Prospectus and any supplement hereto as well as any Final Terms reflect the status as of their respective dates of issue. The delivery of this Prospectus or any Final Terms and the offering, sale or delivery of any Notes may not be taken as an implication that the information contained in such documents is accurate and complete subsequent to their respective dates of issue or that there has been no adverse change in the financial situation of the Issuer since such date or that any other information supplied in connection with the Programme is accurate at any time subsequent to the date on which it is supplied or, if different, the date indicated in the document containing the same.

The distribution of this Prospectus and any Final Terms and the offering, sale and delivery of Notes in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons into whose possession this Prospectus or any Final Terms come are required to inform themselves about and observe any such restrictions. For a description of the restrictions applicable in the United States of America, the European Economic Area in general, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ("**UK**") and Japan see "*Selling Restrictions*". In particular, the Notes have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and are subject to tax law requirements of the United States of America; subject to certain exceptions, Notes may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States of America or to U.S. persons.

**MIFID II product governance / target market** – The Final Terms in respect of any Notes may include a legend entitled "*MiFID II Product Governance*" which will outline the target market assessment in respect of the

Notes and which channels for distribution of the Notes are appropriate. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Notes (a "**distributor**") should take into consideration the target market assessment; however, a distributor subject to Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended, "**MiFID II**") is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Notes (by either adopting or refining the target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels.

**UK MiFIR product governance / target market** – The Final Terms in respect of any Notes may include a legend entitled "**UK MiFIR Product Governance**" which will outline the target market assessment in respect of the Notes and which channels for distribution of the Notes are appropriate. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Notes (a "**distributor**") should take into consideration the target market assessment; however, a distributor subject to the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) Handbook Product Intervention and Product Governance Sourcebook (the "**UK MiFIR Product Governance Rules**") is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Notes (by either adopting or refining the target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels.

A determination will be made in relation to each issue about whether, for the purpose of the MiFID Product Governance rules under EU Delegated Directive 2017/593 (the "**MiFID Product Governance Rules**") or the UK MiFIR Product Governance Rules, any Dealer subscribing for any Notes is a manufacturer in respect of such Notes, but otherwise neither the Arranger nor the Dealers nor any of their respective affiliates will be a manufacturer for the purpose of the MiFID Product Governance Rules or the UK MiFIR Product Governance Rules. Furthermore, the Issuer is not a manufacturer or distributor for the purposes of MiFID II.

**PRIIPs REGULATION / IMPORTANT – EEA RETAIL INVESTORS** – If the Final Terms in respect of any Notes include a legend entitled "**PROHIBITION OF SALES TO EEA RETAIL INVESTORS**", the Notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the European Economic Area ("**EEA**"). For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive 2016/97/EU, as amended, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Regulation. Consequently no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 (as amended, the "**PRIIPs Regulation**") for offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the EEA has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the EEA may be unlawful under the PRIIPs Regulation.

**UK PRIIPs REGULATION / IMPORTANT – UK RETAIL INVESTORS** – If the Final Terms in respect of any Notes include a legend entitled "**PROHIBITION OF SALES TO UK RETAIL INVESTORS**", the Notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ("**UK**"). For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 2017/565 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 ("**EUWA**"); or (ii) a customer within the meaning of the provisions of the Financial Services and Markets Authority ("**FSMA**") and any rules or regulations made under the FSMA to implement Directive (EU) 2016/97, as amended, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the EUWA; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Article 2 of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the EUWA. Consequently, no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the EUWA (the "**UK PRIIPs Regulation**") for offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the UK has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the UK may be unlawful under the UK PRIIPs Regulation.

The language of the Prospectus is English. The German versions of the English language Terms and Conditions are shown in the Prospectus for additional information. As to form and content and all rights and obligations of the Holders and the Issuer under the Notes to be issued, German is the controlling legally binding language if so specified in the relevant Final Terms.

**This Prospectus may only be used for the purpose for which it has been published.**

**Each Dealer and/or each further financial intermediary subsequently reselling or finally placing Notes issued under the Programme is entitled to use the Prospectus as set out in "*Consent to the Use of the Prospectus*" below.**

**This Prospectus and any Final Terms may not be used for the purpose of an offer or solicitation by anyone in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation is not authorised or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such an offer or solicitation.**

This Prospectus and any Final Terms do not constitute an offer or an invitation by or on behalf of the Issuer or the Dealer(s) to any person to subscribe for or to purchase any Notes.

Each potential investor in Notes must determine the suitability of that investment in light of its own circumstances. In particular, each potential investor should:

- (i) have sufficient knowledge and experience to make a meaningful evaluation of the relevant Notes, the merits and risks of investing in the relevant Notes and the information contained or incorporated by reference into this Prospectus or any applicable supplement hereto;
- (ii) have access to, and knowledge of, appropriate analytical tools to evaluate, in the context of its particular financial situation and the investment(s) it is considering, an investment in the Notes and the impact the Notes will have on its overall investment portfolio;
- (iii) have sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear all of the risks of an investment in the relevant Notes, including where principal or interest is payable in one or more currencies, or where the currency for principal or interest payments is different from the potential investor's currency;
- (iv) understand thoroughly the terms of the relevant Notes and be familiar with the behaviour of any relevant indices and financial markets; and
- (v) be able to evaluate (either alone or with the help of a financial adviser) possible scenarios for economic, interest rate and other factors that may affect its investment and its ability to bear the applicable risks.

In connection with the issue of any Tranche of Notes under the Programme, the Dealer or Dealers (if any) named as stabilising manager(s) in the applicable Final Terms (or persons acting on behalf of a stabilising manager) may over-allot Notes or effect transactions with a view to supporting the price of the Notes at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail. However, stabilisation may not necessarily occur. Any stabilisation action may begin at any time after the adequate public disclosure of the terms of the offer of the relevant Tranche of the Notes and, if begun, may cease at any time, but it must end no later than the earlier of 30 days after the Issue Date of the relevant Tranche of Notes and 60 days after the date of the allotment of the relevant Tranche of Notes. Any stabilisation action or over-allotment must be conducted by the relevant stabilising manager(s) (or person(s) acting on behalf of any stabilising manager(s)) in accordance with all applicable laws and rules.

The information on any website included in the Prospectus, except for the website [www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu) in the context of the documents incorporated by reference, do not form part of the Prospectus and has not been scrutinised or approved by the Commission.

Interest amounts payable under Floating Rate Notes are calculated by reference to EURIBOR (Euro Interbank Offered Rate) which is provided by the European Money Markets Institute (EMMI). As at the date of this Prospectus, EMMI appears on the register of administrators and benchmarks established and maintained by the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) pursuant to Article 36 of the Benchmark Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/1011, as amended) ("BMR").

## **Forward-Looking Statements**

This Prospectus contains certain forward-looking statements. A forward-looking statement is a statement that does not relate to historical facts and events. They are based on analyses or forecasts of future results and estimates of amounts not yet determinable or foreseeable. These forward-looking statements are identified by the use of terms and phrases such as "anticipate", "believe", "could", "estimate", "expect", "intend", "may", "plan", "predict", "project", "will" and similar terms and phrases, including references and assumptions. This applies, in particular, to statements in this Prospectus containing information on future earning capacity, plans and expectations regarding RWE Group's business and management, its growth and profitability, and general economic and regulatory conditions and other factors that affect it.

Forward-looking statements in this Prospectus are based on current estimates and assumptions that the Issuer makes to the best of its present knowledge. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors which could cause actual results, including RWE Group's financial condition and results of operations, to differ materially from and be worse than results that have expressly or implicitly been assumed or described in these forward-looking statements. RWE Group's business is also subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause a forward-looking statement, estimate or prediction in this Prospectus to become inaccurate. Accordingly, investors are strongly advised to read the following sections of this Prospectus: "Risk Factors", "RWE Aktiengesellschaft and RWE Group". These sections include more

detailed descriptions of factors that might have an impact on RWE Group's business and the markets in which it operates.

In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, future events described in this Prospectus may not occur. In addition, neither the Issuer nor the Dealers assume any obligation, except as required by law, to update any forward-looking statement or to conform these forward-looking statements to actual events or developments.

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## GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAMME

Under this € 10,000,000,000 Debt Issuance Programme, RWE may from time to time issue notes (the "**Notes**") to Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft as Dealer and to any additional Dealer appointed under the Programme from time to time by the Issuer, which appointment may be for a specific issue or on an ongoing basis (together, the "**Dealers**").

Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft acts as arranger in respect of the Programme (the "**Arranger**").

The maximum aggregate principal amount of the Notes outstanding at any one time under the Programme will not exceed € 10,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency). The Issuer may increase the amount of the Programme in accordance with the terms of the Dealer Agreement from time to time.

Notes may be issued on a continuing basis to one or more of the Dealers and any additional Dealer appointed under the Programme from time to time by the Issuer, which appointment may be for a specific issue or on an ongoing basis. Notes may be distributed by way of public offer or private placements and, in each case, on a syndicated or non-syndicated basis. The method of distribution of each tranche ("**Tranche**") will be stated in the relevant final terms (the "**Final Terms**"). Notes may be offered to qualified and non-qualified investors, including with the restrictions specified in the "*PROHIBITION OF SALES TO EEA RETAIL INVESTORS*" and/or the "*PROHIBITION OF SALES TO UK RETAIL INVESTORS*" legends set out on the cover page of the applicable Final Terms, if any.

Notes will be issued in Tranches, each Tranche consisting of Notes which are identical in all respects. One or more Tranches, which are expressed to be consolidated and forming a single series and identical in all respects, but having different issue dates, interest commencement dates, issue prices and dates for first interest payments may form a series ("**Series**") of Notes. Further Notes may be issued as part of existing Series.

Notes will be issued in such denominations as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) and as indicated in the applicable Final Terms save that the minimum denomination of the Notes will be, if in euro, € 1,000, and, if in any currency other than euro, an amount in such other currency nearly equivalent to € 1,000 at the time of the issue of the Notes. Subject to any applicable legal or regulatory restrictions and requirements of relevant central banks, Notes may be issued in euro or any other currency. The Notes will be freely transferable.

Notes will be issued with a maturity of twelve months or more.

Notes may be issued at an issue price which is at par or at a discount to, or premium over, par, as stated in the relevant Final Terms. The issue price for Notes to be issued will be determined at the time of pricing on the basis of a yield which will be determined on the basis of the orders of the investors which are received by the Dealers during the offer period. Orders will specify a minimum yield and may only be confirmed at or above such yield. The resulting yield will be used to determine an issue price, all to correspond to the yield.

The yield for Notes with fixed interest rates will be calculated by the use of the International Capital Markets Association (ICMA) method, which determines the effective interest rate of notes taking into account accrued interest on a daily basis.

The Risk Factors included into this Prospectus are limited to risks which are (i) specific to RWE as Issuer and to the Notes, and (ii) are material for taking an informed investment decision. They are presented in a limited number of categories depending on their nature. In each category the most material risk factor is mentioned first.

Under this Prospectus a summary will only be drawn up in relation to an issue of Notes with a denomination of less than € 100,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies). Such an issue-specific summary will be annexed to the applicable Final Terms.

Application has been made to the Commission, which is the Luxembourg competent authority for the purpose of the Prospectus Regulation for its approval of this Prospectus.

Application has been made to the Luxembourg Stock Exchange for Notes issued under this Prospectus to be admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's regulated market or professional segment of the regulated market and to be listed on the official list of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange. Notes may further be issued under the Programme which will be listed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange or not be listed on any stock exchange.

Notes will be accepted for clearing through one or more Clearing Systems as specified in the applicable Final Terms. These systems will include those operated by Clearstream Banking AG, Frankfurt am Main, Clearstream Banking S.A., Luxembourg and Euroclear Bank SA/NV.

Deutsche Bank Luxembourg S.A. will act as Luxembourg Listing Agent and Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft will act as fiscal agent and paying agent (the "**Fiscal Agent**") under the Programme.



## RISK FACTORS

*The following is a description of material risks that are specific to RWE Aktiengesellschaft and/or may affect its ability to fulfil its obligations under the Notes and that are material to the Notes issued under the Programme in order to assess the market risk associated with these Notes. Prospective investors should consider these risk factors before deciding whether to purchase Notes issued under the Programme.*

*Prospective investors should consider all information provided in this Prospectus or incorporated by reference into this Prospectus and consult with their own professional advisers (including their financial, accounting, legal and tax advisers) if they consider it necessary. In addition, investors should be aware that the risks described might combine and thus intensify one another.*

### RISK FACTORS REGARDING RWE AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT AND RWE GROUP

*RWE's business, financial condition or results of operations could suffer adverse material effects due to any of the following risks. This could have an adverse effect on the market price of the Notes, and the Issuer may ultimately not be able to meet its obligations under the Notes. However, they are not the only risks which RWE faces. Additional risks, which are to date unknown to RWE or which it does not consider material, might also impair RWE's business operations.*

The risk factors regarding RWE Aktiengesellschaft and RWE Group are presented in the following categories depending on their nature with the most material risk factor mentioned first in each category:

1. General and Market Risks
2. Risks related to the regulatory and legal environment
3. Risks related to RWE's business and financing

#### 1. General and Market Risks

##### **General Risks**

Risks for RWE have notably increased. Prices and volatilities have, after a short period of economic recovery towards the end of 2021, further increased as a result of the Ukraine crisis. In addition, imposed sanctions have led to an increased risk of counterparty defaulting. The effects can mainly be assigned to three risk categories:

- **Default risks:** Price increases lead to material increases in market values of contracts and sanctions increase default risks, force majeure risks and sanction risks for commodity contracts.
- **Inflation risks:** Another consequence of rising prices is increased inflationary pressure leading to risks in the valuation of provisions for mining, nuclear, pensions and wind on the one hand, and cost increases on the other hand.
- **Liquidity risks:** Higher price levels in combination with increased volatility lead to higher market values of contracts and positions on exchanges, which have to be secured by margins and collaterals. This may lead to larger liquidity outflows.

The German government's plans to accelerate the phaseout of coal-based power generation without granting the affected companies compensation also pose a risk and could be associated with significant financial burdens for RWE.

If any of the aforementioned risks materialises this could have material adverse effects on RWE's business, financial condition and results of operation.

##### **Market Risks**

In most of the countries in which RWE is active the energy sector is characterised by the free formation of prices. Declines in quotations on wholesale electricity markets can cause generation assets to become less profitable. This also relates to renewable energy assets that are not subsidised with fixed feed-in payments. Negative price developments can cause RWE having to recognise impairments.

Power and gas purchase agreements with conditions that do not depend on the development of wholesale prices expose RWE to the risk of having to pay more for the product than can be earned when selling it. This may force RWE to form provisions to cover this risk. RWE has identified such a risk inherent in the two

contracts it concluded to purchase electricity from the Datteln 4 hard coal-fired power plant in 2005 and 2006. Operated by German energy group Uniper, the station was commissioned in the summer of 2020, ten years later than planned. RWE was unsuccessful in taking legal recourse against the continuation of the agreements.

RWE's long-term gas purchase agreement with Russian energy group Gazprom sets dates for regular reviews, during which contractual changes depending on market conditions can be negotiated.

Commodity transactions are not exclusively intended to reduce risks. In compliance with risk thresholds, the company takes commodity positions to achieve a profit. Changes in market prices bear the risk of lower profits or losses in the trading business.

If any of the aforementioned risks materialises this could have material adverse effects on RWE's business, financial condition and results of operation.

## **2. Risks related to the regulatory and legal environment**

### ***Regulatory and Political Risks***

A core component of Germany's climate protection strategy is reducing coal-fired electricity generation to zero by 2038. In exchange for closing its lignite assets early, RWE is due € 2.6 billion in compensation, which is still pending approval under EU state aid law. Germany's new government has announced that it ideally wants electricity generation from coal to end as early as 2030 and that it does not intend to grant affected companies any additional compensation. This would impose considerable financial burdens on RWE.

RWE is exposed to risks associated with the coal phaseout in the Netherlands, where a law was passed in 2019 that prevents RWE from using hard coal in Amer 9 and Eemshaven power plants as of 2025 and 2030, respectively. There are no plans to offer compensation. Given the lack of concessions by Dutch policymakers, RWE has submitted an application for arbitration proceedings in accordance with the Energy Charter Treaty with the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes in Washington. The outcome is uncertain. In addition to the coal phaseout, the Netherlands introduced a cap on coal firing in power plants, which will apply from 2022 to 2024. RWE is likely to be awarded compensation in relation to this measure, however it is not yet clear at what amount. Furthermore, the EU Commission would still need to approve the compensation under state aid law.

Producers in Germany benefit from lower tax rates on in-house electricity, gas and oil consumption. RWE also utilises this financial mechanism. The German federal government, however, intends to reform the legal basis for these benefits in accordance with the EU's guidelines on climate and environmental protection and state aid for energy. There is a risk that the new rules will be more restrictive and that RWE will possibly either receive lower discounts from 2023, or none at all.

If any of the aforementioned risks materialises this could have material adverse effects on RWE's business, financial condition and results of operation.

### ***Legal Risks***

Individual RWE Group companies are involved in litigation and arbitration proceedings due to their operations or Mergers & Acquisitions transactions. Out-of-court claims have been filed against some of them. Furthermore, Group companies are directly involved in various procedures with public authorities or are at least affected by their outcomes.

Risks may also result from exemptions and warranties that RWE granted in connection with the sale of assets. Exemptions ensure that the seller covers the risks that are identified within the scope of due diligence, the probability of occurrence of which is, however, uncertain. In contrast, warranties cover risks that are unknown at the time of sale.

If any of the aforementioned risks materialises this could have material adverse effects on RWE's business, financial condition and results of operation.

## **3. Risks related to RWE's business and financing**

### ***Operational Risks***

RWE operates technologically complex, interconnected production facilities. Damage and outages can weigh on earnings as seen in 2021 during the severe cold snap in the US state of Texas.

The recent sharp rise in electricity prices is associated with a higher risk of earnings losses, as RWE may be forced to buy electricity at a high cost to meet delivery obligations in case of production outages.

When production facilities are built and modernised, delays and cost increases can occur, for example due to logistical bottlenecks or inadequate services provided by suppliers. Project delays can cause costs to rise and earnings to be delayed.

If any of the aforementioned risks materialises this could have material adverse effects on RWE's business, financial condition and results of operation.

### **Financial Risks**

In the current market environment determined by Covid-19 and the war in Ukraine increased inflation can be observed as a result of scarcity of resources and logistics problems. Should this development persist for longer a risk arises that provisions for mining, nuclear, pensions and wind have to be adjusted upwards.

If delivery obligation from existing commodity contracts are not fulfilled by the counterparty the risk exists that RWE's own delivery obligation have to be covered by additional purchases potentially at higher prices.

If delivery obligations from existing gas contracts are not fulfilled by the counterparty or a gas curtailment comes into force the risk exists that parts of RWE's power delivery obligation have to be covered by additional power purchases potentially at higher prices.

Security price fluctuations can have a considerable impact on RWE's financial assets. RWE is exposed to share price risks in relation to the 15 % stake in E.ON it holds.

Collateral pledged for forward transactions also harbours a risk. The amount of collateral payments depends on the extent to which the contractually agreed prices deviate from market quotations as of the respective cut-off date. Wholesale prices of electricity, natural gas and CO<sub>2</sub> emission allowances spiked substantially in 2021 and the first quarter of 2022. This forced RWE to pay unusually high variation margins for electricity forward sales. It has to be anticipated that due to the Ukraine crisis and consequential limitations in the supply of particularly natural gas wholesale prices of electricity, natural gas and CO<sub>2</sub> emission allowances will continue to be very volatile. Volatility and spikes of such prices result in the necessity to provide collateral in significant amounts which could have a considerable impact on RWE's liquidity position and result in increased financing costs.

As a result of the Ukraine crisis shortage of supply and significantly rising sourcing prices occur. This leads to additional costs for RWE in the segments coal and nuclear energy. Biggest cost drivers are fuel, lubricants, plastics and steel.

The conditions at which RWE can finance its business on the debt capital market are in part dependent on the credit ratings received from international rating agencies. Moody's<sup>1,3</sup> and Fitch<sup>2,3</sup> place RWE's creditworthiness in the investment grade category.<sup>4</sup> If the agencies lower these credit ratings, RWE may incur additional costs if it has to raise debt capital. This would probably also increase the liquidity requirement when pledging collateral for forward transactions. The assessment of RWE's creditworthiness by rating agencies, banks and capital investors depends in part on the level of net debt.

If any of the aforementioned risks materialises this could have material adverse effects on RWE's business, financial condition and results of operation.

### **Creditworthiness of business partners**

RWE's business relations with key accounts, suppliers, trading partners and financial institutions expose RWE to credit risks. The significant price spikes on commodity markets have increased the danger of transaction partners being unable to meet their obligations. The Ukraine crisis has further exacerbated this risk, in particular in relation to trading with Russian commodities producers. This exposes RWE to substantial financial losses especially with regard to contracts that are particularly valuable.

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<sup>1</sup> Moody's is established in the European Union and is registered under Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009 on credit rating agencies, as amended (the "**CRA Regulation**").

<sup>2</sup> Fitch is established in the European Union and is registered under the CRA Regulation.

<sup>3</sup> The European Securities and Markets Authority publishes on its website (<https://www.esma.europa.eu/supervision/credit-rating-agencies/risk>) a list of credit rating agencies registered in accordance with the CRA Regulation. That list is updated within five working days following the adoption of a decision under Article 16, 17 or 20 CRA Regulation. The European Commission shall publish that updated list in the Official Journal of the European Union within 30 days following such update.

<sup>4</sup> A credit rating assesses the creditworthiness of an entity and informs an investor therefore about the probability of the entity being able to redeem invested capital. It is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be revised or withdrawn by the rating agency at any time.

## RISK FACTORS REGARDING THE NOTES

The risk factors regarding the Notes are presented in the following categories depending on their nature with the most material risk factor presented first in each category:

1. Risks related to the nature of the Notes
2. Risks related to specific Terms and Conditions of the Notes
3. Other related Risks

### 1. Risks related to the nature of the Notes

#### ***Market Price Risk, in particular with regard to Fixed Rate Notes and Floating Rate Notes***

The development of market prices of the Notes depends on various factors, such as changes of market interest rate levels or the lack of or excess demand for the relevant type of Notes. The Holders of Notes are therefore exposed to the risk of an unfavourable development of market prices of their Notes, which materialises if the Holders sell the Notes prior to the final maturity of such Notes. If a Holder of Notes decides to hold the Notes until final maturity, the Notes will be redeemed at the amount set out in the relevant Final Terms.

Different Rates of Interest may apply to the Notes which will result in a step-up or step-down of the applicable rate of interest (Step-up Fixed Rate Notes or Step-Down Fixed Rate Notes). The holder of such Notes is exposed to an increased risk that the nominal interest rate falls below the initially set interest rate and no assurance can be given that the respective investment will constitute an appropriate market return.

In particular, a Holder of Fixed Rate Notes (including Step-up Fixed Rate Notes or Step-Down Fixed Rate Notes) is exposed to the risk that the price of such Notes falls as a result of changes in the market interest rate levels. While the nominal interest rate of a Fixed Rate Note as specified in the applicable Final Terms is fixed during the life of such Notes, the current interest rate on the capital market ("**market interest rate**") typically changes on a daily basis. As the market interest rate changes, the price of Fixed Rate Notes also changes, but in the opposite direction. If the market interest rate increases, the price of Fixed Rate Notes typically falls, until the yield of such Notes is approximately equal to the market interest rate of comparable issues. If the market interest rate falls, the price of Fixed Rate Notes typically increases until the yield of such Notes is approximately equal to the market interest rate of comparable issues. The same risk applies to Step-up Fixed Rate Notes or Step-Down Fixed Rate Notes if the market interest rates in respect of comparable Notes are higher than the rates applicable to such Notes. If the Holder of Fixed Rate Notes holds such Notes until maturity, changes in the market interest rate are without relevance to such Holder as the Notes will be redeemed at a specified redemption amount, usually the principal amount of such Notes.

A Holder of Floating Rate Notes is particularly exposed to the risk of fluctuating interest rate levels and uncertain interest income. Fluctuating interest rate levels make it impossible to determine the profitability of Floating Rate Notes in advance.

Neither the current nor the historical value of the relevant floating rate should be taken as an indication of the future development of such floating rate during the term of any Notes.

#### ***Liquidity Risk***

Application has been made to list Notes on the official list of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and to trade Notes on the Regulated Market "*Bourse de Luxembourg*" or on the professional segment of the Regulated Market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange. In addition, the Programme provides that Notes may be listed on other or further stock exchanges or may not be listed at all. Regardless of whether the Notes are listed or not, there can be no assurance that a liquid secondary market for the Notes will develop or, if it does develop, that it will continue. The fact that the Notes may be listed does not necessarily lead to greater liquidity as compared to unlisted Notes. If the Notes are not listed on any stock exchange, pricing information for such Notes may, however, be more difficult to obtain which may affect the liquidity of the Notes adversely. In an illiquid market, an investor might not be able to sell his Notes at any time at fair market prices. The possibility to sell the Notes might additionally be restricted by country specific reasons.

### 2. Risks related to specific Terms and Conditions of the Notes

#### ***Risk of Early Redemption***

The applicable Final Terms will indicate whether an Issuer may have the right to call the Notes prior to maturity (optional call right) on one or several dates determined beforehand or whether the Notes will be subject to early redemption upon the occurrence of an event specified in the applicable Final Terms (early redemption event). Furthermore, the Issuer has a right for termination in the case of Floating Rate Notes if a Replacement Rate,

an Adjustment Spread, if any, or the Replacement Rate Adjustments cannot be determined following a Rate Replacement Event as set out in the Terms and Conditions. In addition, each Issuer will always have the right to redeem the Notes if the relevant Issuer is required to pay additional amounts (gross-up payments) on the Notes for reasons of taxation as set out in the Terms and Conditions. If the relevant Issuer redeems the Notes prior to maturity or the Notes are subject to early redemption due to an early redemption event, a holder of such Notes is exposed to the risk that due to such early redemption his investment will have a lower than expected yield. The Issuer can be expected to exercise his optional call right if the yield on comparable Notes in the capital market has fallen which means that the investor may only be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds in comparable Notes with a lower yield. On the other hand, the Issuer can be expected not to exercise its optional call right if the yield on comparable Notes in the capital market has increased. In this event, an investor will not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds in comparable Notes with a higher yield. It should be noted, however, that the relevant Issuer may exercise any optional call right irrespective of market interest rates on a call date.

***Specific risks regarding Floating Rate Notes linked to EURIBOR***

The interest rates of Floating Rate Notes are linked to reference rates such as the Euro Interbank Offered Rate ("**EURIBOR**") which is deemed to be a "benchmark" (the "**Benchmark**") and which is the subject of recent national, international and other regulatory guidance and proposals for reform. Some of these reforms are already effective while others are still to be implemented.

Following the implementation of such potential reforms, the manner of administration of Benchmarks may change, with the result that they perform differently than in the past, or Benchmarks could be eliminated entirely, or there could be consequences which cannot be predicted. Any changes to the Benchmark as a result of the Benchmark Regulation EU 2016/1011 of June 8, 2016 on indices used as benchmarks in financial instruments and financial contracts or to measure the performance of investment funds (the "**Benchmark Regulation**") or other initiatives could have a material adverse effect on the costs of obtaining exposure to the Benchmark or the costs and risks of administering or otherwise participating in the setting of the Benchmark and complying with any such regulations or requirements. Such factors may have the effect of discouraging market participants from continuing to administer or participate in certain Benchmarks, trigger changes in the rules or methodologies used in certain Benchmarks or lead to the disappearance of certain Benchmarks.

As regards EURIBOR, the new hybrid calculation of EURIBOR has already been adapted to the requirements of the Benchmark Regulation. However, the EURIBOR is also subject to constant review and revision. It is currently not foreseeable whether EURIBOR will continue to exist permanently and beyond 2025 after LIBOR has expired.

Investors should be aware that, if a Benchmark were discontinued or otherwise unavailable, the rate of interest on Floating Rate Notes which are linked to or which reference such Benchmark will be determined for the relevant interest period by the fallback provisions applicable to such Notes. The Terms and Conditions of the Notes distinguish between fallback arrangements in the event that a published Benchmark, such as EURIBOR (including any screen page on which such Benchmark may be published (or any successor page)) becomes temporarily unavailable or permanently unavailable (so-called Rate Replacement Event).

In certain circumstances, the ultimate fallback for determining the rate of interest for a particular interest period, may result in the rate of interest for the last preceding interest period being used. This may result in the effective application of a fixed rate for Floating Rate Notes based on the rate which was last observed on the relevant screen page for the purposes of determining the rate of interest in respect of an interest period.

If a Rate Replacement Event (which, amongst other events, includes the permanent discontinuation of the Benchmark) occurs, fallback arrangements will include the possibility that:

- (i) the relevant rate of interest could be determined by reference to a Replacement Rate determined by
  - (i) the Issuer if in its opinion the Replacement Rate is obvious and as such without any reasonable doubt determinable by an investor that is knowledgeable in the respective type of bonds, such as the Notes, or
  - (ii) failing which, an independent advisor (each the "**Relevant Determining Party**"); and
- (ii) such Replacement Rate may be adjusted (if required) by an Adjustment Spread (as defined in § 3 of the Terms and Conditions in Option II) to be applied to the Replacement Rate in order to reduce or eliminate, to the extent reasonably practicable, any transfer of economic value between the Issuer and the Holders that would otherwise arise as a result of the replacement of the Benchmark against the Replacement Rate.

However, the Issuer may be unable to appoint an independent advisor at commercially reasonable terms, using reasonable endeavors or the Relevant Determining Party may not be able to determine a Replacement Rate, an Adjustment Spread, if any, or the Rate Replacement Adjustments (as defined in § 3 of the Terms and Conditions in Option II) in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Floating Rate Notes. If a Replacement Rate, an Adjustment Spread, if any, or the Rate Replacement Adjustments cannot be

determined, the rate of interest for the relevant interest period will be the rate of interest applicable as at the last preceding interest determination date before the occurrence of the Rate Replacement Event, or, where the Rate Replacement Event occurs before the first interest determination date, the rate of interest will be the initial rate of interest. Applying the initial rate of interest, or the rate of interest applicable as at the last preceding interest determination date before the occurrence of the Rate Replacement Event could result in Notes linked to or referencing the Benchmark performing differently (which may include payment of a lower rate of interest) than they would do if the Benchmark were to continue to apply, or if a Replacement Rate could be determined. Ultimately, a failure to determine the Replacement Rate and Adjustment Spread, if any, for the interest period immediately following a Rate Replacement Event will result either in the same Benchmark being applied for the determination of the relevant rates of interest until maturity of the Floating Rate Notes, effectively turning the floating rate of interest into a fixed rate of interest (which will be the case if any attempt to determine a Replacement Rate and Adjustment Spread, if any, prior to each interest determination date fails), or that the Notes will be called by the Issuer at its sole discretion pursuant to §3 of the Terms and Conditions in Option II. In the case that the same Benchmark will be applied for the determination of the relevant rates of interest until maturity of the Floating Rate Notes, a Holder would no longer participate in any favourable movements of market interest rates, including central banks' key interest rates, that would have been reflected in the relevant Benchmark rate if the Benchmark would not have been discontinued or otherwise been unavailable, and payments of interest under the Floating Rate Notes would be lower than they would have been had the Benchmark not been discontinued or otherwise been unavailable.

On 30 November 2020, European legislators reached an agreement on the amendments to the Benchmark Regulation which were proposed by the European Commission in July 2020. The proposed amendments were largely motivated by the anticipated discontinuation of LIBOR as of the end of 2021. Key points of the final agreement include, inter alia, the following: Implementing powers shall be conferred on the European Commission to designate a replacement rate to critical benchmarks such as EURIBOR which are referenced in financial instruments such as the Notes. On 12 February 2021, the "Regulation (EU) 2021/168 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 February 2021, amending the Benchmark Regulation as regards the exemption of certain third-country spot foreign exchange benchmarks and the designation of replacements for certain benchmarks in cessation" was published in the Official Journal of the European Union and the proposed amendments entered into force on 13 February 2021. As the designation power as provided for in the Benchmark Regulation, as amended, in principle only applies to financial instruments which do not contain a fallback provision at all or at least a suitable fallback provision, there is no assurance that the designation power will apply to the Notes. In any event, the Relevant Determining Party could take into consideration a designated replacement rate by the European Commission in accordance with the fallback provisions of the Notes. However, there is no guarantee that the European Commission will use its designation power and, accordingly, a replacement rate designated by the European Commission may not even be available.

Also, even if a Replacement Rate was determined and an Adjustment Spread, if any, was applied to that Replacement Rate, such an Adjustment Spread may not be effective to reduce or eliminate economic prejudice to Holders. The application of an Adjustment Spread, if any, to a Replacement Rate may still result in Floating Rate Notes originally linked to or referencing the Benchmark to perform differently (which may include payment of a lower rate of interest) than they would if the Benchmark were to continue to apply in its current form.

In addition, the Relevant Determining Party may also establish that, consequentially, other amendments to the Terms and Conditions of the Floating Rate Notes are necessary to enable the operation of the Replacement Rate (which may include, without limitation, adjustments to the applicable business day convention, the definition of business day, the interest determination date, the day count fraction and any methodology or definition for obtaining or calculating the Replacement Rate). No consent of the Holders shall be required in connection with effecting any relevant Replacement Rate or any other related adjustments and/or amendments described above.

Any such consequences could have a material adverse effect on the value of and return on any such Notes. Moreover, any of the above matters or any other significant change to the setting or existence of any relevant rate could affect the ability of the Issuer to meet its obligations under the Floating Rate Notes or could have a material adverse effect on the value or liquidity of, and the amount payable under, the Floating Rate Notes. Investors should note that, in the case of a replacement of the Benchmark the Relevant Determining Party will have discretion to adjust the Replacement Rate in the circumstances described above. Any such adjustment could have unexpected commercial consequences and there can be no assurance that, due to the particular circumstances of each Holder, any such adjustment will be favorable to each Holder.

Although it is uncertain whether or to what extent any of the above-mentioned changes and/or any further changes in the administration or method for determining the Benchmark could have an effect on the value of any Notes whose interest is linked to or referencing the Benchmark, investors should be aware that they face the risk that any changes to the Benchmark may have a material adverse effect on the value or the liquidity of, and the amounts payable under Notes whose rate of interest is linked to the Benchmark.

### **Currency Risk**

A holder of a Note denominated in a foreign currency is exposed to the risk of changes in currency exchange rates which may affect the yield of such Notes. Changes in currency exchange rates result from various factors such as macro-economic factors, speculative transactions and interventions by central banks.

A change in the value of any foreign currency against the euro, for example, will result in a corresponding change in the euro value of a Note denominated in a currency other than euro and a corresponding change in the euro value of interest and principal payments made in a currency other than in euro in accordance with the terms of such Note. If the underlying exchange rate falls and the value of the euro correspondingly rises, the price of the Note and the value of interest and principal payments made thereunder, expressed in euro, falls.

In addition, government and monetary authorities may impose (as some have done in the past) exchange controls that could adversely affect an applicable currency exchange rate. As a result, investors may receive less interest or principal than expected, or no interest or principal.

### **Resolutions of Holders**

Since the Terms and Conditions of the Notes provide for meetings of Holders or the taking of votes without a meeting, a Holder is subject to the risk of being outvoted by a majority resolution of the Holders. As such majority resolution is binding on all Holders, certain rights of such Holder against the Issuer under the Terms and Conditions may be amended or reduced or even cancelled.

### **Holdings' Representative**

Since the Terms and Conditions of the Notes provide for the appointment of a Holdings' Representative, either in the Terms and Conditions or by a majority resolution of the Holders, it is possible that a Holder may be deprived of its individual right to pursue and enforce its rights under the Terms and Conditions against the Issuer, such right passing to the Holdings' Representative who is then exclusively responsible to claim and enforce the rights of all the Holders.

## **3. Other related Risks**

### **Risks associated with Notes with a specific use of proceeds, such as Green Bonds**

The Final Terms relating to any specific Tranche of Notes may provide that it will be the Issuer's intention to apply the proceeds from an offer of those Notes specifically for projects and activities that promote climate-friendly and other environmental purposes ("**Green Projects**"). Such Notes are hereinafter referred to as "Green Bonds". Prospective investors should have regard to the information set out in the relevant Final Terms regarding such use of proceeds and must determine for themselves the relevance of such information for the purpose of any investment in such Green Bonds together with any other investigation such investor deems necessary. In particular, no assurance is given by the Issuer that the use of such proceeds for any Green Projects will satisfy, whether in whole or in part, any present or future investor expectations or requirements as regards any investment criteria or guidelines with which such investor or its investments are required to comply, whether by any present or future applicable law or regulations or by its own by-laws or other governing rules or investment portfolio mandates, in particular with regard to any direct or indirect environmental, sustainability or social impact of any projects or uses, the subject of or related to, any Green Projects. Furthermore, it should be noted that there is currently no clearly defined definition (legal, regulatory or otherwise) of, nor market consensus as to what constitutes, a "green" or "sustainable" or an equivalently-labelled project or as to what precise attributes are required for a particular project to be defined as "green" or "sustainable" or such other equivalent label nor can any assurance be given that such a clear definition or consensus will develop over time. Accordingly, no assurance is or can be given to investors that any projects or uses the subject of, or related to, any Green Projects will meet any or all investor expectations regarding such "green", "sustainable" or other equivalently-labelled performance objectives or that any adverse environmental and/or other impacts will not occur during the implementation of any projects or uses the subject of, or related to, any Green Projects. Also the criteria for what constitutes a Green Project may be changed from time to time.

In connection with the issue of Green Bonds, the Issuer will endeavour to appoint one or more external provider(s) to provide a green or equivalent evaluation (the "**Evaluation**"). Such Evaluation is not incorporated in, and does not form part of, this Prospectus. Such Evaluation provides an opinion on certain environmental and related considerations and is not intended to address any credit, market or other aspects of an investment in Green Bonds including without limitation market price, marketability, investor preference or suitability of any security. Such Evaluation is a statement of opinion, not a statement of fact. Such Evaluation is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold Green Bonds. No assurance is given that such Evaluation correctly assesses the potential environmental impact of the issue of Green Bonds or the Issuer generally. Such

Evaluation generally is only current as of the date it is released and may be updated, suspended or withdrawn by the relevant provider(s) at any time. Currently, the providers of green or equivalent evaluations are not subject to any specific regulatory regime or other regime or oversight. Prospective investors must determine for themselves the relevance of any Evaluation for the purpose of any investment in Green Bonds. In particular, no assurance or representation is made or given that any such Evaluation reflects any present or future requirements, investment criteria or guidelines which may apply to any investor or its investments. Holders of Green Bonds will have no recourse against the provider(s) of any Evaluation.

The Issuer is not responsible for any third party assessment of the Green Bonds. Nor is any Dealer responsible for (i) any assessment of Green Bonds, or (ii) the monitoring of the use of proceeds. In addition, it would not constitute an event of default under the terms of the Green Bonds if the Issuer were to fail to observe the provisions set out in the Final Terms for the Green Bonds relating to the use of proceeds of the Green Bonds.

In the event that any of the Green Bonds are listed or admitted to trading on any dedicated "green", "environmental", "sustainable" or other similarly labelled segment of any stock exchange or securities market (whether or not regulated), or are included in any dedicated "green", "environmental", "sustainable" or other equivalently-labelled index, no representation or assurance is given by the Issuer or any other person that such listing or admission, or inclusion in such index, satisfies any present or future investor expectations or requirements as regards any investment criteria or guidelines with which such investor or its investments are required to comply, whether by any present or future applicable law or regulations or by its own by-laws or other governing rules or investment portfolio mandates. Furthermore, it should be noted that the criteria for any such listings or admission to trading may vary from one stock exchange or securities market to another and also the criteria for inclusion in such index may vary from one index to another. Moreover, no representation or assurance is given or made by the Issuer or any other person that any such listing or admission to trading, or inclusion in any such index, will be obtained in respect of Green Bonds or, if obtained, that any such listing or admission to trading, or inclusion in such index, will be maintained during the life of Green Bonds.

Any failure to apply the proceeds from the offer of the Green Bonds as set out in the relevant Final Terms for and/or any negative change to, or withdrawal or suspension of, any third-party assessment of the Green Bonds and/or Green Bonds no longer being listed or admitted to trading on any stock exchange or securities market as aforesaid may have a material adverse effect on the value of the Green Bonds and/or result in adverse consequences for certain investors with portfolio mandates to invest in securities to be used for a particular purpose.



## RWE AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT AND RWE GROUP

### Statutory Auditors

Statutory auditors of RWE are PricewaterhouseCoopers GmbH Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft, Frankfurt am Main ("**PwC**"). The office in charge is located at Huyssenallee 58, 45128 Essen, Germany. PwC is a member of the Wirtschaftsprüferkammer, Rauchstr. 26, 10787 Berlin, Germany. PwC has audited, in accordance with German generally accepted auditing standards ("German GAAS") under additional observation of the International Standards on Auditing ("ISA"), the consolidated financial statements of RWE as at and for the financial years ended 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2020.

### Selected Financial Information

The selected financial information below was extracted from the audited consolidated financial statements of RWE Group as at and for the year ended 31 December 2021 (including the restated comparative amounts as at and for the year ended 31 December 2020) (the "**consolidated financial statements**") prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards of the International Accounting Standard Boards ("**IASB**") as adopted by the European Union ("**IFRS**") and the additional requirements of German commercial law pursuant to Section 315e (1) of the German Commercial Code (*Handelsgesetzbuch, HGB*).

The restatement made by RWE Group in its audited consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 December 2021 of the comparative amounts as at and for the year ended 31 December 2020 as described in the notes to the 2021 consolidated financial statements on page 95 and 108 et seq. relate to the completion of the purchase price allocation for the operations, which RWE acquired from Nordex in 2020 and to changes to the accounting of tax items in relation to tax equity contracts.

Where financial information in the following tables are labelled "audited", this means that it has been taken from the above mentioned audited consolidated financial statements of the RWE Group.

### Selected Consolidated Balance Sheet information

	31 December 2021	31 December 2020 <sup>1</sup>
	€ in million (audited)	
Non-current assets	38,863	34,418
Current assets	103,446	27,224
Assets	142,309	61,642
Equity	16,996	17,706
Non-current liabilities	28,306	27,435
Current liabilities	97,007	16,501
Equity and liabilities	142,309	61,642

### Selected Consolidated Income Statement information

	2021	2020 <sup>2</sup>
	€ in million (audited)	
Revenue	24,526	13,688
Income from continuing operations	832	889
Income from discontinued operations	0	221
Income	832	1,110
<i>of which: Net income / income attributable to RWE AG shareholders</i>	721	1,051

<sup>1</sup> Some 2020 figures restated due to a retroactive change in the recognition of tax benefits to subsidise renewable energy in the USA and retroactive adjustments to the first-time consolidation of operations which RWE acquired from Nordex in 2020.

<sup>2</sup> Some 2020 figures restated due to a retroactive change in the recognition of tax benefits to subsidise renewable energy in the USA.

### Selected Consolidated Cash Flow Statement information<sup>1</sup>

	2021	2020 <sup>2</sup>
	€ in million (audited)	
Cash flows from operating activities	7,274	4,175
Cash flows from investing activities (after initial/subsequent transfer to plan assets)	-7,738	-4,354
Cash flows from financing activities	1,457	1,775
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	1,051	1,562
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the reporting period as per the consolidated balance sheet	5,825	4,774

### General Information about RWE Aktiengesellschaft

RWE was founded on 25 April 1898 as Rheinisch-Westfälisches Elektrizitätswerk Aktiengesellschaft in the city of Essen, Germany and was subsequently renamed RWE Aktiengesellschaft.

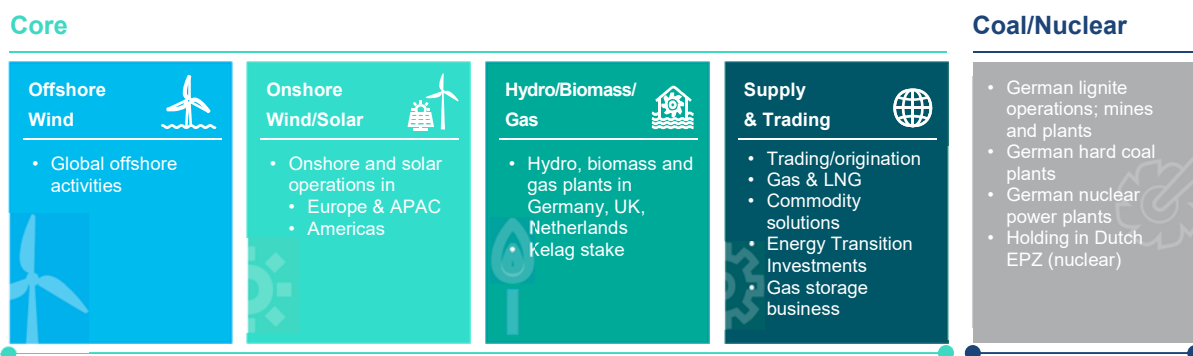
RWE Aktiengesellschaft is registered in the Commercial Register of the Local Court (*Amtsgericht*) of Essen, Germany with registration number HRB 14525 and operates under German law. The address of its registered office is RWE Platz 1, 45141 Essen, Germany (Telephone: +49 (0)201 5179-0). The Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) is 529900GB7KCA94ACC940. RWE's website is available at [www.rwe.com](http://www.rwe.com). The information on RWE's website does not form part of this Prospectus unless it is explicitly incorporated by reference into this Prospectus.

### Business Overview – Principal Activities and Principal Markets

RWE Group is one of the leading suppliers of electricity and gas in Europe. Its core operational segments cover the generation of electricity from offshore wind, onshore wind, solar, hydro, biomass and gas complemented by energy and commodity trading activities. The non-core segment covers electricity generation from lignite, hard coal and nuclear. RWE's most important regions of activity are Germany, the UK, various other countries in Europe and the US.

### Organisational Structure

RWE is the holding company of the RWE Group. RWE Group's business segments are shown in the following chart.



### Recent Events

*Turbulent energy markets as a result of the war in Ukraine.* Since the end of February 2022, the Russian war against Ukraine is in the world's focus. Diplomatic efforts to end the conflict and humanitarian actions are on top of the political agenda. RWE provides financial support to refugees, offers employment opportunities to Ukrainians and gives its employees the opportunity to take part in relief operations. Russian aggressions do not only have disastrous consequences for the Ukrainian people but also burdens the world economy. The effects are particularly noticeable in the European energy sector. As a result of sanctions issued by the European

<sup>1</sup> Cashflow figures shown as aggregated figures over continued and discontinued operations. Cashflow figures from discontinued operations are zero in 2021.

<sup>2</sup> Some 2020 figures restated due to a retroactive change in the recognition of tax benefits to subsidise renewable energy in the USA.

Union and Great Britain the import of resources from Russia are increasingly restricted. In addition, Russia might decide to withdraw from supply arrangements. In view of these developments prices for natural resources and electricity have increased strongly.

Even though RWE does not have business activities in Russia nor Ukraine the company is affected. As of 31 March 2022, RWE had contracted gas supplies of less than 15 TWh until the end of 2023 and hard coal deliveries of 12 million metric tons until the end of 2025 with Russian suppliers. Agreed prices are well below current levels. The interruption of these supplies would leave RWE having to buy commodities at far more unfavourable conditions to fulfil its own delivery obligations. RWE expects this to be realistic for hard coal deliveries as UK sanctions as of 24 March 2022 prohibit importing Russian hard coal. For reasons of security of supply the UK Government could grant RWE an exemption, however considering the EU coal embargo approved on 8 April 2022, these deliveries would have to end completely until 10 August 2022.

*RWE puts North Sea windfarm Triton Knoll into operations.* As of April 2022, UK windfarm Triton Knoll is connected to networks. The site is located 30 kilometres off the coast of Lincolnshire. Consisting of 90 turbines and a capacity of 857 MW it is one of the largest offshore windfarms globally. RWE holds a majority share of 59% in the facility and is responsible for its operations. Remaining shares are held by Japanese utilities J-Power (25%) and Kansai Electric Power (16%). Investment volume amounted to ca. £ 2 billion. Included in this figure is the network connection, which had to be sold to independent party due to regulatory requirements.

*Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW), Gasunie and RWE intend to build Germany's first Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Terminal in Brunsbüttel.* To reduce dependency on Russian gas German government has announced construction of LNG Terminals for direct access in Germany. RWE participates in one of the construction projects. On 4 March 2022 RWE, KfW and Dutch gas supplier Gasunie have signed a memorandum of intend to build an LNG terminal in the city of Brunsbüttel. Gasunie is decided to operate the terminal. Gas imports on this unit will amount up to 8 billion m<sup>3</sup> annually. RWE plans to construct a second terminal for the import of climate neutral ammonia at the site. Ammonia can be converted into hydrogen to supply industry with green energy.

*RWE enters US offshore wind market.* At the end of February 2022, RWE was successful in an auction of seabed leases for offshore wind sites in the New York Bight. A joint venture between RWE and National Grid Ventures secured an area for US\$ 1.1 billion. About 3 GW of generation capacity can be built at the site, which would be capable of producing enough electricity to power 1.1 million US homes. The successful bid entitles RWE to develop the site and to participate in auctions for offtakes in nearby states. If the project progresses as planned, RWE's offshore wind farm in the New York Bight will be commissioned before the end of the decade.

*Wind joint venture with Northland Power launched.* In January 2022, RWE and Northland Power formed a joint venture for the development of wind energy projects in the German North Sea. RWE expects this partnership to deliver substantial synergies, resulting in cost savings in the development, construction and operation of the assets. RWE owns 51% and the Canadian partner owns 49% of the joint venture, which encompasses three offshore wind projects aiming to develop a total capacity of 1.3 GW. The sites of the future wind farms are located north of the island of Juist.

*US-windfarm El Algodon Alto completed.* In March 2022 onshore windfarm El Algodon Alto in the state of Texas started commercial operations after 15 months of construction. 91 turbines have a combined capacity of 200 MW serving up to 60,000 households with green energy.

*RWE once again successful in British capacity market auctions.* Another auction, relating to the delivery period from 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025, was held for the British capacity market on 22 February 2022. RWE secured a payment for all participating RWE power stations, including two small new builds. Altogether, these assets have a secured capacity of 6,647 MW at £ 30.59/kWh per annum (plus inflation adjustment).

*Lignite unit Neurath ceases operations.* On 31 March 2022 RWE has taken lignite unit Neurath A offline. The facility had a net capacity of 294 MW and started operations in 1972. The shutdown follows the path of German coal phaseout. Considering the recent discussions around the reduction of gas usage the unit will be conserved with the option to return to operations if demanded by the German government or network agency.

*Danish Energy Agency awards large offshore wind project to RWE.* In Denmark, RWE has been granted the rights to build and operate the Thor offshore wind project in the North Sea. RWE has taken part in an auction along with five other bidders: all participants submitted minimum bids of DKK 0.1/MWh. On 1 December 2021, RWE won the auction and shortly afterwards signed a concession agreement with the Danish Energy Agency, which entitles RWE to build the wind farm and operate it for 30 years. Thor will be constructed about 20 kilometres off the coast of west Denmark and will be the country's largest offshore wind farm to date, with a capacity of approximately 1,000 MW. It is scheduled for full commissioning in 2027. Due to its minimum bid, RWE will not receive state subsidies for the electricity generated by Thor. In the early years, RWE will have to transfer proceeds to the Danish government until they total DKK 2.8 billion (€ 377 million) plus annual inflation. RWE expects the investment for the wind farm and the grid connection to amount to € 2.1 billion.

*RWE secures two offshore wind farm sites in the German North Sea.* RWE has secured the usage rights to two sites in the German North Sea. RWE was allocated one of the sites, officially referred to as N-3.7, during an auction held by the German Network Agency in September 2021. This confers the right to build a wind farm on site with a capacity of 225 MW. RWE submitted a zero-cent bid, which means the electricity generated by the wind farm is not subject to a minimum price guaranteed by the state. RWE was granted usage rights to the second site, referred to as N-3.8, following the September 2021 auction, allowing to build a wind farm with an installed capacity of 433 MW. Originally, the winning bid had been placed by French energy group EDF, but it had to pass on the usage rights to a joint venture between Northland Power and RWE. This is because RWE had pre-developed the site together with its Canadian partner and therefore had a step-in right. Now RWE must deliver the project at the conditions in EDF's winning zero-cent bid.

*Support secured for offshore wind project in Poland.* In April 2021, the government in Warsaw made a preliminary commitment to subsidise RWE's F. E. W. Baltic II project. It is envisaged that the wind farm be built on the Stupsk sandbank and have a capacity of 350 MW. It was not until January 2021 that the Polish government established the legal framework for subsidising offshore wind power. RWE was granted environmental clearance for F. E. W. Baltic II in December 2021 and expects to receive the final subsidy approval in 2022, at which time the regulator will also decide on the level of the funding. The support is to be granted in the form of two-sided contracts for difference which guarantee a fixed price per megawatt hour for the generation volume of 100,000 full load hours. If the realised market price is lower than this amount, the state pays the difference. If it is higher, the operators are obliged to make a payment. The subsidy period is limited to 25 years.

*RWE becomes majority shareholder in Rampion offshore wind farm.* As of 1 April 2021, RWE acquired a 20% interest in the UK Rampion offshore wind farm from E.ON. The purchase price was paid in December 2020. As a result of the transaction, RWE now owns 50.1% of the 400 MW wind farm. The other owners are a consortium led by Macquarie (25%) and Canadian energy group Enbridge (24.9%). Rampion is located in the English Channel off the coast of Sussex and has been operating commercially since 2018.

*TCP investor consortium acquires Rampion's grid connection.* In November 2021, investor consortium Transmission Capital Partners (TCP) purchased Rampion's grid connection, for which it paid a total of £ 279.5 million. The transaction included the offshore and onshore export cables as well as the substations at sea and on land. The sale was a regulatory requirement.

*Go-ahead for construction of Sofia wind farm in the North Sea.* In the spring of 2021, RWE made the final investment decision to build the Sofia wind farm in the UK North Sea. RWE holds a 100% stake in the project. Sofia will be located almost 200 kilometres off the coast of Northeast England. It will consist of 100 turbines with a total installed capacity of 1,400 MW and will be capable of supplying green electricity to approximately 1.2 million homes in the UK. June 2021 saw the start of onshore construction, with offshore work scheduled to begin in 2023. According to current plans, Sofia is set to take its full capacity online by 2026. RWE will be contractually remunerated for electricity generated by the wind farm in the amount of £ 39.65/MWh. This amount is based on the 2012 price level and will be subject to an upward adjustment for inflation. RWE anticipates investing about £ 3 billion in Sofia.

*Alliances to expand offshore wind forged.*

- In May 2021, RWE signed an agreement with Equinor and Hydro to develop a wind energy project in the Sørlige Nordsjø II area in the Norwegian North Sea. The site neighbours Danish waters and has strong wind conditions.
- In September 2021, RWE forged a further alliance with Norwegian partners. Together with NTE and Havfram, RWE plans to participate in auctions for floating wind farms. The Norwegian Ministry of Petroleum and Energy has earmarked an area known as Utsira Nord off the country's southern coast for this purpose. The site can accommodate wind turbines with a total capacity of up to 1.5 GW.
- Floating wind farms are also the focus of a partnership in South Korea, which RWE finalised with the port city of Ulsan in November 2021. Together with a local partner, RWE's objective is to implement projects to create up to 1.5 GW in generation capacity off the coast of the country.
- In February 2022 RWE joined forces with Tata Power, India's largest power generator, to develop offshore wind projects along the country's 7,600-kilometre coastline. India has set ambitious renewables expansion targets and aims to have 30 GW in offshore capacity by 2030.

*Three major US wind farms start commercial operation.* In spring 2021, Scioto Ridge went online commercially after about two-and-a-half years of construction. It is RWE's first wind farm in the state of Ohio and has a total capacity of 250 MW. In summer 2021, RWE completed two further large-scale wind farms: West Raymond in Texas and Cassadaga in the US state of New York. The wind farms have capacities of 240 MW and 125 MW, respectively. A total of more than € 800 million was invested in the three projects.

*Stakes in four Texan wind farms sold.* To increase financial strength and better balance its generation portfolio, RWE sold shares in four Texan wind farms: Stella (201 MW), Cranell (220 MW), East Raymond (200 MW), and

West Raymond. The buyers are a subsidiary of Canadian energy utility Algonquin Power & Utilities and UK investor Greencoat, which took an interest of 51% and 24% in the wind farms. RWE is therefore only a minority shareholder but is staying on as the operator of these assets. The sale was agreed in December 2020 and was completed in January 2021 (Stella / Cranell / East Raymond) and August 2021 (West Raymond).

*Australian Limondale solar farm is officially connected to the grid.* In autumn 2021, RWE's Limondale solar farm went online in the Australian state of New South Wales. With a capacity of 249 MW, the photovoltaic system is one of the largest in the country. It consists of approximately 872,000 solar panels, spread over a 900-hectare site. Construction started in 2018. Capital expenditure on Limondale amounted to approximately € 330 million.

*RWE sets the stage to expand solar power in Greece.* In October 2021, RWE set up a joint venture with energy group Public Power Corporation (PPC) to realise solar projects in Greece. RWE and PPC own 51% and 49% of the new company, respectively. RWE's partner is the country's largest power utility and will contribute photovoltaic projects with up to 940 MW of capacity to the joint venture. RWE will bring a project pipeline of a similar size to the table. The undertakings are in various stages of development. Based on current plans, the first farms will be commissioned in 2023.

*Green light for the construction of two mega batteries in Germany.* RWE will contribute to safeguarding security of supply in the future with two high-capacity batteries at its power plant sites in Werne and Lingen. This decision was taken in June 2021. RWE expects the battery storage units to have outputs of 72 MW (Werne) and 45 MW (Lingen) as well as storage capacities of 79 MWh and 49 MWh, respectively. They are due to go online at the end of 2022. RWE intends to invest some € 50 million in total.

*Partnership with Shell on hydrogen projects.* In November 2021, RWE reached an agreement with Shell to intensify collaborative efforts to build a European hydrogen economy. Working together with the British energy group, RWE will develop projects to produce, use and sell hydrogen. RWE and Shell are already partners in the trailblazing hydrogen projects AquaVentus in Germany and NorthH2 in the Netherlands. RWE and Shell intend to take the next step and initiate large-scale projects in the United Kingdom to produce green hydrogen using offshore wind energy. The partnership also encompasses measures to decarbonise gas and biomass-fired power stations within the RWE Group. To this end, RWE will explore the following alternatives: carbon capture and storage as well as retrofitting stations to use environmentally friendly hydrogen.

*Success in British capacity market auction.* In March 2021, RWE assets totalling 6,544 MW in secured generation capacity – primarily gas-fired power stations – qualified for a payment at a capacity market auction in Great Britain. The bidding process related to the period from 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025. Stations with a total capacity of 40.8 GW won a contract. The assets will be remunerated for being online and contributing to electricity supply in the period. The auction cleared at £ 18.00/kW (plus inflation adjustment).

*Texan cold snap weighs heavily on earnings.* In February 2021, an extraordinary cold front in parts of the USA curtailed energy supply substantially. Winter storms and freezing rain forced RWE wind farms to go offline for several days. RWE had sold forward a portion of the generation of these assets and therefore had to conduct short-term spot purchases in order to meet supply obligations. Due to the tight supply situation and regulatory price interventions, RWE had to pay up to US\$ 9,000/MWh for these electricity purchases.

*Group sites affected by catastrophic floods in western Germany.* In mid-July 2021, severe weather events in parts of Germany led to disastrous floods resulting in many fatalities and substantial damage to property. Rhineland-Palatinate and the south of North Rhine-Westphalia were the most devastated regions. The extreme weather also affected RWE and its employees. In the Rhenish lignite mining area, water ingress at the Inden opencast mine brought production to a temporary halt. In Erftstadt-Blessem, located near Cologne, the Erft river burst its banks, flooding a gravel pit operated by a subsidiary of RWE Power. Nearly all RWE-operated run-of-river power plants in the Eifel and on the Mosel, Saar and Ruhr rivers were forced to interrupt operations due to the floodwaters. Within a few days, however, these stations and the Inden mines were available once more. The financial burdens for RWE resulting from the disastrous flooding will total a figure in the low two-digit million-euro range.

*RWE stops generating electricity from hard coal in Germany.* In the middle of 2021, RWE's last German hard coal units, Westfalen E at Hamm (764 MW) and Ibbenbüren B (794 MW), were closed for good. At the end of 2020, RWE successfully participated in the first nationwide shutdown auction for hard coal-fired power plants with these assets. € 216 million in compensation for their early decommissioning were received. In the first half of 2021, RWE was forbidden from selling electricity generated by these assets but was obligated to keep them on standby to ensure security of supply. During this period, Westfalen E went online 13 times at the request of the transmission system operator. The station is envisaged to continue to contribute to security of supply, albeit without using hard coal. As the German Network Agency has classified the power plant as system-relevant, RWE will convert the generator to a rotary phase shifter to produce reactive power to maintain voltage levels, an important element in stabilising the electricity grid. Conversely, Ibbenbüren B has not been deemed to be system-relevant and will be fully decommissioned.

*Further lignite-fired power stations taken offline.* During the year 2021 RWE closed five 300 MW power plant units in the Rhenish lignite mining region. To comply with the German Coal Phaseout Act, RWE took Neurath B

(294 MW), Niederaussem C (295 MW) and Weisweiler E (321 MW) offline at the end of December 2021. The Frimmersdorf lignite power plant was shut down three months earlier. The station's last two units P (284 MW) and Q (278 MW) had been placed on security stand-by on 1 October 2017. This meant that they were forbidden by law from participating in the market but had to remain available as a safeguard to ensure security of supply when necessary. They were shut down for good on expiry of the security stand-by period.

*Gundremmingen C nuclear power station stops operating.* At the end of 2021, RWE took Unit C of the Gundremmingen nuclear power plant offline. The plant was commissioned in 1984 and had a net installed capacity of 1,288 MW. Its closure and current dismantling are a result of the roadmap dictated by the German nuclear phaseout. RWE had taken Unit B of the Gundremmingen nuclear power station offline at the end of 2017. As from 2022 electricity generation at the site has stopped entirely.

RWE wins rights to develop new offshore wind power sites in the British North Sea. At an auction held in February 2021, RWE secured the rights to build wind turbines with a total capacity of 3,000 MW across two neighbouring locations in the UK North Sea. In return, RWE will pay an annual option fee of £ 82,552/MW (plus inflation adjustment) until a final investment decision is made. The area is situated on a sandbank in shallow waters known as Dogger Bank. The Sofia wind farm is also being built in the vicinity (see "*Go-ahead for construction of Sofia wind farm in the North Sea*" below). After the auction, an official plan-level Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) was initiated, which is expected to be finalised in 2022. Only after this is completed the option fee period will commence. In accordance with applicable regulations, however, RWE had to pay an annual fee in advance in 2021. As soon as all permits for the new wind farms have been obtained, RWE will participate in an auction for a subsidy contract, after which a final investment decision is made. Then the option fee will be replaced by a much lower lease payment. If connected to the grid in time, the wind farms could be commissioned as early as the end of this decade.

### **Trend Information**

There has been no material adverse change in the prospects of RWE since 31 December 2021.

There has been no significant change in the financial performance of the RWE Group since 31 December 2021.

All signs point to more stringent climate protection measures in Europe. In 2021, the EU lifted its greenhouse gas reduction goal for 2030 from 40% to 55%. The baseline year is 1990. Germany has set its target from 55% to 65%. RWE welcomes this change, as it encourages the rapid expansion of renewable energy. The economic environment also presents RWE with opportunities. Soaring natural gas and emission allowance prices have caused prices on electricity markets to increase strongly. This favours climate-friendly generation assets in particular. Given that most of RWE's power production had already been sold forward, the increased price levels had little impact on earnings in 2021. In 2022, however, RWE expects margins to improve notably.

*Ukraine crisis puts economic growth at risk.* Forecasts concerning the economic development in RWE's core markets are linked to considerable uncertainties related to the Ukraine conflict. According to estimates available before the war broke out the world economic output could increase by about 4% in 2022. Growth rates forecast for the Eurozone, Germany and the USA are of a similar order, while those for the United Kingdom and the Netherlands are expected to reach 3%. Should energy prices remain extremely high due to the Ukraine conflict, then the economy may well prove to be less dynamic.

*Rise in electricity consumption anticipated.* Higher economic output is generally associated with additional demand for electricity. However, this is contrasted by continued energy savings which will probably have a slightly dampening effect. Provided the aforementioned economic prognoses prove to be accurate, demand for electricity in RWE's key markets Germany, the Netherlands, the UK and the USA should be between 1% and 3% higher than in 2021.

### **Economic environment**

*Strong economic output in all of RWE's core markets.* In 2021, global output made a strong recovery, following the economic downturn witnessed during the pandemic year 2020. Initial estimates put increased global economic performance at 6% year on year. While the USA saw a similar level of growth, the Eurozone fell behind by approximately one percentage point. In Germany and the Netherlands, current data suggests a rise of 3% and 5%, respectively. The UK economy is centred around the service industry and was therefore hit much harder by the pandemic. However, figures suggest the nation's economy could have since rebounded by 7% in 2021. The global economic recovery was reflected in the significant rise in demand for commodities, which led to a notable increase in prices. There were also supply shortages and project delays, which have only affected RWE to a minimal extent so far.

*German power consumption in 2021 up by 3% versus 2020.* In 2021, demand for electricity has risen across all RWE markets. This was largely attributable to the economic upswing. Preliminary data from the German Association of Energy and Water Industries (BDEW) indicates that German electricity consumption was up 3%

on 2020. For the USA, experts estimate a rise of similar proportions, while the Netherlands (1%) and the UK (2%), will most likely have fallen short of this mark.

*Low wind speeds across the majority of RWE locations.* Utilisation and profitability of renewables assets are largely weather-dependent. Therefore, RWE monitors wind speeds carefully. In 2021, these were lower than the long-term average across most of RWE's production sites in Europe and North America. A year-on-year comparison also revealed an unfavourable development: most RWE wind farms were underutilised versus 2020 due to weather conditions. Only pockets of southern Europe were able to benefit from higher wind volumes.

*Strong increase of natural gas prices.* Natural gas, RWE's most important energy source for producing electricity, became increasingly expensive in 2021. In the first quarter of 2021, quotations at the Dutch Title Transfer Facility (TTF), Continental Europe's lead market, were still largely priced between € 15/MWh and € 20/MWh, but by the fourth quarter they intermittently exceeded levels far above € 100/MWh. In 2021, the average spot price of € 48/MWh was more than five times as high as in 2020 (€ 9/MWh). This drastic price hike for natural gas is partially attributable to increased demand for energy due to the global economic upturn. In addition, colder weather across large parts of Europe meant that more gas was needed for heating compared to 2020. Geopolitical tensions and uncertainty surrounding the approval of the Russian-German Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline contributed to the price increase. Due to the aforementioned factors, forward quotations rose considerably. The 2022 forward hit a record high of well above € 100/MWh in December 2021. On average, it was quoted at € 34/MWh. By way of comparison, in December 2020 the 2021 TTF forward cost € 13/MWh on average.

*Increased demand from China boosts hard coal prices.* Prices for hard coal used in power plants (steam coal) also rose notably in 2021. Deliveries to ARA ports (ARA = Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Antwerp) including freight and insurance were settled for an average of US\$ 122/metric ton (€ 104) in 2021, as opposed to US\$ 50/metric ton in 2020. This rise can, in part, be traced back to increased demand from China, where the local economy recovered quickly from the economic fallout of the pandemic. The same trend was also reflected in the development of hard coal forward prices: in 2021, the 2022 forward (API 2 Index) was quoted at an average of US\$ 95/metric ton (€ 81). This is US\$ 37 more than was paid for the 2021 forward in 2020.

*CO<sub>2</sub> emissions trading: More ambitious EU climate protection target pushes prices up.* An increasingly important price factor for fossil fuel-fired power plants is the procurement of CO<sub>2</sub> emission allowances. An EU Allowance (EUA), entitling the holder to emit one metric ton of carbon dioxide, was traded at an average of € 54 in 2021 – almost twice the price in 2020. This figure is based on contracts for delivery that mature in December of the following year. Towards the end of 2021, allowance prices were closing in on the € 80 figure. The considerable price hikes were primarily the result of the introduction of a stricter European greenhouse gas reduction target for 2030. To meet this goal, the EU needs to vastly decrease the number of emission allowances available to companies. Many market participants anticipated this, making early purchases of EUAs. The increase in energy consumption driven by the economy contributed to the rise in prices because it also drove up greenhouse gas emissions and demand for emission allowances.

The United Kingdom launched its own CO<sub>2</sub> emissions trading system when it left the EU. UK Allowances (UKAs) have been traded on the secondary market since the first auction in May 2021. In the seven and a half months to the end of 2021, UKAs were quoted above EUAs. The average price during this time was £ 57 (€ 67).

*Surge in fuel and emissions allowance prices impacts cost of electricity.* The low wind energy output, due to poor weather, and maintenance-related outages at French nuclear power plants also came to bear to some extent. In Germany, the average annual spot price for base-load electricity more than tripled compared to 2020, rising from € 30/MWh to € 97/MWh. The changes were on a similar scale in the United Kingdom and the Netherlands, where quotations rose from £ 35/MWh to £ 118/MWh (€ 138) and from € 32/MWh to € 103/MWh, respectively. Electricity forward markets also witnessed an upward curve. An average of € 89/MWh was paid for the 2022 baseload forward in Germany and the Netherlands. In 2020, this figure stood at € 40 in both countries. The price of the British one-year forward increased from £ 44/MWh to £ 92/MWh (€ 108).

*Higher margins on electricity forward markets.* In order to mitigate the risk of short-term sales and price fluctuations, RWE sells most of its electricity forward, whilst also hedging the prices for necessary fuels and emission allowances. Revenue for 2021 was thus influenced by the conditions of forward contracts for 2021, which were concluded in previous years. These forward sales are largely conducted with a lead time of up to three years for power production from RWE's lignite and nuclear plants, which are mainly used to cover base-load needs. On average, RWE was able to achieve higher prices and margins from these assets for 2021 than for 2020. Sales of electricity from RWE's gas-fired stations were subject to a shorter lead time. Margins realised from these transactions were higher than 2020. A portion of RWE's renewables portfolio is also subject to forward contracts.

RWE sells some of the generated power at spot market prices valid at the time of sale. The margins achieved for these transactions in 2021 were higher than in 2020. Furthermore, price spikes on the spot market contributed to additional income from the short-term optimisation of RWE's power plant dispatch.

The rise in the price of electricity will have a more notable impact on margins in 2022. This concerns generation assets that had not yet fully or had only partially sold their electricity forward when prices began to climb. European wind farms, in particular, where electricity revenue depends on market prices, in 2022 enjoy improved earnings forecasts. However, a portion of RWE's conventional power plant portfolio will also benefit from the price trend.

### **Political and regulatory environment**

*German government presents package of actions for an accelerated build-up of renewables energies.* On 6 April 2022 German cabinet passed an amendment to energy law to implement numerous intentions from government coalition agreements. The so called "*Osterpaket*" ("Eastern Package") is mainly aimed at accelerating renewables energy build-out to reach a share of 80% gross energy usage by 2030. This is twice the share of 2021. By 2030 30 GW of offshore wind capacity is envisaged rising to 70 GW by 2045. Onshore wind and solar capacity are planned to increase to 115 GW and 215 GW by 2030, respectively. From 2025 the government intends an annual increase of 10 GW for onshore wind and 20 GW for solar.

*Great Britain to become more independent of resource imports – ambitious goals for offshore wind and hydrogen.* On 6 April 2022 UK government has published its strategy to improve security of energy supply. The aim is to reach a higher degree of independence from resource imports while making use of domestic sources. This is a reaction to the resource price increases resulting from increased demand after the Covid crisis and further influenced by the Ukraine conflict. The strategy embraces several measures affecting electricity generation, network infrastructure and energy efficiency. For example, an accelerated build-out of renewable energy is contained in the strategy. By 2030, generation from offshore wind capacity is planned to be at 50 GW, which is an increase of 10 GW as compared to previous plans. In order to facilitate a swift completion of projects approval procedures are to be shortened. Onshore wind and solar are two further focus areas of the strategy. Both technologies will be permitted to participate in auctions for Contracts for Difference ("**CfD**"), which had not been possible in the recent past. Additional efforts are also planned for hydrogen. Capacity for this energy source will be increased to 10 GW by 2030, which is a doubling of previous intentions. Another pillar of the new strategy is nuclear energy generation. An increase to 24 GW by 2050 is expected to cover a quarter of electricity demand at the time.

*EU Commission presents concept for energy independence from Russia.* Under the impression of the Ukraine conflict the EU and several other countries are redirecting energy policy. Two weeks into the war the EU Commission presented "REPowerEU". The plan contains a number of proposals to make the EU independent of Russian fossil fuels well before 2030. The package includes the diversification of gas supply, an accelerated expansion of renewable energy, ambitious energy efficiency goals as well as the production of biogas and green hydrogen. To preserve security of gas supply during winter months the EU Commission suggests minimum filling levels for gas reservoirs within the EU. The proposal has been approved on 23 March 2022 and is currently undergoing legislative procedures. "REPowerEU" also contains proposals to provide relieve to consumers and companies affected by increased energy costs. Part of this is the possibility for EU member states to absorb profits gained from price increases.

*Germany: Measures for a reliable energy supply.* German government has initiated numerous measures to secure a reliable energy supply independent from Russia. This is to be accomplished, amongst others, by diversifying gas supply, reduction in the gas fired energy generation, an accelerated development of the hydrogen economy, progress in energy efficiency measures and an accelerated expansion of renewable energy. In a report published end of March 2020 ("*Fortschrittsbericht Energiesicherheit*") the German government is confident that an independence from Russian gas imports can be achieved by 2024. In 2021 Germany had still covered half of its gas consumption from Russian imports. For hard coal and oil an independence is to be completed already by the end of 2022.

*German government intends to preserve secure energy supply through coal reserve.* On 23 March 2022 the coalition committee has decided that the lawful shutdown of coal fired plants may be suspended after review of the German network agency (*Bundesnetzagentur*) and that lignite fired power plants remain in security stand-by for longer. This leads to a short-term reduction of gas demand to produce electricity. At the same time the coalition plans to retain its goal to stop producing electricity from coal by 2030. RWE supports the government to preserve security of supply on a high level and examines which power plants may return to production or may run for longer. This is technically possible for capacities of 3.5 GW. This includes hard coal unit Westfalen E, which was shut down in 2021, as well as lignite units that have recently been shut down or have been in security stand-by or are scheduled to be shut down throughout 2022. If and to what extent the capacities will be used is still to be decided. When deciding to expand the active run-time of coal fired power plants the government has to provide for the legal conditions by amending the law on energy and coal phaseout (*Energiewirtschafts- und Kohleverstromungsbeendigungsgesetz*). RWE does not expect economic benefits but also wants to avoid disadvantages. The extended operation of coal fired power plants has no



influence on RWE's strategic direction. RWE will continue its green transformation to become carbon neutral by 2040.

*Law sets minimum filling levels for German gas reservoirs.* On 25 March 2022 German parliament has passed a law securing sufficient gas is available in storage to cover the winter. The law entered into force on 1 May 2022. The law defines gas reservoirs to be filled by at least 65% as at 1 August, at 80% as at 1 October, at 90% as at 1 November and at 40% as at 1 February of each year. Storage unit operators must secure standards are met. If lessees fail to sufficiently fill booked capacities, these can be withdrawn to be filled by regional market responsables. The law terminates in April 2025. The law is a reaction not just to the Ukraine crisis, but also to historically low filling levels observed throughout winter 2021/2022, which led to extraordinary gas prices.

*EU adopts new climate law: EU aims to be climate-neutral by 2050 and adopts stricter emission reduction target for 2030 of 55%.* The European climate law came into force on 29 July 2021, under which the EU and its member states are obligated to decrease their net greenhouse gas emissions to zero by 2050. There had been some initial disagreement, in particular with regard to the emission reduction goal for 2030. The European Commission had suggested an increase from 40% to 55% versus 1990. The European Council had also voted in favour of this change, while the European Parliament had backed a reduction of as much as 60%. Following several trilateral meetings, representatives of the individual institutions ultimately agreed on 55%.

The European Commission specified the instruments that would be necessary to achieve its new climate protection target for 2030 in the 'Fit for 55' legislative package. The package was made public on 14 July 2021 and includes proposals for a number of measures that will, for example, improve energy efficiency, cut carbon emissions in transport, construction and agriculture, bring the taxation of energy products in line with current objectives, expand natural carbon sinks and cushion the social implications of climate protection. Renewables are due to be scaled up and should cover at least 40% of primary energy consumption in the EU by 2030. A goal which, until then, had been set at 32%. Furthermore, the European Commission wants to adapt the EU Emissions Trading System (ETS). The aim here is to decrease the total number of emission allowances placed on the market. At present, companies in the energy, industry and aviation sectors are participating in the ETS. The European Commission has proposed a similar system for the heating of buildings and road transport. In addition, the European Commission plans to introduce a carbon border adjustment mechanism to ensure products manufactured in the EU are not subjected to higher carbon prices than imports. This is to prevent domestic companies suffering a competitive disadvantage and thus relocating their production sites to countries outside the EU. The 'Fit for 55' package is being debated by EU member states and in the European Parliament. Draft laws have already been submitted for most of the legislative initiatives. However, the European Parliament and the Council of Ministers are expected to go through a lengthy process to establish their positions and reach an agreement.

*EU taxonomy: European Commission defines conditions for 'green' economic activity.* In a delegated act published in 2021, the European Commission defined technical screening criteria to determine whether economic activity is mitigating or adapting to climate change. Most renewable energy assets are likely to meet the criteria. The act formalises the provisions of the Taxonomy Regulation, introduced by the European Parliament and the Council of Ministers in mid-2020. The Regulation is designed as a tool to help determine when to classify economic activity as sustainable. The EU is taking this stance to improve transparency for investors and channel capital flows into environmentally friendly activities.

To be recognised as taxonomy-aligned, an economic activity must contribute to at least one of the following environmental objectives, without significantly harming any of the others: (1) climate change mitigation, (2) climate change adaptation, (3) sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources, (4) transition to a circular economy, (5) pollution prevention and control and (6) protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems. The European Commission's first delegated act was concerned with defining the criteria for the first two objectives, with the remaining targets to be delivered over the course of 2022.

In February 2022, the European Commission passed a supplementary delegated act which formalises the taxonomy criteria for new gas and nuclear power stations which has been formally adopted in March 2022. It states that gas-fired power plants which are approved before 2030, can be classed as sustainable even if they exceed the upper emissions limit of 100g CO<sub>2</sub>/kWh, provided they replace more carbon-intensive assets and are fully operated using climate-friendly gases like hydrogen no later than 2036. There will also be a cap on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. The act mentions two upper limits, of which one has to be complied with, namely 270g CO<sub>2</sub>/kWh or – alternatively – 550kg CO<sub>2</sub>/kW as an annual average over a period of 20 years. The standards imposed are ambitious but can be met given the right framework conditions. These include the rapid expansion of hydrogen infrastructure. The delegated act does not require formal approval from the European Parliament or Council of Ministers. However, both authorities have veto powers: they can reject an act entirely within six months of its passage by the European Commission.

The Taxonomy Regulation has also introduced new transparency obligations. Players on the financial market, e.g., investment funds that label a financial product as environmentally sustainable, now must disclose the share of green assets in their portfolio. Listed companies will also have to observe stricter disclosure

requirements. Under the new requirements, businesses that are already obliged to prepare non-financial reports will now have to disclose what percentage of their capital expenditure, revenue and operational expenditure are classed as sustainable in accordance with EU taxonomy regulations. This obligation applies to all annual reports published on or after 1 January 2022.

In the first year of reporting, companies are allowed to follow a simplified process, whereby disclosure is limited to whether taxonomy criteria exist for a given economic activity and not whether the applicable conditions for said activity have been met. Activities for which taxonomy criteria exist are classed as 'taxonomy-eligible'. Up to 88% of RWE's capital expenditure in 2021 met this requirement. In 2021, 18% of revenue (€ 24.5 billion) was taxonomy-eligible along with 25% of operational expenditure (€ 1.6 billion). From 1 January 2023, RWE will report what percentage of its economic activities actually meet the technical screening criteria and is thus considered 'taxonomy-aligned'. RWE has set the target of ensuring that more than 90% of its investments are dedicated to such activities in the future.

*Amended German climate law: Germany seeks to become carbon neutral by 2045 and adopts stricter emission reduction target for 2030 of 65%.* In June 2021, the German legislator passed a reform of the Federal Climate Protection Act (*Bundes-Klimaschutzgesetz*), imposing a stricter greenhouse gas reduction target. Germany aims at being carbon neutral by 2045 – five years ahead of the climate law's original schedule, drawn up in 2019. By 2030, greenhouse gas emissions are to be reduced by 65% compared to 1990. The original target was 55%. An emission reduction target for 2040 has been set at 88%. The law also specifies targets for individual sectors, with the energy industry shouldering the majority of additional emissions cuts: in 2030, the sector is limited to emitting 108 million metric tons of carbon. The original emissions threshold had been set at 175 million metric tons.

These legislative amendments were seen as a reaction to a decision of the German Constitutional Court (*Bundesverfassungsgericht*) from March 2021. The judges in Karlsruhe had found the Federal Climate Protection Act of 2019 to be insufficient and had called for more concrete regulations for the period after 2030. They highlighted the enormous burden that irreversibly delaying considerable emission reductions would place on future generations.

How exactly these additional emission reductions will be achieved is now down to the current government coalition between Germany's Social Democrats, Greens and Free Democrats. A range of measures have already been announced, such as further expediting the phaseout of coal, which is ideally to be achieved by 2030.

*Germany imposes stricter emissions limits for air pollutants.* Germany transposed new EU requirements for limiting air pollutant emissions from power plants into national law. Midway through 2021, an amendment to the 13<sup>th</sup> German Emission Control Ordinance (*13. Bundesimmissionsschutzverordnung*) and new co-firing requirements in the 17<sup>th</sup> German Emission Control Ordinance (*17. Bundesimmissionsschutzverordnung*) entered into force, introducing more stringent limits on nitrogen oxides and mercury, in particular. To ensure compliance, RWE has optimised the nitrogen oxide reduction processes in all its lignite-fired power plants and equipped the three most state-of-the-art units with additional mercury removal systems. Gas-fired stations are also affected by the stricter regulations. Existing plants and those under construction are marginally compliant with the current nitrogen oxide thresholds, without having to rely on retrofits. However, future power stations must be fitted with catalytic exhaust gas purification systems, which will increase costs significantly.

*German government establishes new system for nuclear phaseout compensation.* The 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the German Nuclear Energy Act entered into force on 31 October 2021. It governs remuneration for German nuclear power plant operators impacted by the accelerated nuclear phaseout. RWE was entitled to € 880 million in compensation and received the funds at the end of November 2021. It had been necessary to readdress the issue of remuneration in light of the German Constitutional Court's findings that the regulations drawn up in 2018 had never entered into force and were unconstitutional. The new law is flanked by an associated public-law contract between the Federal Republic of Germany and the power plant operators, which was signed by the contracting parties in March 2021.

*United Kingdom launches national emissions trading system.* The new British trading system for carbon emission allowances entered into force in early 2021. On 19 May 2021, the first 6.1 million certificates (UK Allowances, or UKAs for short) were auctioned off, each entitling the holder to emit one metric ton of carbon. At approximately £ 44 (around € 51), the price was twice as high as the lower regulatory limit. Additional auctions followed every two weeks. In 2021, around 83 million emission allowances were auctioned off in total, and around 38 million were allocated free of charge. The UK sought to establish its own emissions trading system as a result of leaving the EU. Britain has not participated in European emissions trading since the end of 2020. Until now, both systems have been kept strictly separate, i.e., it has not been possible to use EU Allowances (EUAs) in the UK nor has using UKAs been permissible in the EU. This can give rise to price discrepancies. In addition to a number of renewable energy assets, RWE's UK power generation portfolio includes ten gas-fired power plants with a total capacity of 7 GW. The carbon emitted by these facilities amounted to 12.8 million metric tons in 2021.

*Netherlands limits use of coal in power plants.* In the Netherlands a law was passed in 2019 that prevents RWE from using hard coal in their two power plants as of 2025 and 2030, respectively. There are no plans to offer compensation. In addition to the coal phaseout, the Dutch parliament and senate have passed an amendment to the country's legislation on the Coal Phaseout Act, which places additional restrictions on the use of coal for electricity generation. Under the new law, annual CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from coal use may in future not exceed 35% of the level that is theoretically possible in the respective plant. The regulation will apply from 2022 to 2024. Plant operators are to be compensated, however this is yet to be approved under state aid law by the European Commission. RWE operates two hard coal power plants in the Netherlands, Amer 9 and Eemshaven. Amer 9 runs on 80% biomass and is therefore not affected by the upper limit. Eemshaven, on the other hand, will be severely impacted by the law as it only uses 15% biomass.

*Poland establishes funding framework for offshore wind.* The Polish government has finalised the legal framework for offshore wind farm subsidies, with the Polish parliament passing a corresponding law in January 2021. Poland intends to increase the share of renewables in its power generation portfolio to 32% in 2030; in 2020 this figure stood at 16%. Now, there are no wind farms off the coast of Poland. However, turbines with a total capacity of 10.9 GW should be in development, under construction or in operation by as early as 2027. Wind farms with a total capacity of 5.9 GW will be able to take part in the first round of subsidies. Plant operators will be awarded contracts for difference which guarantee a fixed payment for 100,000 full load hours. The maximum subsidy period is set at 25 years.

*The US government plans to extend tax benefits for renewables.* Shortly after his inauguration in 2021, US president Joe Biden presented an ambitious investment package to subsidise infrastructure, social care and climate protection initiatives, which envisages an extension to renewables tax benefits. New power stations are to continue to receive Production Tax Credits (PTCs) or Investment Tax Credits (ITCs). The aim is to grant PTCs in the amount of US\$ 25/MWh for a period of ten years, while ITCs are to account for up to 30% of the investment costs. In future, it should be possible to subsidise hydrogen and electricity storage projects in addition to wind power and solar systems.

Before it is enshrined in law, the investment package must first pass through the Senate and the House of Representatives. The Democrats hold the necessary majorities in both houses. In November 2021, the House of Representatives greenlit the proposal. One single Democratic senator, however, has so far prevented it from passing through the Senate. Points of contention include the overall cost of the package and individual social measures. Commentators expect a new package to be tabled, which includes tax incentives for investing in climate protection and is capable of achieving a majority in both houses. However, time is of the essence here given the pending Senate elections in November 2022. Should the Democrats lose their narrow majority, then the Republicans could block legislative proposals from the US government.

### ***RWE Group's strategy***

RWE is a leading international energy company headquartered in Essen, Germany, with a focus on power generation. Energy sources such as wind and solar are an increasingly important part of its business. RWE's core activities also include the storage of electricity and natural gas, the hydrogen business, trading of energy-related commodities and innovative energy solutions for industrial customers. RWE's key markets are Germany, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and the USA. In the field of renewables, RWE is also active in other countries, for example in Poland, Spain, Italy, Sweden and Australia. It intends to position itself even more broadly geographically in the renewables business. For example, RWE is stepping up efforts to win offshore wind projects in new markets such as Norway, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan.

By 2030, RWE intends to invest € 50 billion in renewables, battery storage, gas-fired power stations and electrolyzers. Including proceeds from selling stakes in projects, RWE foresees net investments of € 30 billion. This will double generation capacity in these technologies to 50 GW by 2030. At the same time, RWE is phasing out electricity generated from coal allowing to be carbon neutral by no later than 2040.

*Carbon-neutral energy.* In most industrial countries, energy policy is shaped by climate change. Most industrialised countries where RWE does business want to minimise their emissions of greenhouse gases generated by the use of fossil fuels. Over the long run, the goal is to achieve climate neutrality. The European Union and the UK want to be climate neutral by 2050, while Germany wishes to reach this goal by 2045. Both these objectives call for the fundamental restructuring of the way in which companies and households consume energy. This transformation has many aspects. For the energy industry, the following issues need to be addressed:

- Decarbonising electricity generation
- Creating storage and backup capacities
- Replacing fossil fuels with green power
- Establishing the hydrogen economy.

*Energy transition.* RWE strives to contribute to transforming the energy sector and the broader economy in all of the areas above by investing in wind power, photovoltaics, battery storage and green hydrogen, phasing out coal-based generation, building environmentally friendly backup capacities and helping industrial customers optimise their energy consumption. RWE's commitment in this regard is reflected by its plans to be carbon neutral by 2040 at the latest. Not only does this apply to its own greenhouse gas emissions (referred to as Scope 1), it also covers the upstream and downstream value chain (Scope 2 and Scope 3). RWE has also set itself ambitious goals for the current decade: by 2030 to reduce emissions by 50% (Scope 1 and 2) and 30% (Scope 3) compared to 2019. At the Paris Climate Conference in 2015, the global community committed to limiting the increase in average global temperatures to well below two degrees Celsius compared to pre-industrial levels. RWE's actions are in line with this target, as was officially confirmed by the independent Science Based Targets initiative at the end of 2020. Moving forward, RWE has also set sights on ensuring it adheres to the target of 1.5 degrees Celsius established at the Paris Climate Conference.

*Sustainability.* A sustainable business involves far more than cutting greenhouse gas emissions. In 2021 RWE reassessed its approach to sustainability. Working together with internal and external experts, RWE defined the fields of action that are of most significance and what it wants to achieve in these areas. In addition to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, one of the most important environmental efforts is preserving biodiversity at the sites where RWE operates. In particular, this involves the recultivation of mining areas, as well as the erection, operation and decommissioning of wind farms. RWE wants to reduce the use of natural resources and significantly boost its recycling ratio at the same time.

As a company, RWE takes great responsibility in the communities where it does business. In the Rhenish lignite mining region, RWE is acutely aware of its prime-aged employees who are losing their jobs due to the coal phaseout, and are in the process of securing socially acceptable solutions to this issue. Occupational health and safety is another key concern. RWE also advocates for a diverse, inclusive corporate culture. In RWE's core business, which covers all Group activities with the exception of Coal / Nuclear, the share of women in executive positions was 19% at the end of 2021 with the aim to reach 30% by 2030.

Its mission statement 'Our energy for a sustainable life' encompasses RWE's purpose as a company and confirms that sustainability is a principle that guides actions. RWE's commitment in this regard is made tangible by the fact that achievement of Environment, Society and Governance (ESG) targets has a direct impact on the level of Executive Board remuneration.

*Growing Green – RWE's strategic roadmap to 2030.* In mid-November 2021, RWE informed the public about the strategy and goals for its business activities during the current decade at a Capital Market Day event. An ambitious growth programme in RWE's green core business forms the centrepiece of strategy, which is entitled 'Growing Green'. In the 10-year period from 2021 to the end of 2030, RWE intends to invest approximately € 50 billion in new wind farms, photovoltaic assets, battery storage, gas-fired power plants and electrolyzers.

This capital expenditure will be divided up roughly four ways between Germany, the United Kingdom, the USA and other markets. In net terms, i.e. taking into account cash flows from divestments, RWE expects that investments will total around € 30 billion. RWE will use these funds to massively expand climate-friendly generation capabilities. Including battery storage and electrolyzers, intending to have a generation capacity of around 50 GW by 2030. This target is a pro-rata figure, meaning RWE states its capacity according to its shareholding ratios. In order to reach 50 GW, RWE will have to build approx. 25 GW. At 21 GW, the majority of this capacity will come from wind farms, solar assets and battery storage. It will be supplemented by flexible gas-fired power stations and electrolyzers with a total installed capacity of 2 GW each.

The individual components of RWE's growth programme:

- *Offshore Wind.* At the end of 2021, RWE's offshore wind power portfolio had a total pro-rata capacity of 2.4 GW. This figure is expected to reach 8 GW by 2030. RWE currently operates wind farms in the coastal waters of the United Kingdom, Germany, Belgium, Sweden and Denmark. Europe is RWE's most important region in terms of growth. Examples for this include projects such as Sofia (UK / 1,400 MW), Kaskasi (Germany / 342 MW), Thor (Denmark / 1,000 MW) and F. E. W. Baltic II (Poland / 350 MW). RWE is also looking to markets outside of Europe: together with local partners, RWE is working on offshore wind projects in the USA, Japan, Taiwan and South Korea. In order to realise the full potential of offshore wind, RWE will also be operating wind turbines on floating platforms in the future. The first prototype co-engineered by RWE – the TetraSpar Demonstrator off the coast of Norway – started operating in autumn 2021.
- *Onshore Wind / Solar.* In onshore wind RWE has pro-rata generation capacity of 7 GW intending to boost this figure to 12 GW by 2030. In terms of solar, where its capacity currently stands at 0.5 GW, RWE is still in the start phase. However, RWE aims for a steep expansion curve towards 8 GW by the end of the decade. RWE is concentrating its onshore wind and solar efforts on North America and Europe. For instance, RWE has partnered with Public Power Corporation (PPC), Greece's largest energy group, to position itself as a

solar power producer in Greece. In the United States evidence for the expansion into new territories can be found at Scioto Ridge, RWE's first wind farm in Ohio, which started operating in May 2021. RWE's main focus in terms of growth ventures rests on countries and market segments harbouring potential for more than one technology, e. g. for photovoltaics plus wind energy and / or electricity storage.

- **Battery storage.** Demand for electricity storage is increasing as power generation shifts to wind and solar assets. RWE has been involved in the development, construction and operation of battery storage systems for many years now. For this decade, RWE targets an installed capacity of 3 GW, compared to 47 MW in late-2021. RWE is currently rolling out a key battery project in Hickory Park, which is located in the south of Georgia, USA. This site will be home to a 196 MW solar farm coupled to a 40 MW battery storage system. This combination will enable electricity feed-ins into the local grid to be optimised, significantly improving the solar array's yield. Future photovoltaic projects will largely follow this approach. RWE is also building battery storage to provide grid services. Two examples of this are the massive batteries with storage capacities of 72 MW and 45 MW, which we are currently installing at German power plant sites in Werne and Lingen.
- **Flexible gas-fired power plants.** The supply gap caused by the coal phaseout cannot be resolved by energy storage solutions alone. Low-carbon backup capacities that can balance out the fluctuations in power generation from solar and wind need to be built. This presents growth opportunities, particularly for power generators such as RWE. Gas-fired power plants play a key role in this regard. With an installed capacity of 14.1 GW, RWE's fleet of gas-fired stations is the second largest in Europe, and RWE wants to build another 2 GW of capacity by 2030. RWE sees a need for investment in Germany in particular, where the coal exit is coinciding with the nuclear phaseout. Nevertheless, the construction of new assets in Germany involves a high degree of political and economic uncertainty, unless the plants receive guaranteed remuneration based on the Combined Heat and Power Act or via capacity auctions held by the grid operator. In one such auction, RWE won the right to construct a 300 MW grid stabilisation unit at its Biblis site, which is scheduled to start operation in 2022.
- **Hydrogen.** The hydrogen economy is a crucial part of the energy transition and a perfect complement to RWE's business model. RWE wants to be active along the entire value chain, from green electricity generation and hydrogen production by electrolysis to hydrogen trading and storage and the conclusion of individual supply agreements with major industrial customers. RWE's regional focus in these activities is on Germany, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands. In recent years, RWE has forged a range of partnerships with businesses and research institutes seeking to work together to develop a comprehensive hydrogen infrastructure. Noteworthy projects include the German initiatives GET H2 and AquaVentus, the Dutch projects Eemshydrogen and NorthH2 and RWE's partnership with Shell, which was formed at the end of 2021. At present, RWE participates in around 30 hydrogen projects. By 2030, RWE intends to develop electrolysis capacities totalling 2 GW. RWE is designing facilities that allow for industrial-scale production. Examples of this include the three electrolysers slated to start production at the Lingen power station in the period from 2024 to 2026. With capacities of 100 MW each, these units will be among the largest of their kind in Europe.

**Energy trading and customer solutions.** In addition to power generation, RWE is focused on energy trading as one of its core competencies. It is managed by the Group company RWE Supply & Trading, which acts as the window into the energy markets. Around 200 RWE specialists trade electricity, fuel and emission rights around the clock. RWE Supply & Trading also markets the electricity from RWE's power stations and procures the fuel and emission allowances required to produce it. The objective here is to limit price risks. On top of that, the company is in charge of the commercial optimisation of RWE's power plant dispatch, the earnings of which go to the generation companies. Companies outside of the RWE Group can also benefit from the expertise of RWE's trading subsidiary. They are offered a wide range of products and services, ranging from traditional energy supply contracts and comprehensive energy management solutions to sophisticated risk management concepts.

Above this, RWE Supply & Trading has established itself as an intermediary for pipeline gas and LNG. Thus, in addition to meeting the needs of RWE Group companies, it also serves numerous industrial customers around the world. To this end, it enters into long-term supply agreements with producers, organises gas transportation by booking pipelines or LNG tankers and optimises the timing of deliveries using leased gas storage facilities. The gas business also opens up opportunities for activities in the field of hydrogen. One example in this regard is the long-term partnership between RWE Supply & Trading and Australian LNG producer Woodside. RWE intends to purchase liquefied natural gas from Woodside as of 2025 and collaborate on investigating the potential to market hydrogen to RWE's customer base in Asia and Europe. Another example that relates to the development of the hydrogen economy is the planned Brunsbüttel LNG terminal near Hamburg, which RWE Supply & Trading is helping to realise. In future, green ammonia could also be imported to Germany via the terminal and converted into hydrogen in the port area.

*Socially acceptable phaseout of coal-fired generation.* RWE's growth programme is flanked by a rapid coal exit. In the United Kingdom and Germany, RWE already phased out hard-coal-fired power generation in 2019 and 2021, respectively. RWE is currently only using hard coal in its Dutch stations Amer 9 and Eemshaven, where biomass is co-fired. From 2025 and 2030, respectively, RWE will no longer be using hard coal in these plants.

For RWE, the phaseout of lignite, which is produced and turned into electricity in the Rhenish mining region to the west of Cologne, is much more complex and difficult in terms of the social ramifications. In early 2022, RWE still operated lignite-fired power stations with a total capacity of 7.6 GW, a third less than in 2015. In 2022, RWE will shut down another 1.6 GW of capacity. Pursuant to current legislation, the last unit will go offline in 2038. However, the new German government has already announced that they are looking to accelerate the phaseout of coal in Germany and are working towards a deadline of 2030.

RWE supports the German federal government's climate protection ambitions. If it were possible to provide for the necessary framework conditions in pursuit of accelerating the coal exit, RWE would be able to progress more quickly on its path of reducing emissions. At the same time, this would also be associated with significant additional financial burdens for RWE. The present legal phaseout roadmap already presents RWE with tremendous challenges – from operational, financial and social standpoints. At the end of 2019, before the Coal Phaseout Act entered into force, some 10,000 people were employed in the Rhenish mining region; in 2030 less than 4,000 will work there. Although the personnel affected by job losses will receive state support, such as an adjustment allowance, RWE will also pay for redundancy measures. In August 2020, RWE concluded the 'Coal Exit' tariff agreement with ver.di, Germany's United Services Trade Union, and IG BCE, the country's Industrial Mining, Chemicals and Energy Trade Union. It defines what benefits RWE will provide above and beyond the state-guaranteed payments. Early retirement plans will apply to most of those affected. Younger employees will be reassigned to new positions within the Group, or – where that is not possible – will be offered severance packages.

By 2030, RWE wants to invest € 4 billion in renewables, gas-fired power plants and electrolysers in North Rhine-Westphalia, with no less than 500 MW of wind and solar capacities being built in the Rhenish region alone. Some recultivated land is very well suited for these plans, and three RWE wind farms are already located there. RWE also wants to further develop power plant sites. For example, there are plans to build an innovation, technology and commercial park in Frimmersdorf and the surrounding area. At the Weisweiler site, within the scope of an EU project, RWE is looking into the possibility of capturing geothermal heat, which could be fed into the district heating network of the greater Aachen area. In addition, RWE is researching power-to-gas technology at the Niederaussem Innovation Centre. This is where, since 2013, RWE has used hydrogen and carbon dioxide made by electrolysis to produce fuel and feedstock for the chemical industry for research purposes.

*Nuclear power: RWE's focus is on safe and efficient decommissioning.* Germany's phaseout of nuclear power will soon be completed. RWE's Gundremmingen C power plant and two units belonging to other companies were taken offline at the end of 2021, leaving just three regional sites to produce electricity, of which one is run by RWE. At the end of 2022, these will also cease generation. After that, RWE's nuclear power operations will be focused exclusively on the safe and efficient decommissioning of the plants. Moreover, RWE is making efforts to ensure that the sites continue to be used for energy-related purposes, as illustrated by the example of the grid stabilisation unit at Biblis.

*Key earnings indicators.* Among other things, RWE uses key earnings indicators such as EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA, EBIT, adjusted EBIT, net income and adjusted net income to manage its business as the indicators provide a comprehensive view on the development of RWE's operational business. To derive adjusted EBITDA, RWE adjusts EBITDA by removing special items. EBITDA is defined as earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation. In order to improve its explanatory power in relation to the development of ordinary activities, non-operating or aperiodic effects are removed, which are presented in the non-operating result. This applies to capital gains or losses, temporary effects from the fair valuation of derivatives, goodwill impairments and other material special items. Subtracting operating depreciation and amortisation from adjusted EBITDA yields adjusted EBIT. Adjusted net income is another key operating indicator for RWE. It is calculated by correcting net income to exclude the non-operating result, and material special items in the financial result. Instead of the actual tax rate, which reflects one-off effects, RWE applies the budgeted rates of 15 % (until 2022) and 20 % (from 2023), which was derived in consideration of the earnings in RWE's core markets, the tax rates applicable there and the utilisation of loss carryforwards.

*Expected minimum return on investments.* RWE primarily uses the internal rate of return (IRR) to evaluate the attractiveness of investment projects. RWE only undertakes projects if – at the time of the investment decision – the expected IRR stays within a defined minimum threshold, which is determined on the basis of the weighted average cost of capital (WACC). The WACC is augmented with project-specific risk premiums, which usually range from 100 to 300 basis points, depending on the technology or region. Using this approach, RWE

has set lower limits which vary from 5% to 9% for offshore wind projects. Minimum returns of 4% to 7% are applied to projects involving the construction of onshore wind farms, solar assets or batteries in Europe or the USA. The thresholds for new gas-fired power plants or hydrogen activities are set between 6% and 11%.

*Safeguarding financial strength and creditworthiness.* The RWE Group's financial position is analysed using cash flows from operating activities, amongst other things. RWE also attaches special importance to the development of free cash flow, which is derived by deducting capital expenditure from cash flows from operating activities and adding proceeds from divestments and asset disposals. Net debt is another indicator of RWE's financial strength: it is calculated by adding provisions for pensions and similar obligations, for the dismantling of wind farms and for nuclear waste management to RWE's net financial position. Conversely, mining provisions, RWE's 15% stake in E.ON and compensation for the German lignite exit, as confirmed by the German government, are disregarded.

### **RWE Group's financing**

*RWE AG bears responsibility for procuring funds.* As the parent company, RWE AG is responsible for acquiring funds from banks or the financial markets. Subsidiaries only raise debt capital directly in specific cases, for example if it is advantageous economically to make use of local credit and capital markets. RWE AG also acts as a co-ordinator when subsidiaries assume contingent liabilities. This allows RWE to manage and monitor financial risks centrally. Moreover, it strengthens RWE's position when negotiating with banks, business partners, suppliers and customers.

*Tools for raising debt capital.* RWE covers most of its financing needs with earnings from its operating activities. In addition, RWE has a range of tools to procure debt capital:

- The Debt Issuance Programme (DIP) gives RWE latitude in raising debt capital for the long term. The current DIP allows RWE to issue bonds with a total face value of up to € 10 billion.
- For short-term refinancing, RWE has a Commercial Paper Programme, which was updated in 2021. It allows to raise funds at an equivalent of up to € 5 billion in money markets. In 2021, RWE accessed a large portion of this funding volume: at times, a total of up to € 3 billion in commercial paper was outstanding.
- To secure liquidity, RWE has access to three syndicated credit facilities for a total of € 8 billion. Two tranches have been extended by a consortium of 27 international banks: one of € 2 billion and one of € 3 billion, both of which are available through to April 2026. The third tranche of € 3 billion is available for a maximum of 2 years. At RWE's initiative, sustainability criteria were added to the conditions of the credit lines. Among other things, the conditions depend on the development of the following three indicators: the share of renewables in RWE's generation portfolio, the CO<sub>2</sub> intensity of RWE's plants and the percentage of capex that is classified as sustainable in accordance with the EU Taxonomy Regulation. RWE has set goals for all three of these criteria. If the targets are not achieved, RWE will have to pay higher interest and commitment fees. Half of the additional expenses would be directed to non-profit organisations.

### *Senior Bonds*

RWE has four senior bonds outstanding:

- In June 2021 RWE issued a green bond of € 500 million with maturity in 2031 and a coupon of 0.625%.
- In November 2021 RWE issued a green bond of € 750 million with maturity in 2028 and a coupon of 0.5%
- In November 2021 RWE issued a green bond of € 600 million with maturity in 2033 and a coupon of 1.0%
- RWE has a remaining volume of € 12,2 million with maturity 2037 and a coupon of 3.5% outstanding. The bond volume was not transferred to innogy SE in 2016 as part of a larger debt push-down exercise.

### *Hybrid bonds*

RWE has two deeply subordinated hybrid bonds outstanding:

- In April 2015 RWE issued a hybrid bond of € 550 million with the first call date in April 2025 and a coupon of 3.5% of which € 282 million is outstanding as of the date of this Prospectus.
- In July 2015 RWE issued a hybrid bond of \$ 500 million with the first call date in March 2026 and a coupon of 6.625% of which \$ 317 million is outstanding as of the date of this Prospectus.

### **Management and Supervisory Bodies**

The Executive Board manages RWE's business. The Supervisory Board advises the Executive Board and monitors its management of RWE.

**Supervisory Board**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Current principal occupation and/or membership on supervisory and advisory boards</b>
Dr. Werner Brandt Bad Homburg Chairman	Chairman of the Supervisory Board of ProSiebenSat.1 Media SE
Ralf Sikorski* Hanover Deputy Chairman since 21 September 2021	Deputy Chairman of IG Bergbau, Chemie, Energie
Michael Bochinsky* Grevenbroich	Deputy Chairman of the General Works Council of RWE Power AG
Sandra Bossemeyer* Duisburg	Chairwoman of the Works Council of RWE AG Representative of the disabled
Dr. Hans Friedrich Bunting Mülheim an der Ruhr	Independent Corporate Consultant
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Ute Gerbaulet Düsseldorf	General Partner at Dr. August Oetker KG
Prof. Dr.-Ing. Dr.-Ing. E. h. Hans- Peter Keitel Essen	Former Chairman of the Executive Board of HOCHTIEF AG, Independent Corporate Consultant
Mag. Dr. h.c. Monika Kircher Krumpendorf, Austria	Independent Corporate Consultant
Thomas Kufen Essen Court-appointed Member since 18 October 2021, Court appointment replaced by resolution of the Annual General Meeting on 28 April 2022	Mayor of the City of Essen
Reiner van Limbeck* Dinslaken	Chairman of the Works Council of the Essen Headquarters, RWE Generation SE and RWE Technology International GmbH
Harald Louis* Jülich	Chairman of the General Works Council of RWE Power AG
Dagmar Paasch* Solingen Member since 15 September 2021	Union Secretary, Financial Services, Communication, Technology, Culture, Supply and Waste Management Division at ver.di NRW
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Dirk Schuhmacher* Rommerskirchen Member since 15 September 2021	Chairman of the HW Grefrath Works Council, RWE Power AG
Ullrich Sierau Dortmund	Independent Consultant for Companies, Administrations, Political Parties and Civil Society Initiatives
Hauke Stars Königstein Member since 28 April 2021	Member of the Executive Board of Volkswagen AG
Helle Valentin Birkerød, Denmark	Managing Partner, IBM Consulting EMEA, IBM Corporation



Name	Current principal occupation and/or membership on supervisory and advisory boards
Member since 28 April 2021	
Dr. Andreas Wagner* Grevenbroich Member since 15 September 2021	Head of Drilling and Water Management, RWE Power AG
Marion Weckes* Dormagen	Officer of the Group Works Council of GEA Group AG

\* Employee representative

### **Executive Board**

Dr. Markus Krebber, Chief Executive Officer

Dr. Michael Müller, Chief Financial Officer

Zvezdana Seeger, Chief HR Officer and Labour Director

The members of the Supervisory Board and the members of the Executive Board may be contacted at RWE's business address: RWE Platz 1, 45141 Essen, Germany.

### **Conflict of Interests**

None of the persons referred to above has any conflicts of interest between any duties of the issuing entity and their private interests and/or other duties.

### **Major Shareholders**

As at 30 April 2022, to the extent known to the Issuer from the information reported by certain shareholders regarding their beneficial ownership of the common shares, other than BlackRock, Inc. who hold about 7%, the Issuer has no major shareholders who own 5% or more of the outstanding common shares.

### **Financial Information concerning RWE's Assets and Liabilities, Financial Position and Profits and Losses**

#### **Historical Financial Information**

The audited consolidated financial statements of RWE as at and for the financial year ended on 31 December 2021 and the independent auditors' report thereon, together contained in RWE's Annual Report 2021 on pages 85-235, are incorporated by reference into this Prospectus.

The audited consolidated financial statements of RWE as at and for the financial year ended on 31 December 2020 and the independent auditors' report thereon, together contained in RWE's Annual Report 2020 on pages 99-240, are incorporated by reference into this Prospectus.

#### **Legal and Arbitration Proceedings**

Except as disclosed in this section "Legal and Arbitration Proceedings", there are no, nor have there been any legal or arbitration proceedings (including any proceedings which are pending or threatened of which the Issuer is aware) which may have or have had in the 12 months preceding the date of this Prospectus a significant effect on the financial position or profitability of RWE.

RWE and its respective RWE Group companies are involved in a number of court and arbitration proceedings, the most important of which are listed below.

- Several pending litigation proceedings of the environmental NGO "BUND" against the Hambach opencast mine have been settled or suspended due to party declarations. The core question of all actions was whether the remainder of Hambach forest is subject to protection under the so-called European Habitats Directive. The appeal proceedings of BUND before the Higher Administrative Court on account of the order for immediate enforcement concerning the approval of the 3rd Master Operating Plan for Hambach were terminated after BUND declared its procedure to be settled; immediate enforcement is definitive. The appeal by BUND against the 3rd Master Operating Plan and the Main Operating Plan valid until the end of 2020, as well as the appeal against an expropriation order made against BUND as the owner of a plot of land situated in the pre-mining area of the Hambach opencast mine have been suspended on its application and are therefore not being

pursued further at present. It remains to be seen whether the actions of BUND will be resumed despite the fact that the exit from coal including the preservation of Hambach forest is meanwhile stipulated by law. The constitutional complaint filed by a private individual was not accepted by the Federal Constitutional Court; the complaint lodged by a private individual regarding the Main Operating Plan that expired on 31 December 2020 will probably no longer be relevant due to the passage of time and does not affect operations.

- In March 2021, BUND brought an action against the new Main Operating Plan for the Hambach opencast mine valid from 2021 until the end of 2024. The NGO has not appealed against the order for immediate enforcement, so that the operation of the opencast mine is not restricted.
- In connection with several delays on another power plant construction site, RWE Generation SE has filed a lawsuit for monetary damages against the contractor of two steam generators for a new power plant on the ground that the delays were attributable to the contractor's fault. Proceedings are ongoing.
- The environmental pressure group Mobilisation for the Environment ("**MOB**") initiated court proceedings against the Provinces of Noord-Brabant and Groningen after they refused to take actions against the operation of the Amer power plant and the Eemshaven power plant. In both cases, MOB requests to retract the environmental permits and Nature Protection Act permits of the power plants. RWE Generation NL B.V. is actively involved in the proceedings and supports the Provinces in their substantiation. On 8 December 2021, the district court of Oost Brabant annulled the Amer Nature Protection Act permit. The Province will therefore have to take a new decision. The operation of the Amer power plant is not affected by the ruling, as the 2011 Nature Protection Act permit is still in force. For Eemshaven the decision was taken that the Province will have to give a more elaborate argumentation on their decision to refuse retraction of the relevant permits.
- Furthermore, RWE and some RWE Group companies are participating in some conciliation proceedings that were initiated by outside shareholders in connection with the legal restructuring of companies. RWE holds the view that the conversion ratios and the volume of compensatory payments to these shareholders were appropriate. If different legally enforceable decisions are reached, RWE will pay compensation to all affected shareholders, including those who are not directly involved in the conciliation proceedings.
- In February 2021, the state of Texas experienced an unprecedented winter storm, which challenged each component of the electric industry. During the storm, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas ("**ERCOT**"), being the local system operator, was facing significant demand and challenges related to supply. A firm load shed was required to avoid a system-wide failure. At the same time, the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("**PUCT**"), which has governing functions over ERCOT, issued orders during two emergency open meetings directing ERCOT to ensure that firm load that was being shed was accounted for in ERCOT's scarcity pricing signals. This led to setting ERCOT's system-wide offer cap artificially at \$9,000/MWh. The results of these events were catastrophic, both for the citizens of the State and for the participants in the electric industry. RWE Renewables Americas, LLC ("**RWERA**") in particular suffered significant losses as a direct result of PUCT's Orders. An ad hoc profit warning was issued to the capital market. RWERA introduced and pursues multiple legal and commercial measures to mitigate its losses.
- In addition, in March 2021, a suit on behalf of over 200 plaintiffs was filed against around 150 defendants including 11 RWERA wind farms and other generators and transmission line operators. The suit includes different damages claims due to defendants alleged failure to take adequate steps to winterise their equipment to prepare for storms such as Uri. A further, but very similar suit was filed in May 2021 on behalf of 94 plaintiffs against around 311 defendants including all RWERA Texas wind farms and other market participants. The second suit is largely identical with the first one and was likely filed for the sole strategic purpose of benefiting from preferential procedural regulations. All claims are however expected to be transferred to a dedicated multiple district court in Texas. In January 2022, all RWERA Texas windfarms (alongside almost all of the defendants in the above referenced cases) were added to approximately 100 single plaintiff lawsuits. RWERA prepares its defence in regard to all claims.
- According to the Dutch Coal Ban Act of December 2019, RWE will have to stop firing coal at Amer 9 per 1 January 2025 and at Eemshaven per 1 January 2030. This Coal Ban has a material effect on the stations values and leads to material damages for RWE, especially since the Coal Ban law does not include an appropriate or separate compensation mechanism. RWE started legal action against the Dutch State to claim compensation and protect RWE's interests via ICSID international investment arbitration (initiated mid of January 2021) and in parallel Dutch domestic court proceedings (initiated end of February 2021). The arbitration and litigation are likely to take 4 to 5 years, unless there is an early settlement opportunity. On 11 May 2021, the Dutch State started anti-arbitration proceedings at the Cologne Higher Regional Court in Germany to challenge the jurisdiction of the arbitration panel. The German court case in Cologne is expected to last for at least 12 months.

- Eleven claimants have lodged actions for annulment with the European General Court against the European Commission's merger clearance decisions by which it allowed (i) RWE to acquire E.ON assets and (ii) E.ON to acquire innogy SE within the RWE / E.ON asset swap completed in 2020. Should the European General Court annul the European Commission's clearance decision(s), the merger control proceedings would need to be repeated; the European Commission could again clear the acquisition without or subject to conditions or could block the acquisition.
- Several lawsuits have been initiated by the responsible transmission system operator (**TSO**) against RWE Generation SE, RWE Power AG and certain other RWE group companies for payments under the German Renewables Act (*Erneuerbare-Energien-Gesetz*) for the last up to 20 years. The lawsuits relate to renewables surcharge (*EEG-Umlage*), or payments for renewable power respectively, for certain consumption of power which RWE claims to be self-supply which was, and continues to be, exempt from any such payments. The lawsuits may in the worst case result in significant payments. RWE is defending each of these cases. RWE Generation SE in 2005 and 2006 contractually secured 450 MW out of a planned 1,050 MW hardcoal fired power plant. The terms and conditions of this power supply contracts are under dispute, in particular with regard to the missing agreement on the applicable CO<sub>2</sub> factor. Legal proceedings started in April 2021.
- Finally, RWE and its group companies are involved in various legal actions and investigations in connection with their daily operating business including lawsuits regarding price adjustment clauses in energy delivery contracts and regulatory and antitrust investigations relating to retail or trading energy market participation and compliance.

### Significant change in RWE's financial position

There has been no significant change in the financial position of RWE Group since 31 December 2021.

### Ratings

RWE's creditworthiness is currently rated 'Baa2'<sup>4</sup> with stable outlook by Moody's France S.A.S. ("**Moody's**")<sup>1,2</sup> and 'BBB+'<sup>4</sup> with stable outlook by Fitch Ratings Ireland Limited ("**Fitch**")<sup>2,3</sup>. RWE's rating thus remains in the investment-grade range. The short-term credit ratings for RWE are 'P-2'<sup>4</sup> and 'F1'<sup>4</sup>, respectively.

Under the definition of Moody's long-term rating scale, obligations rated Baa are judged to be medium-grade and subject to moderate credit risk and as such may possess certain speculative characteristics. Moody's appends numerical modifiers 1, 2, and 3 to each generic rating classification from Aa through Caa. The modifier 2 indicates a mid-range ranking. Under the definition of Moody's short-term rating scale, issuers rated P-2 have a strong ability to repay short-term debt obligations.

Under the definition of Fitch's long-term issuer default rating, a rating of BBB indicates that expectations of default risk are currently low. The capacity for payment of financial commitments is considered adequate, but adverse business or economic conditions are more likely to impair this capacity. Under the definition of Fitch's short-term rating, for an issuer rated F1 the intrinsic capacity for the strongest payment of financial commitments is good.

### Third Party Information

With respect to any information included herein and specified to be sourced from a third party (i) the Issuer confirms that any such information has been accurately reproduced and as far as the Issuer is aware and is able to ascertain from information available to it from such third party, no facts have been omitted the omission of which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading and (ii) the Issuer has not independently verified any such information and accepts no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

<sup>1</sup> Moody's is established in the European Union and is registered under Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009 on credit rating agencies, as amended (the "**CRA Regulation**").

<sup>2</sup> The European Securities and Markets Authority publishes on its website (<https://www.esma.europa.eu/supervision/credit-rating-agencies/risk>) a list of credit rating agencies registered in accordance with the CRA Regulation. That list is updated within five working days following the adoption of a decision under Article 16, 17 or 20 CRA Regulation. The European Commission shall publish that updated list in the Official Journal of the European Union within 30 days following such update.

<sup>3</sup> Fitch is established in the European Union and is registered under the CRA Regulation.

<sup>4</sup> A credit rating assesses the creditworthiness of an entity and informs an investor therefore about the probability of the entity being able to redeem invested capital. It is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be revised or withdrawn by the rating agency at any time.

## **Additional Information**

### ***Share Capital***

As at 31 December 2021, the capital stock of RWE amounts to € 1,731,123,322.88. It is divided into 676,220,048 common shares. The shares are non-par-value shares made out to the bearer.

### ***Memorandum and Articles of Association***

RWE has the following corporate objectives (Art. 2 of the Articles of Incorporation):

- Generation and procurement of energy, including renewable energy;
- Extraction, procurement and processing of mineral resources and other raw materials;
- Supply and trading of energy;
- Construction, operation and use of energy transmission systems;
- Supply of water and treatment of wastewater;
- Provision of services in the aforementioned fields, including energy efficiency services.
- RWE has the authority to conclude all transactions which are connected with the objects of RWE or which are suited to serve its purpose directly or indirectly. It may also become active itself in the business fields mentioned above. RWE has the authority to incorporate, acquire or take interests in other enterprises, in particular if the purpose of such enterprises covers in part or in total the aforementioned business segments. RWE is entitled to combine enterprises in which it holds stakes under its unified control or restrict itself to the management of its holdings. RWE has the power to transfer or hive off its business operations in part or in total to affiliated companies.

### **Material contracts / Profit and Loss Transfer Agreements**

RWE AG as controlling company is connected to essential group companies via Control and/or Profit and Loss Transfer Agreements according to which RWE AG is obliged to compensate losses of group companies (section 302 German Stock Company Act (*Aktiengesetz*)). In addition to that, similar contractual and/or statutory liabilities exist with regard to group companies abroad on the basis of the applicable national laws.

## CONSENT TO THE USE OF THE PROSPECTUS

Each Dealer and/or each further financial intermediary subsequently reselling or finally placing Notes issued under the Programme is entitled to use the Prospectus in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the Republic of Austria, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Ireland and The Netherlands or such other Member State whose competent authorities have been notified of the approval of this Prospectus for the subsequent resale or final placement of the relevant Notes during the respective offer period (as determined in the applicable Final Terms) during which subsequent resale or final placement of the relevant Notes can be made, provided however, that the Prospectus is still valid in accordance with Article 12(1) of the Prospectus Regulation. The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information given in this Prospectus also with respect to such subsequent resale or final placement of the relevant Notes.

The Prospectus may only be delivered to potential investors together with all supplements published before such delivery. Any supplement to the Prospectus is available for viewing in electronic form on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)) and on the website of the Issuer (<https://www.group.rwe/en/investor-relations/bonds-and-rating>).

When using the Prospectus, each Dealer and/or relevant further financial intermediary must make certain that it complies with all applicable laws and regulations in force in the respective jurisdictions, including with the restrictions specified in the "*PROHIBITION OF SALES TO EEA RETAIL INVESTORS*" and the "*PROHIBITION OF SALES TO UK RETAIL INVESTORS*" legends set out on the cover page of the applicable Final Terms, if any.

**In the event of an offer being made by a Dealer and/or a further financial intermediary the Dealer and/or the further financial intermediary shall provide information to investors on the terms and conditions of the Notes at the time of that offer.**

**Any Dealer and/or a further financial intermediary using the Prospectus shall state on its website that it uses the Prospectus in accordance with this consent and the conditions attached to this consent.**

## ISSUE PROCEDURES

### General

The Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) will agree on the terms and conditions applicable to each particular Tranche of Notes (the "**Conditions**"). The Conditions will be constituted by the relevant set of Terms and Conditions of the Notes set forth below (the "**Terms and Conditions**") as further specified by the final terms (the "**Final Terms**") as described below.

### Options for sets of Terms and Conditions

A separate set of Terms and Conditions applies to each type of Notes, as set forth below. The Final Terms provide for the Issuer to choose between the following Options:

- Option I: Terms and Conditions for Notes with fixed interest rates;
- Option II: Terms and Conditions for Notes with floating interest rates.

### Documentation of the Conditions

The Issuer may document the Conditions of an individual issue of Notes in either of the following ways:

- The Final Terms shall be completed as set out therein. The Final Terms shall determine which of the Option I or Option II, including certain further options contained therein, respectively, shall be applicable to the individual issue of Notes by replicating the relevant provisions and completing the relevant placeholders of the relevant set of Terms and Conditions as set out in the Prospectus in the Final Terms. The replicated and completed provisions of the set of Terms and Conditions alone shall constitute the Conditions, which will be attached to each global note representing the Notes of the relevant Tranche. This type of documentation of the Conditions will be required where the Notes are publicly offered, in whole or in part, or are to be initially distributed, in whole or in part, to non-qualified investors.
- Alternatively, the Final Terms shall determine which of Option I or Option II and of the respective further options contained in each of Option I and Option II are applicable to the individual issue by referring to the relevant provisions of the relevant set of Terms and Conditions as set out in the Prospectus only. The Final Terms will specify that the provisions of the Final Terms and the relevant set of Terms and Conditions as set out in the Prospectus, taken together, shall constitute the Conditions. Each global note representing a particular Tranche of Notes will have the Final Terms and the relevant set of Terms and Conditions as set out in the Prospectus attached.

### Determination of Options / Completion of Placeholders

The Final Terms shall determine which of the Option I or Option II shall be applicable to the individual issue of Notes. Each of the sets of Terms and Conditions of Option I or Option II contains also certain further options (characterised by indicating the respective optional provision through instructions and explanatory notes set out either on the left of or in square brackets within the text of the relevant set of Terms and Conditions as set out in the Prospectus) as well as placeholders (characterised by square brackets which include the relevant items) which will be determined by the Final Terms as follows:

#### *Determination of Options*

The Issuer will determine which options will be applicable to the individual issue either by replicating the relevant provisions in the Final Terms or by reference of the Final Terms to the respective sections of the relevant set of Terms and Conditions as set out in the Prospectus. If the Final Terms do not refer to an alternative or optional provision or such alternative or optional provision is not replicated therein it shall be deemed to be deleted from the Conditions.

#### *Completion of Placeholders*

The Final Terms will specify the information with which the placeholders in the relevant set of Terms and Conditions will be completed. In the case the provisions of the Final Terms and the relevant set of Terms and Conditions, taken together, shall constitute the Conditions the relevant set of Terms and Conditions shall be deemed to be completed by the information contained in the Final Terms as if such information were inserted in the placeholders of such provisions.

All instructions and explanatory notes and text set out in square brackets in the relevant set of Terms and Conditions and any footnotes and explanatory text in the Final Terms will be deemed to be deleted from the Conditions.

**Controlling Language**

As to the controlling language of the respective Conditions, the following applies:

- in the case of Notes (i) offered to the public, in whole or in part, in the Federal Republic of Germany, or (ii) initially distributed, in whole or in part, to non-qualified investors in the Federal Republic of Germany, German will be the controlling language. If, in the event of such offer to the public or distribution to non-qualified investors, however, English is chosen as the controlling language, a German language translation of the Conditions will be available from the principal offices of the Fiscal Agent and RWE, as specified on the back cover of this Prospectus.
- In other cases the Issuer will elect either German or English to be the controlling language.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES ENGLISH LANGUAGE VERSION

### Introduction

*The Terms and Conditions of the Notes (the "Terms and Conditions") are set forth below for two options:*

*Option I comprises the set of Terms and Conditions that apply to Tranches of Notes with fixed interest rates.*

*Option II comprises the set of Terms and Conditions that apply to Tranches of Notes with floating interest rates.*

*The set of Terms and Conditions for each of these Options contains certain further options, which are characterised accordingly by indicating the respective optional provisions through instructions and explanatory notes set out either on the left of or in square brackets within the set of Terms and Conditions.*

*In the Final Terms the Issuer will determine, which of the Option I or Option II including certain further options contained therein, respectively, shall apply with respect to an individual issue of Notes, either by replacing the relevant provisions or by referring to the relevant options.*

*To the extent that upon the approval of the Prospectus the Issuer has no knowledge of certain items which are applicable to an individual issue of Notes, this Prospectus contains placeholders set out in square brackets which include the relevant items that will be completed by the Final Terms.*

**In the case the Final Terms applicable to an individual issue only refer to the further options contained in the set of Terms and Conditions for Option I or Option II, the following applies**

[The provisions of the following Terms and Conditions apply to the Notes as completed by the final terms which are attached hereto, the "**Final Terms**"). The blanks in the provisions of these Terms and Conditions which are applicable to the Notes shall be deemed to be completed by the information contained in the Final Terms as if such information were inserted in the blanks of such provisions; alternative or optional provisions of these Terms and Conditions as to which the corresponding provisions of the Final Terms are not completed or are deleted shall be deemed to be deleted from these Terms and Conditions; and all provisions of these Terms and Conditions which are inapplicable to the Notes (including instructions, explanatory notes and text set out in square brackets) shall be deemed to be deleted from these Terms and Conditions, as required to give effect to the terms of the Final Terms. Copies of the Final Terms may be obtained free of charge at the specified office of the Fiscal Agent and at the principal office of the Issuer *provided* that, in the case of Notes which are not listed on any stock exchange, copies of the relevant Final Terms will only be available to Holders of such Notes.]

### OPTION I – Terms and Conditions that apply to Notes with fixed interest rates

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES (ENGLISH LANGUAGE VERSION)

### § 1

#### CURRENCY, DENOMINATION, [In the case of Notes which are subject to Redenomination, the following applies: REDENOMINATION,] FORM, CERTAIN DEFINITIONS

**In the case of Notes which are not subject to Redenomination, the following applies**

[(1) *Currency; Denomination.* This Series of Notes (the "**Notes**") of RWE Aktiengesellschaft ("**RWE AG**" or the "**Issuer**") is being issued in [**Specified Currency**] (the "**Specified Currency**") in the aggregate principal amount [**In the case the global note is an NGN the following applies:**, subject to § 1(4),] of [**aggregate principal amount**] (in words: [**aggregate principal amount in words**]) in the denomination of [**Specified Denomination**] (the "**Specified Denomination**").]

**In the case of Notes**

[(1) *Currency; Denomination; Redenomination.*



which are subject to Redenomination, the following applies

- (a) This Series of Notes (the "**Notes**") of RWE Aktiengesellschaft ("**RWE AG**" or the "**Issuer**") is being issued in [**Specified Currency**] (the "**Specified Currency**") in the aggregate principal amount [**In the case the global note is an NGN the following applies:**, subject to § 1(4).] of [**aggregate principal amount**] (in words: [**aggregate principal amount in words**]) in the denomination of [**Specified Denomination**] (the "**Specified Denomination**").
- (b) The Issuer may, without the consent of the Holders, by giving notice in accordance with subparagraph (d) (the "**Redenomination Notice**"), with effect from a date to be determined by it (the "**Redenomination Date**"), which [**In case Redenomination shall only be permissible with effect from an Interest Payment Date the following applies:** shall in any event be an Interest Payment Date (as defined below) and] shall not be earlier than the date (the "**EMU Date**") on which the state the official currency of which is the Specified Currency (the "**Currency State**") has become a participating member state in Economic and Monetary Union ("**EMU**"), redenominate all, but not some only, of the Notes into euro. Simultaneously, the Issuer may adjust the provisions regarding the Day Count Fraction (as hereinafter defined) in respect of interest payments for less than a year and regarding the business day or payment business day definition to existing or anticipated market practice.
- (c) The redenomination and any additional measure which may be taken pursuant to subparagraph (b) sentence 2 shall, to the extent not governed by mandatory laws or regulations, occur by way of amendment of the Terms and Conditions (the "**Amendment**") in an equitable manner by the Issuer pursuant to § 315 BGB (*Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch*) (German Civil Code)<sup>(1)</sup>, taking into account the interests of the Holders as a class. Any conversion of the principal [**Specified Currency**] amount of each Note into euros shall be made in accordance with existing or anticipated market practice and, if consistent therewith, may be made by converting the principal [**Specified Currency**] amount of each Note into euros by using the fixed conversion rate and (i) rounding the resultant figure to the nearest € 0.01 (with € 0.005 being rounded upwards) and (ii) altering the tradeable principal amounts set forth in Clause (a) above to € 0.01.
- (d) The Redenomination Notice shall be given by publication in accordance with § 13 at least 30 days prior to the Redenomination Date. It shall:
- (i) designate the Issue and indicate its German Securities Code,
  - (ii) specify the Redenomination Date,
  - (iii) describe the Amendment and specify the wording of the provisions which are to be amended and of the amended or additional provisions.

The Issuer shall not be obliged to exchange any Note representing the issue for a new Note denominated in euro.

- (e) To the extent that applicable provisions of law allow the Issuer to redenominate the Notes into euro and to take additional measures, the Issuer may exercise the rights provided by law instead of or in addition to the rights set out in Clauses (b) to (d) [**In case Redenomination shall only be permissible with effect from an Interest Payment Date the following applies:**, provided that any Amendment shall in any event only become effective on an Interest Payment Date].
- (f) Upon redenomination of the Notes any reference in these Terms and Conditions to the Specified Currency shall be construed as a reference to euro.]

(2) *Form.* The Notes are being issued in bearer form.

[(3) *Permanent Global Note.* The Notes are represented by a permanent global note (the "**Permanent Global Note**") without coupons. The Permanent Global Note shall be

In the case of Notes which are represented

<sup>(1)</sup> An English language translation of § 315 BGB (*Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch*) (German Civil Code) would read as follows: "(1) If performance is to be determined by one of the contracting parties, it is to be presumed, in case of doubt, that the determination is to be made in an equitable manner. (2) The determination is made by declaration to the other party. (3) If the determination is to be made in an equitable manner, the determination made is binding upon the other party only if it is equitable. If it is inequitable the determination is made by court decision; the same applies if the determination is delayed."

by a Permanent Global Note, the following applies

signed by authorised signatories of the Issuer and shall be authenticated by or on behalf of the Fiscal Agent. Definitive Notes and interest coupons will not be issued.]

In the case of Notes which are initially represented by a Temporary Global Note, the following applies

[(3) *Temporary Global Note – Exchange.*

(a) The Notes are initially represented by a temporary global note (the "**Temporary Global Note**") without coupons. The Temporary Global Note will be exchangeable for Notes in the Specified Denomination represented by a permanent global note (the "**Permanent Global Note**") without coupons. The Temporary Global Note and the Permanent Global Note shall each be signed by authorised signatories of the Issuer and shall each be authenticated by or on behalf of the Fiscal Agent. Definitive Notes and interest coupons will not be issued.

(b) The Temporary Global Note shall be exchangeable for the Permanent Global Note from a date (the "**Exchange Date**") 40 days after the date of issue of the Notes represented by the Temporary Global Note. Such exchange shall only be made upon delivery of certifications to the effect that the beneficial owner or owners of the Notes represented by the Temporary Global Note is not a U.S. person (other than certain financial institutions or certain persons holding Notes through such financial institutions) as required by U.S. tax law. Payment of interest on Notes represented by a Temporary Global Note will be made only after delivery of such certifications. A separate certification shall be required in respect of each such payment of interest. Any such certification received on or after the 40th day after the date of issue of the Notes represented by the Temporary Global Note will be treated as a request to exchange such Temporary Global Note pursuant to this subparagraph (b) of this § 1(3). Any securities delivered in exchange for the Temporary Global Note shall be delivered only outside of the United States (as defined in § 6(2)).]

(4) *Clearing System.* The global note representing the Notes will be kept in custody by or on behalf of the Clearing System. "**Clearing System**" means [if more than one **Clearing System the following applies:** each of] the following: [Clearstream Banking AG, Neue Börsenstr. 1, 60487 Frankfurt am Main, Federal Republic of Germany ("**CBF**") [Clearstream Banking S.A., 42 Avenue JF Kennedy, 1855 Luxembourg, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg ("**CBL**"), Euroclear Bank SA/NV, Boulevard du Roi Albert II, 1210 Brussels, Belgium ("**Euroclear**") (CBL and Euroclear each an "**ICSD**" and together the "**ICSDs**")] and any successor in such capacity.

In the case of Notes kept in custody on behalf of the ICSDs and the global note is an NGN, the following applies

[The Notes are issued in new global note ("**NGN**") form and are kept in custody by a common safekeeper on behalf of both ICSDs.

The aggregate principal amount of Notes represented by the global note shall be the aggregate amount from time to time entered in the records of both ICSDs. The records of the ICSDs (which expression means the records that each ICSD holds for its customers which reflect the amount of such customer's interest in the Notes) shall be conclusive evidence of the aggregate principal amount of Notes represented by the global note and, for these purposes, a statement issued by a ICSD stating the amount of Notes so represented at any time shall be conclusive evidence of the records of the relevant ICSD at that time.

On any redemption or payment of interest being made in respect of, or purchase and cancellation of, any of the Notes represented by the global note the Issuer shall procure that details of any redemption, payment or purchase and cancellation (as the case may be) in respect of the global note shall be entered accordingly in the records of the ICSDs and, upon any such entry being made, the aggregate principal amount of the Notes recorded in the records of the ICSDs and represented by the global note shall be reduced by the aggregate principal amount of the Notes so redeemed or purchased and cancelled.]

[In the case the Temporary Global Note is an NGN the following applies: On an exchange of a portion only of the Notes represented by a Temporary Global Note, the Issuer shall procure that details of such exchange shall be entered accordingly in the records of the ICSDs.]

In the case of Notes

[The Notes are issued in classical global note ("**CGN**") form and are kept in custody by

kept in custody on behalf of the ICSDs and the global note is a CGN, the following applies

a common depository on behalf of both ICSDs.]

(5) *Holder of Notes*. "**Holder**" means any holder of a proportionate co-ownership or other beneficial interest or right in the Notes.

## § 2

### STATUS, NEGATIVE PLEDGE

(1) *Status*. The obligations under the Notes constitute unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer ranking *pari passu* among themselves and *pari passu* with all other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer, unless such obligations are accorded priority under mandatory provisions of statutory law.

(2) *Negative Pledge*. (a) So long as any Notes remain outstanding, but only up to the time all amounts of principal and interest have been placed at the disposal of the Fiscal Agent, the Issuer undertakes not to create or permit to subsist any mortgage, charge, pledge, lien or other encumbrance in rem, (together, "**encumbrances in rem**"), upon any or all of its present or future assets as security for any present or future Capital Market Indebtedness of the Issuer or any third party without having the Holders at the same time share equally and rateably in such security. This does not apply to the extent any encumbrance *in rem* was created for any Capital Market Indebtedness of a company which has merged with the Issuer or which has been acquired by the Issuer, provided that such encumbrance was already in existence at the time of the merger or the acquisition, was not created for the purpose of financing the merger or the acquisition and is not increased in amount and not extended following the merger or the acquisition. Furthermore, sentence 1 of this § 2(2)(a) does not apply to encumbrances created to secure Capital Market Indebtedness, the purpose of which is to finance in whole or in part or to re-finance the acquisition, establishment or development of projects; provided that (i) the recourse of the holders of such Capital Market Indebtedness is limited to assets pertaining to such project (including any interests in project companies) and customary guarantees issued in accordance with market practice as the source of repayment; and (ii) the encumbrances are created exclusively upon these assets.

(b) So long as any Notes remain outstanding, but only up to the time all amounts of principal and interest have been placed at the disposal of the Fiscal Agent, the Issuer further undertakes to procure to the extent legally possible in accordance with its *bona fide* judgement, that its Principal Subsidiaries (as defined below) will not create or permit to subsist any mortgage, charge, pledge, lien or other encumbrance *in rem* (together, "**encumbrances in rem**") upon any or all of its present or future assets to secure any present or future Capital Market Indebtedness of the relevant Principal Subsidiary or any third party. This does not apply to the extent any encumbrance *in rem* was created for any Capital Market Indebtedness of a subsidiary, which becomes Principal Subsidiary during the term of the Notes, provided that such encumbrance was already in existence at this time and is not increased in amount and not extended. Furthermore, sentence 1 of this § 2(2)(b) does not apply to the extent any encumbrance *in rem* was created for any Capital Market Indebtedness of a company which has merged with the Principal Subsidiary or which has been acquired by the Principal Subsidiary, provided that such encumbrance was already in existence at the time of the merger or the acquisition, was not created for the purpose of financing the merger or the acquisition and is not increased in amount and not extended following the merger or the acquisition. Finally, sentence 1 of this § 2(2)(b) does not apply to encumbrances created to secure Capital Market Indebtedness, the purpose of which is to finance in whole or in part or to re-finance the acquisition, establishment or development of projects; provided that (i) the recourse of the holders of such Capital Market Indebtedness is limited to assets pertaining to such project (including any interests in project companies) and customary guarantees issued in accordance with market practice as the source of repayment; and (ii) the encumbrances are created exclusively upon these assets.

(3) *Capital Market Indebtedness and Principal Subsidiary.* For the purpose of this § 2:

- (a) "**Capital Market Indebtedness**" shall mean any obligation for the payment of borrowed money which is, in the form of, or represented or evidenced by bonds, or other instruments which are, or are capable of being, listed, quoted, dealt in or traded on any stock exchange or in any organised market and any guarantee or other indemnity in respect of such obligation; and
- (b) "**Principal Subsidiary**" shall mean any company which was consolidated in the latest group accounts of the Issuer and (i) whose Sales (as defined below), as shown in its audited, non-consolidated accounts (or; where the subsidiary concerned prepares itself consolidated accounts, consolidated Sales as shown in its audited, consolidated accounts) which have been used for the purposes of the latest audited, consolidated group accounts of the Issuer, amount to at least 5% of the overall Sales of the Issuer and its consolidated subsidiaries, as shown in its latest audited, consolidated group accounts; and (ii) whose total assets as shown in its audited, non-consolidated accounts (or; where the subsidiary concerned prepares itself consolidated accounts, consolidated total assets as shown in its audited, consolidated accounts) which have been used for the purposes of the latest audited, consolidated group accounts of the Issuer, amount to at least 5% of the overall total assets of the Issuer and its consolidated subsidiaries, as shown in its latest audited, consolidated group accounts. The term "*Principal Subsidiary*" does not include any company which, although it was consolidated in the respective latest group accounts of the Issuer, would no longer have to be consolidated by the Issuer subsequent to the relevant date of such accounts upon the creation of any encumbrance *in rem* on its present or future assets as security for any Capital Market Indebtedness, unless it is foreseeable at that time that such company will not permanently cease to rank among the subsidiaries subject to consolidation. For the purpose of this subparagraph (b) of this § 2(3), "**Sales**" shall mean net sales without mineral oil tax, gas tax and electricity tax.

**§ 3  
INTEREST**

(1) *Rate of Interest and Interest Payment Dates.*

If the Notes are  
endowed with a  
constant interest rate  
the following applies

[The Notes shall bear interest on their aggregate principal amount at the rate of **[Rate of Interest]**% *per annum* from (and including) **[Interest Commencement Date]** to (but excluding) the Maturity Date (as defined in § 5(1)). Interest shall be payable in arrear on **[Fixed Interest Date or Dates]** in each year (each such date, an "**Interest Payment Date**").]

If the Notes are  
endowed with  
different interest  
rates the following  
applies

[The Notes shall bear interest on their aggregate principal amount as follows which shall be payable in arrears on the relevant Interest Payment Date:

From (and including)	To (but excluding)	per cent. <i>per annum</i>
<b>[specified dates]</b>	<b>[specified dates]</b>	<b>[specified rates]</b>
(each such date, an <b>"Interest Payment Date"</b> )		

The first payment of interest shall be made on **[First Interest Payment Date]** **[In case the First Interest Payment Date is not the first anniversary of Interest Commencement Date the following applies:** and will amount to **[Initial Broken Amounts for the Specified Denomination]** for the Specified Denomination.] **[In case the Maturity Date is not a Fixed Interest Date the following applies:** Interest in respect of the period from (and including) **[Fixed Interest Date preceding the Maturity Date]** to (but excluding) the Maturity Date will amount to **[Final Broken Amounts for the Specified Denomination]** for the Specified Denomination.]

(2) *Accrual of Interest.* If the Issuer shall fail to redeem the Notes when due, interest

shall continue to accrue beyond the due date until the actual redemption of the Notes at the default rate of interest established by law.<sup>(1)</sup>

(3) *Calculation of Interest for Partial Periods.* If interest is required to be calculated for a period of less than a full year, such interest shall be calculated on the basis of the Day Count Fraction (as defined below).

(4) *Day Count Fraction.* "**Day Count Fraction**" means with regard to the calculation of interest on any Note for any period of time (the "**Calculation Period**"):

In case of Actual/Actual (ICMA Rule 251) with annual interest payments (excluding the case of a first or last short or long coupon), the following applies

[the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by the actual number of days in the respective interest period.]

In the case of Actual/Actual (ICMA Rule 251) with annual interest payments (including the case of a first or last short coupon), the following applies

[the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by the number of days in the Reference Period in which the Calculation Period falls.]

In case of Actual/Actual (ICMA Rule 251) with two or more constant interest periods within an interest year (including in the case of a first or last short coupon), the following applies

[the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by the product of (x) the number of days in the Reference Period in which the Calculation Period falls and (y) the number of Interest Payment Dates that occur in one calendar year or would occur in one calendar year assuming interest was to be payable in respect of the whole of that year.]

In the case of Actual/Actual (ICMA Rule 251) is applicable and if the Calculation Period is longer than one Reference Period (long coupon), the following applies

[the sum of:

(a) the number of days in such Calculation Period falling in the Reference Period in which the Calculation Period begins divided by **[In the case of Reference Periods of less than one year the following applies: the product of (x)]** the number of days in such Reference Period **[In the case of Reference Periods of less than one year the following applies: and (y)** the number of Interest Payment Dates that occur in one calendar year or that would occur in one calendar year if interest were payable in respect of the whole of such year]; and

(b) the number of days in such Calculation Period falling in the next Reference Period divided by **[In the case of Reference Periods of less than one year the following applies: the product of (x)]** the number of days in such Reference Period **[In the case of Reference Periods of less than one year the following applies: and (y)** the number of Interest Payment Dates that occur in one calendar year or that would occur in one calendar year if interest were payable in respect of the whole of such year].]

The following applies for all options of Actual/ Actual (ICMA Rule 251) except for option Actual/Actual (ICMA Rule 251) with annual interest payments (excluding the case of a first or last short or long

**["Reference Period"** means the period from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date to, but excluding, the first Interest Payment Date or from (and including) each Interest Payment Date to, but excluding the next Interest Payment Date. **[In the case of a short first or last Calculation Period the following applies: For the purposes of determining the relevant Reference Period only, [deemed Interest Payment Date] shall be deemed to be an Interest Payment Date.] [In the case of a long first or last Calculation Period the following applies: For the purposes of determining the relevant Reference Period only, [deemed Interest Payment Dates]**

<sup>(1)</sup> The default rate of interest established by law is five percentage points above the basic rate of interest published by Deutsche Bundesbank from time to time; §§ 288 paragraph 1, 247 paragraph 1 BGB (*Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch*) (German Civil Code).

coupon) shall each be deemed to be an Interest Payment Date.]]

In case of 30/360, 360/360 or Bond Basis, the following applies

[the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360, the number of days to be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with twelve 30-day months (unless (A) the last day of the Calculation Period is the 31st day of a month but the first day of the Calculation Period is a day other than the 30th or 31st day of a month, in which case the month that includes that last day shall not be considered to be shortened to a 30-day month, or (B) the last day of the Calculation Period is the last day of the month of February in which case the month of February shall not be considered to be lengthened to a 30-day month).]

In case of 30E/360 or Eurobond Basis, the following applies

[the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360 (the number of days to be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months, without regard to the date of the first day or last day of the Calculation Period).]

#### § 4 PAYMENTS

(1) (a) *Payment of Principal.* Payment of principal in respect of Notes shall be made, subject to subparagraph (2) below, to the Clearing System or to its order for credit to the accounts of the relevant account holders of the Clearing System.

(b) *Payment of Interest.* Payment of interest on Notes shall be made, subject to subparagraph (2), to the Clearing System or to its order for credit to the relevant account holders of the Clearing System.

In the case of interest payable on a Temporary Global Note, the following applies

[Payment of interest on Notes represented by the Temporary Global Note shall be made, subject to subparagraph (2), to the Clearing System or to its order for credit to the relevant account holders of the Clearing System, upon due certification as provided in § 1(3)(b).]

(2) *Manner of Payment.* Subject to (i) applicable fiscal and other laws and regulations and (ii) any withholding or deduction required pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "**Code**") or otherwise imposed pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, any regulations or agreements thereunder, any official interpretations thereof, or any law implementing an intergovernmental approach thereto, payments of amounts due in respect of the Notes shall be made in the Specified Currency **[In the case of Notes which are subject to Redenomination the following applies: or, if the EMU Date has occurred, the Notes are denominated in [Specified Currency], payments in respect of the Notes shall be made at the option of the Issuer in euros or in [Specified Currency].]**

(3) *Discharge.* The Issuer shall be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Clearing System.

(4) *Payment Business Day.* If the date for payment of any amount in respect of any Note is not a Payment Business Day then the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next such day in the relevant place and shall not be entitled to further interest or other payment in respect of such delay.

For these purposes, "**Payment Business Day**" means a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which the Clearing System as well as

In the case of Notes not denominated in euro, the following applies

[commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in **[relevant financial centre(s)]**][and]]

In the case of Notes denominated in euro, the following applies

[all relevant parts of the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross Settlement Express Transfer System 2 ("**TARGET**") are operational to forward the relevant payment.]

(5) *References to Principal and Interest.* References in these Terms and Conditions to principal in respect of the Notes shall be deemed to include, as applicable: the Final Redemption Amount of the Notes; **[if redeemable at the option of the Issuer for**

**other than tax reasons the following applies:** the Call Redemption Amount of the Notes;] **[If redeemable at the option of the Holder the following applies:** the Put Redemption Amount of the Notes;] and any premium and any other amounts which may be payable under or in respect of the Notes. References in these Terms and Conditions to interest in respect of the Notes shall be deemed to include, as applicable, any Additional Amounts which may be payable under § 7.

(6) *Deposit of Principal and Interest.* The Issuer may deposit with the local court (*Amtsgericht*) in Frankfurt am Main principal or interest not claimed by Holders within twelve months after the Maturity Date, even though such Holders may not be in default of acceptance of payment. If and to the extent that the deposit is effected and the right of withdrawal is waived, the respective claims of such Holders against the Issuer shall cease.

**§ 5  
REDEMPTION**

(1) *Final Redemption.* Unless previously redeemed in whole or in part or purchased and cancelled, the Notes shall be redeemed at their Final Redemption Amount on **[Maturity Date]** (the "**Maturity Date**"). The "**Final Redemption Amount**" in respect of each Note shall be its principal amount.

(2) *Early Redemption for Reasons of Taxation.* If as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of Germany or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereto or therein affecting taxation or the obligation to pay duties of any kind, or any change in, or amendment to, an official interpretation or application of such laws or regulations, which amendment or change is effective on or after the date on which the last tranche of this series of Notes was issued, the Issuer is required to pay Additional Amounts (as defined in § 7) on the next succeeding Interest Payment Date (as defined in § 3(1)) and this obligation cannot be avoided by the use of reasonable measures available to the Issuer, the Notes may be redeemed, in whole but not in part, at the option of the Issuer, upon not more than 60 days' nor less than 30 days' prior notice of redemption given to the Fiscal Agent and, in accordance with § 13 to the Holders, at their Final Redemption Amount, together with interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption.

However, no such notice of redemption may be given (i) earlier than 90 days prior to the earliest date on which the Issuer would be obligated to pay such Additional Amounts where a payment in respect of the Notes then due, or (ii) if at the time such notice is given, such obligation to pay such Additional Amounts does not remain in effect.

Any such notice shall be given in accordance with § 13. It shall be irrevocable, must specify the date fixed for redemption and must set forth a statement in summary form of the facts constituting the basis for the right of the Issuer so to redeem.

**If the Notes are subject to Early Redemption at the Option of the Issuer at specified Call Redemption Amount(s), the following applies**

[(3) *Early Redemption at the Option of the Issuer.*

(a) The Issuer may, upon notice given in accordance with clause (b), redeem all or some only of the Notes on the Call Redemption Date(s) or at any time thereafter until the respective subsequent Call Redemption Date at the respective Call Redemption Amount(s) set forth below together with accrued interest, if any, to (but excluding) the respective redemption date.

Call Redemption Date(s)	Call Redemption Amount(s)
<b>[Call Redemption Date(s)]</b>	<b>[Call Redemption Amount(s)]</b>
[ _____ ]	[ _____ ]
[ _____ ]	[ _____ ]

**[If Notes are subject to Early Redemption at the Option of the Holder the following applies:** The Issuer may not exercise such option in respect of any Note which is the subject of the prior exercise by the Holder thereof of its option to require the redemption of such Note under subparagraph (4) of this § 5.]

- (b) Notice of redemption shall be given by the Issuer to the Holders of the Notes in accordance with § 13. Such notice shall specify:
- (i) the Series of Notes subject to redemption;
  - (ii) whether such Series is to be redeemed in whole or in part only and, if in part only, the aggregate principal amount of the Notes which are to be redeemed;
  - (iii) the redemption date, which shall be not less than **[Minimum Notice to Holders]** nor more than **[Maximum Notice to Holders]** days after the date on which notice is given by the Issuer to the Holders; and
  - (iv) the Call Redemption Amount at which such Notes are to be redeemed.
- (c) In the case of a partial redemption of Notes, Notes to be redeemed shall be selected in accordance with the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing System.] **[In the case of Notes in NGN form the following applies:** Such partial redemption shall be reflected in the records of CBL and Euroclear as either a pool factor or a reduction in aggregate principal amount, at the discretion of CBL and Euroclear.]

If the Notes are subject to Early Redemption at the Option of the Holder at specified Put Redemption Amount(s), the following applies

**[(4)] Early Redemption at the Option of a Holder.**

- (a) The Issuer shall, at the option of the Holder of any Note, redeem such Note on the Put Redemption Date(s) at the Put Redemption Amount(s) set forth below together with accrued interest, if any, to (but excluding) the Put Redemption Date.

Put Redemption Date(s)	Put Redemption Amount(s)
<b>[Put Redemption Date(s)]</b>	<b>[Put Redemption Amount(s)]</b>
[ _____ ]	[ _____ ]
[ _____ ]	[ _____ ]

The Holder may not exercise such option in respect of any Note which is the subject of the prior exercise by the Issuer of any of its options to redeem such Note under this § 5.

- (b) In order to exercise such option, the Holder must, not less than **[Minimum Notice to Issuer]** nor more than **[Maximum Notice to Issuer]** days before the Put Redemption Date on which such redemption is required to be made as specified in the Put Notice (as defined below), send to the specified office of the Fiscal Agent an early redemption notice in text format (*Textform*, e.g. email or fax) or in written form ("**Put Notice**"). In the event that the Put Notice is received after 5:00 p.m. Frankfurt time on the **[Minimum Notice to Issuer]** day before the Put Redemption Date, the option shall not have been validly exercised. The Put Notice must specify (i) the total principal amount of the Notes in respect of which such option is exercised, and (ii) the securities identification number of such Notes, if any **[In the case the Global Note is kept in custody by CBF, the following applies:** and (iii) contact details as well as a bank account]. The Put Notice may be in the form available from the specified offices of the Fiscal Agent and the Paying Agent[s] in the German and English language and includes further information. No option so exercised may be revoked or withdrawn. The Issuer shall only be required to redeem Notes in respect of which such option is exercised against delivery of such Notes to the Issuer or to its order.]

If the Notes are subject to Early Redemption for Reasons of a Change of Control, the following applies

**[(5)] Early Redemption for Reasons of a Change of Control.**

- (a) In the event that a Change of Control (as defined below) occurs and within the Change of Control Period a Downgrade (as defined below) in respect of that Change of Control occurs or is announced (an "**Early Redemption Event**"):
- (i) any Holder may, by submitting a redemption notice (the "**Early Redemption Notice**"), demand from the Issuer redemption as of the Effective Date (as



defined under subparagraph (a)(ii)(B) below) of any or all of its Notes which are or were not otherwise declared due for early redemption, at their principal amount plus interest accrued until (but excluding) the Effective Date. Each Early Redemption Notice must be received by the Fiscal Agent or the Clearing System through the Custodian (as defined in § 14(3)) no less than 30 days prior to the Effective Date; and

- (ii) the Issuer will (A) immediately after becoming aware of the Early Redemption Event, publish this fact by way of a notice pursuant to § 13, and (B) determine and publish pursuant to § 13 the effective date for the purposes of Early Redemption Notice (the "**Effective Date**"). The Effective Date must be a Business Day not less than 60 and not more than 90 days after publication of the notice regarding the Early Redemption Event pursuant to subparagraph (a)(ii)(A).
- (b) Any Early Redemption Notice shall be made in text format (*Textform*, e.g. email or fax) or in written form in German or English and shall be sent to the Fiscal Agent at its specified office. The Early Redemption Notice must be accompanied by evidence showing that the relevant Holder is the holder of the relevant Note at the time the Early Redemption Notice is delivered. Such evidence may be provided in the form of a certificate issued by the Custodian or in any other suitable manner. Early Redemption Notices shall be irrevocable.
- (c) A "**Change of Control**" occurs if any person or group, acting in concert, gains Control over RWE Aktiengesellschaft.
- (d) "**Control**" means any direct or indirect legal or beneficial ownership or any direct or indirect legal or beneficial entitlement (as described in § 34 *Wertpapierhandelsgesetz* (German Securities Trading Act)) of, in the aggregate, more than 50% of the voting shares of RWE Aktiengesellschaft.
- (e) The "**Change of Control Period**" shall commence on the date of the Change of Control Announcement, but not later than on the date of the Change of Control, and shall end 180 days after the Change of Control.
- (f) "**Change of Control Announcement**" means any public announcement or statement by RWE Aktiengesellschaft or any actual or potential bidder relating to a Change of Control.
- (g) A "**Downgrade**" occurs if a solicited credit rating for RWE Aktiengesellschaft's long-term unsecured debt falls below investment grade or all Rating Agencies cease to assign (other than temporarily) a credit rating to RWE Aktiengesellschaft. A credit rating below investment grade shall mean, in relation to Moody's, a rating of Ba1 or below and, in relation to Fitch, a rating of Ba1 or below and, where another rating agency has been designated by RWE Aktiengesellschaft, a comparable rating.
- (h) "**Rating Agencies**" means each of the rating agencies of Moody's Investors Service Ltd. ("**Moody's**"), or of Fitch Ratings Limited ("**Fitch**"), or any other rating agency designated by RWE Aktiengesellschaft.

In this paragraph, "**Business Day**" means a day on which the Clearing System as well as all relevant parts of the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross Settlement Express Transfer System 2 (TARGET) are operational to forward the relevant payment.]

[[6)] *Early Redemption at the Option of the Issuer for Reason of Minimal Outstanding Amount.* If at any time the aggregate principal amount of the Notes outstanding and held by persons other than the Issuer and its subsidiaries is equal to or less than 20 per cent. of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes originally issued (including any Notes additionally issued in accordance with § 12(1)), the Issuer may call and redeem the remaining Notes (in whole but not in part) at their Specified Denomination together with interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption.

**§ 6**  
**THE FISCAL AGENT AND THE PAYING AGENT**

(1) *Appointment; Specified Office.* The initial Fiscal Agent and the initial Paying Agent and their initial specified offices shall be:

Fiscal Agent and Paying Agent:	Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft Trust & Agency Services Taunusanlage 12 60325 Frankfurt am Main Federal Republic of Germany
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The Fiscal Agent and the Paying Agent reserve the right at any time to change their specified offices to some other specified office in the same country.

(2) *Variation or Termination of Appointment.* The Issuer reserves the right at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of the Fiscal Agent or any Paying Agent and to appoint another Fiscal Agent or additional or other Paying Agents. The Issuer shall at all times maintain [(i)] a Fiscal Agent [**In the case of payments in U.S. dollars the following applies:** and (ii) if payments at or through the offices of all Paying Agents outside the United States (as defined below) become illegal or are effectively precluded because of the imposition of exchange controls or similar restrictions on the full payment or receipt of such amounts in United States dollars, a Paying Agent with a specified office in New York City]. Any variation, termination, appointment or change shall only take effect (other than in the case of insolvency, when it shall be of immediate effect) after not less than 30 nor more than 45 days' prior notice thereof shall have been given to the Holders in accordance with § 13. For purposes of these Terms and Conditions, "**United States**" means the United States of America (including the States thereof and the District of Columbia) and its possessions (including Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, Wake Island and Northern Mariana Islands).

(3) *Agent of the Issuer.* The Fiscal Agent and the Paying Agent act solely as the agents of the Issuer and do not assume any obligations towards or relationship of agency or trust for any Holder.

**§ 7**  
**TAXATION**

All amounts payable in respect of the Notes shall be made without withholding or deduction for or on account of any present or future taxes or duties of whatever nature imposed or levied by way of withholding or deduction by or on behalf of Germany or any political subdivision or any authority thereof or therein having power to tax unless such withholding or deduction is required by law. In such event, the Issuer will pay such additional amounts (the "**Additional Amounts**") as shall be necessary in order that the net amounts received by the Holders, after such withholding or deduction shall equal the respective amounts which would otherwise have been receivable in the absence of such withholding or deduction; except that no such Additional Amounts shall be payable on account of any taxes or duties which:

- (a) are payable by any person acting as custodian bank or collecting agent on behalf of a Holder, or otherwise in any manner which does not constitute a deduction or withholding by the Issuer from payments of principal or interest made by it, or
- (b) are payable by reason of the Holder having, or having had, some personal or business connection with Germany and not merely by reason of the fact that payments in respect of the Notes are, or for purposes of taxation are deemed to be, derived from sources in, or are secured in, Germany, or
- (c) are deducted or withheld pursuant to (i) any European Union Directive or Regulation concerning the taxation of interest income, or (ii) any international treaty or understanding relating to such taxation and to which Germany or the European Union is a party, or (iii) any provision of law implementing, or complying with, or introduced to conform with, such Directive, Regulation, treaty or understanding, or

- (d) are payable by reason of a change in law that becomes effective more than 30 days after the relevant payment becomes due, or is duly provided for and notice thereof is published in accordance with § 13, whichever occurs later, or
- (e) are deducted or withheld by a Paying Agent from a payment if the payment could have been made by another Paying Agent without such deduction or withholding.

## § 8 PRESENTATION PERIOD

The presentation period provided in § 801 paragraph 1, sentence 1 BGB (*Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch* – "BGB") (German Civil Code) is reduced to ten years for the Notes.

## § 9 EVENTS OF DEFAULT

(1) *Events of default.* Each Holder shall be entitled to declare his Notes due and demand immediate redemption thereof at the Final Redemption Amount (as defined in § 5(1)), together with accrued interest (if any) to the date of repayment, in the event that:

- (a) the Issuer fails to pay principal or interest within 30 days from the relevant due date, or
- (b) the Issuer fails duly to perform any other obligation arising from the Notes which failure is not capable of remedy or, if such failure is capable of remedy, such failure continues for more than 60 days after the Fiscal Agent has received notice thereof from a Holder, or
- (c) the Issuer or a Principal Subsidiary (as defined in § 2(3)) fails to fulfil without legal cause any payment obligation under any Capital Market Indebtedness (as defined in § 2(3)) within 30 days from its due date or any creditor is entitled to declare due and payable any Capital Market Indebtedness of the Issuer or a Principal Subsidiary prior to its stated maturity for reason of default (howsoever defined); unless the aggregate amount of all such Capital Market Indebtedness is less than € 50,000,000 (or the equivalent in other currencies), or
- (d) the Issuer announces its inability to meet its financial obligations or ceases its payments, or
- (e) a court opens insolvency proceedings against the Issuer or the Issuer applies for or institutes such proceedings or offers or a third party applies for insolvency proceedings against the Issuer and such proceedings are not discharged or stayed within 60 days, or
- (f) the Issuer goes into liquidation unless this is done in connection with a merger, or other form of combination with another company and such company assumes all obligations contracted by the Issuer, as the case may be, in connection with this issue, or
- (g) any governmental order, decree or enactment shall gain recognition in Germany whereby the Issuer is legally prevented from performing its obligations as set forth in these Terms and Conditions and this situation is not cured within 90 days.

The right to declare Notes due shall terminate if the situation giving rise to it has been cured before the right is exercised.

(2) *Quorum.* In the events specified in subparagraph (1)(b) or subparagraph (1)(c), any notice declaring Notes due shall, unless at the time such notice is received any of the events specified in subparagraph (1)(a), (1)(d), (1)(e), (1)(f) entitling Holders to declare their Notes due has occurred, become effective only when the Fiscal Agent has received such notices from the Holders of at least one-tenth in principal amount of Notes then outstanding.

(3) *Notice.* Any notice, including any notice declaring Notes due, in accordance with subparagraph (1) shall be made by means of a declaration in text format (*Textform*, e.g. email or fax) or in written form in the German or English language sent to the specified

office of the Fiscal Agent together with proof that such Holder at the time of such notice is a holder of the relevant Notes by means of a certificate of his Custodian (as defined in § 14(3)) or in other appropriate manner.

## § 10 SUBSTITUTION

(1) *Substitution.* The Issuer may, without the consent of the Holders, if no payment of principal of or interest on any of the Notes is in default, at any time substitute for the Issuer any Affiliate (as defined below) of the Issuer as principal debtor in respect of all obligations arising from or in connection with this issue (the "**Substitute Debtor**") provided that:

- (a) the Substitute Debtor assumes all obligations of the Issuer in respect of the Notes;
- (b) the Substitute Debtor has obtained all necessary authorisations and may transfer to the Fiscal Agent in the currency required and without being obligated to deduct or withhold any taxes or other duties of whatever nature levied by the country in which the Substitute Debtor or the Issuer has its domicile or tax residence, all amounts required for the fulfilment of the payment obligations arising under the Notes;
- (c) the Substitute Debtor has agreed to indemnify and hold harmless each Holder against any tax, duty, assessment or governmental charge imposed on such Holder in respect of such substitution;
- (d) the Issuer irrevocably and unconditionally guarantees in favour of each Holder the payment of all sums payable by the Substitute Debtor in respect of the Notes on terms equivalent to the terms of the form of the guarantee of the Issuer in respect of the Notes set out in the Agency Agreement; and
- (e) there shall have been delivered to the Fiscal Agent one opinion for each jurisdiction affected of lawyers of recognised standing to the effect that subparagraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) above have been satisfied.

For purposes of this § 10, "**Affiliate**" shall mean any affiliated company (*verbundenen Unternehmen*) within the meaning of § 15 *Aktiengesetz* (German Stock Corporation Act).

- (2) *Notice.* Notice of any such substitution shall be published in accordance with § 13.
- (3) *Authorisation of the Issuer.* In the event of such substitution the Issuer is authorised to modify the Global Note representing the Notes and these Terms and Conditions without the consent of the Holders to the extent necessary to reflect the changes resulting from the substitution. An appropriately adjusted global note representing the Notes and Terms and Conditions will be deposited with the Clearing System.

## § 11 AMENDMENT OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS, HOLDERS' REPRESENTATIVE

(1) *Amendment of the Terms and Conditions.* In accordance with the German Act on Debt Securities of 2009 (*Schuldverschreibungsgesetz* – "**SchVG**") the Holders may agree with the Issuer on amendments of the Terms and Conditions with regard to matters permitted by the SchVG by resolution with the majority specified in subparagraph (2). Majority resolutions shall be binding on all Holders. Resolutions which do not provide for identical conditions for all Holders are void, unless Holders who are disadvantaged have expressly consented to their being treated disadvantageously.

(2) *Majority.* Resolutions shall be passed by a majority of at least 75% of the votes cast, provided that resolutions relating to amendments of the Terms and Conditions which are not material and which do not relate to the matters listed in § 5 paragraph 3 Nos. 1 to 8 of the SchVG require a simple majority of the votes cast.

(3) *Resolution of Holders.* Resolutions of Holders shall be passed at the election of the Issuer by vote taken without a meeting in accordance with § 18 and §§ 5 et seqq. of the SchVG or in a Holder's meeting in accordance with §§ 5 et seqq. of the SchVG.

(4) *Chair of the vote taken without a meeting.* The vote will be chaired by a notary appointed by the Issuer or, if the Holders' Representative (as defined below) has

convened the vote, by the Holders' Representative.

(5) *Voting rights.* Each Holder participating in any vote shall cast votes in accordance with the principal amount or the notional share of its entitlement to the outstanding Notes.

(6) *Holders' Representative.*

If no Holders' Representative is designated in the Terms and Conditions, the following applies

[The Holders may by majority resolution appoint a common representative (the "**Holders' Representative**") to exercise the Holders' rights on behalf of each Holder.]

If the Holders' Representative is appointed in the Terms and Conditions, the following applies

[The common representative (the "**Holders' Representative**") shall be **[Holders' Representative]**. The liability of the Holders' Representative shall be limited to ten times the amount of its annual remuneration, unless the Holders' Representative has acted wilfully or with gross negligence.]

The Holders' Representative shall have the duties and powers provided by law or granted by majority resolution of the Holders. The Holders' Representative shall comply with the instructions of the Holders. To the extent that the Holders' Representative has been authorised to assert certain rights of the Holders, the Holders shall not be entitled to assert such rights themselves, unless explicitly provided for in the relevant majority resolution. The Holders' Representative shall provide reports to the Holders on its activities. The regulations of the SchVG apply with regard to the recall and the other rights and obligations of the Holders' Representative.

(7) *Procedural Provisions regarding Resolutions of Holders in a Holder's meeting.*

(a) *Notice Period, Registration, Proof.*

- (i) A Holders' Meeting shall be convened not less than 14 days before the date of the meeting.
- (ii) If the Convening Notice provide(s) that attendance at a Holders' Meeting or the exercise of the voting rights shall be dependent upon a registration of the Holders before the meeting, then for purposes of calculating the period pursuant to subsection (i) the date of the meeting shall be replaced by the date by which the Holders are required to register. The registration notice must be received at the address set forth in the Convening Notice no later than on the third day before the Holders' Meeting.
- (iii) The Convening Notice may provide what proof is required to be entitled to take part in the Holders' Meeting. Unless otherwise provided in the Convening Notice, for Notes represented by a Global Note a voting certificate obtained from an agent to be appointed by the Issuer shall entitle its bearer to attend and vote at the Holders' Meeting. A voting certificate may be obtained by a Holder if at least six days before the time fixed for the Holders' Meeting, such Holder (a) deposits its Notes for such purpose with an agent to be appointed by the Issuer or to the order of such agent or (b) blocks its Notes in an account with a Custodian in accordance with the procedures of the Custodian and delivers a confirmation stating the ownership and blocking of its Notes to the agent of the Issuer. The Convening Notice may also require a proof of identity of a person exercising a voting right.

(b) *Contents of the Convening Notice, Publication.*

- (i) The convening notice (the "**Convening Notice**") shall state the name, the place of the registered office of the Issuer, the time and venue of the Holders' Meeting, and the conditions on which attendance in the Holders' Meeting and the exercise of voting rights is made dependent, including the matters referred to in subsection (a)(ii) and (iii).
- (ii) The Convening Notice shall be published promptly in the Federal Gazette (*Bundesanzeiger*) and additionally in accordance with the provisions of § 13. The costs of publication shall be borne by the Issuer.

- (iii) From the date on which the Holders' Meeting is convened until the date of the Holders' Meeting, the Issuer shall make available to the Holders, on the Issuer's website the Convening Notice and the precise conditions on which the attendance of the Holders' Meeting and the exercise of voting rights shall be dependent.

(c) *Information Duties, Voting.*

- (i) The Issuer shall be obliged to give information at the Holders' Meeting to each Holder upon request in so far as such information is required for an informed judgment regarding an item on the agenda or a proposed resolution.
- (ii) The provisions of the German Stock Corporation Act (*Aktiengesetz*) regarding the voting of shareholders at general meetings shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the casting and counting of votes, unless otherwise provided for in the Convening Notice.

(d) *Publication of Resolutions.*

- (i) The Issuer shall at its expense cause publication of the resolutions passed in appropriate form. If the registered office of the Issuer is located in Germany, the resolutions shall promptly be published in the Federal Gazette (*Bundesanzeiger*) and additionally in accordance with the provisions of § 13. The publication prescribed in § 50(1) of the German Securities Trading Act (*Wertpapierhandelsgesetz*) shall be sufficient.
- (ii) In addition, the Issuer shall make available to the public the resolutions passed and, if the resolutions amend the Terms and Conditions, the wording of the original Terms and Conditions, for a period of not less than one month commencing on the day following the date of the Holders' Meeting. Such publication shall be made on the Issuer's website.

(e) *Taking of Votes without Meeting.*

The call for the taking of votes shall specify the period within which votes may be cast. Such period shall not be less than 72 hours. During such period, the Holders may cast their votes in text format (*Textform*) to the person presiding over the taking of votes. The Convening Notice may provide for other forms of casting votes. The call for the taking of votes shall give details as to the prerequisites which must be met for the votes to qualify for being counted.

## § 12

### FURTHER ISSUES, [In the case of Notes which are subject to Redenomination, the following applies: CONSOLIDATION,] PURCHASES AND CANCELLATION

(1) *Further Issues.* The Issuer may from time to time, without the consent of the Holders, issue further Notes having the same terms and conditions as the Notes in all respects (or in all respects except for the issue date, interest commencement date and/or issue price) so as to form a single Series with the Notes.

[(2) *Consolidation.* The Issuer may from time to time, without the consent of the Holders consolidate **[In the case of euro-denominated Notes the following applies: the Notes] [In the case of Notes which are originally denominated in currencies participating in the EMU and which are subject to Redenomination the following applies: the Notes upon their redenomination into euro in accordance with § 1(1)]** with one or more issues of other Notes, issued by it, which were originally denominated in euro or have been redenominated into euro ("**Other Notes**"), provided that:

- (a) such Other Notes have substantially the same conditions as the Notes (other than in relation to currency, denomination, stock exchanges, clearing systems and matters of a technical or administrative nature normally associated with any of the foregoing); and
- (b) such Other Notes and Notes when consolidated can be cleared and settled on an interchangeable basis with the same International Securities Identification Number through any relevant clearing system of international standing (which does not have to be the clearing system through which the Other Notes or the Notes were initially cleared and settled); and

In the case of Notes which are subject to Redenomination, the following applies

(c) such Other Notes and the Notes when consolidated will be listed on at least one European stock exchange on which debt obligations issued in the international capital markets are then customarily listed and on which either the Notes or at least one of the issues of Other Notes consolidated with them was listed immediately prior to consolidation.

The Issuer shall be entitled to amend the Terms and Conditions to the effect that the Notes and such Other Notes consolidated with them will have identical terms after consolidation to allow them to form a single issue provided that such amendments do not materially adversely affect the interests of the Holders. The term "Notes" shall, in the event of such consolidation, also comprise such consolidated Other Notes. The Issuer may do so by giving not less than 30 days' prior notice to the Holders in accordance with § 13 and to the extent necessary by exchanging the global Note into a global note containing such amended conditions or by depositing a supplement to the global Note containing the amendments with the clearing system in which the Notes are to be held upon consolidation. The notice shall detail the manner in which consolidation shall be effected.

Upon consolidation with other issues of Notes for which the binding text of the terms and conditions is not in the same language as the binding text of these Terms and Conditions and as shall then be possible and practicable in order to meet the requirements of the clearing systems in which the Notes are to be held upon consolidation and/or the stock exchanges on which the Notes are or are to be listed upon consolidation, the Issuer may determine that the non-binding translation of these Terms and Conditions (§ 15) shall become the legally binding version and the binding version of these Terms and Conditions shall become a non-binding translation.】

[(3)] *Purchases.* The Issuer may at any time purchase Notes in the open market or otherwise and at any price. Notes purchased by the Issuer may, at the option of the Issuer, be held, resold or surrendered to the Fiscal Agent for cancellation.

[(4)] *Cancellation.* All Notes redeemed in full shall be cancelled forthwith and may not be reissued or resold.

### § 13 NOTICES

In the case of Notes which are listed on the official list of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, the following applies

[(1)] *Publication.* All notices concerning the Notes will be made by means of electronic publication on the internet website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)). Any notice so given will be deemed to have been validly given on the third day following the date of such publication.

(2) *Notification to Clearing System.* So long as any Notes are listed on the official list of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, subparagraph (1) shall apply. If the Rules of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange so permit, the Issuer may deliver the relevant notice to the Clearing System for communication by the Clearing System to the Holders, in lieu of publication as set forth in subparagraph (1) above; any such notice shall be deemed to have been validly given on the seventh day after the day on which the said notice was given to the Clearing System.】

In the case of Notes which are listed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange, the following applies

[(1)] *Publication.* All notices concerning the Notes shall be published in the German Federal Gazette (*Bundesanzeiger*). Any notice will be deemed to have been validly given on the third day following the date of such publication (or, if published more than once, on the third day following the date of the first such publication).】

In case of Notes which are unlisted, the following applies

[(1)] *Notification to Clearing System.* The Issuer shall deliver all notices concerning the Notes to the Clearing System for communication by the Clearing System to the Holders. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been validly given on the seventh day after the day on which the said notice was given to the Clearing System.】

[(2)][(3)] *Form of Notice of Holders.* Notices to be given by any Holder shall be made by means of a declaration in text format (*Textform*, e.g. email or fax) or in written form

to be sent together with an evidence of the Holder's entitlement in accordance with § 14(3) to the Fiscal Agent. Such notice may be given through the Clearing System in such manner as the Fiscal Agent and the Clearing System may approve for such purpose.

#### § 14

#### APPLICABLE LAW, PLACE OF JURISDICTION AND ENFORCEMENT

(1) *Applicable Law.* The Notes, as to form and content, and all rights and obligations of the Holders and the Issuer, shall be governed by German law.

(2) *Submission to Jurisdiction.* The District Court (*Landgericht*) in Frankfurt am Main shall have non-exclusive jurisdiction for any action or other legal proceedings ("**Proceedings**") arising out of or in connection with the Notes.

(3) *Enforcement.* Any Holder of Notes may in any Proceedings against the Issuer, or to which such Holder and the Issuer are parties, protect and enforce in his own name his rights arising under such Notes on the basis of (i) a statement issued by the Custodian with whom such Holder maintains a securities account in respect of the Notes (a) stating the full name and address of the Holder, (b) specifying the aggregate principal amount of Notes credited to such securities account on the date of such statement and (c) confirming that the Custodian has given written notice to the Clearing System containing the information pursuant to (a) and (b) and (ii) a copy of the Note in global form certified as being a true copy by a duly authorised officer of the Clearing System or a depository of the Clearing System, without the need for production in such Proceedings of the actual records or the global note representing the Notes. For purposes of the foregoing, "**Custodian**" means any bank or other financial institution of recognised standing authorised to engage in securities custody business with which the Holder maintains a securities account in respect of the Notes and includes the Clearing System. Each Holder may, without prejudice to the foregoing, protect and enforce his rights under these Notes also in any other way which is admitted in the country of the Proceedings.

#### § 15

#### LANGUAGE

If the Terms and Conditions shall be in the German language with an English language translation, the following applies

[These Terms and Conditions are written in the German language and provided with an English language translation. The German text shall be controlling and binding. The English language translation is provided for convenience only.]

If the Terms and Conditions shall be in the English language with a German language translation, the following applies

[These Terms and Conditions are written in the English language and provided with a German language translation. The English text shall be controlling and binding. The German language translation is provided for convenience only.]

If the Terms and Conditions shall be in the English language only, the following applies

[These Terms and Conditions are written in the English language only.]

In the case of Notes that are publicly offered, in whole or in part, in Germany or distributed, in whole or in part, to non-qualified investors in Germany with English language Terms and Conditions, the

[*Eine deutsche Übersetzung der Anleihebedingungen wird bei der RWE Aktiengesellschaft, RWE Platz 1, 45141 Essen, Bundesrepublik Deutschland, zur kostenlosen Ausgabe bereitgehalten.*]



following applies **I**

OPTION II – Terms and Conditions that apply to Notes with floating interest rates

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES  
(ENGLISH LANGUAGE VERSION)**

**§ 1**

**CURRENCY, DENOMINATION, [In the case of Notes which are subject to Redenomination, the following applies: REDENOMINATION,] FORM, CERTAIN DEFINITIONS**

In the case of Notes which are not subject to Redenomination, the following applies

[(1) *Currency; Denomination.* This Series of Notes (the "**Notes**") of RWE Aktiengesellschaft ("**RWE AG**" or the "**Issuer**") is being issued in [**Specified Currency**] (the "**Specified Currency**") in the aggregate principal amount [**In the case the global note is an NGN the following applies:**, subject to § 1(4),] of [**aggregate principal amount**] (in words: [**aggregate principal amount in words**]) in the denomination of [**Specified Denomination**] (the "**Specified Denomination**").]

In the case of Notes which are subject to Redenomination, the following applies

[(1) *Currency; Denomination; Redenomination.*

(a) This Series of Notes (the "**Notes**") of RWE Aktiengesellschaft ("**RWE AG**" or the "**Issuer**") is being issued in [**Specified Currency**] (the "**Specified Currency**") in the aggregate principal amount [**In the case the global note is an NGN the following applies:**, subject to § 1(4),] of [**aggregate principal amount**] (in words: [**aggregate principal amount in words**]) in the denomination of [**Specified Denomination**] (the "**Specified Denomination**").

(b) The Issuer may, without the consent of the Holders, by giving notice in accordance with subparagraph (d) (the "**Redenomination Notice**"), with effect from a date to be determined by it (the "**Redenomination Date**"), which [**In case Redenomination shall only be permissible with effect from an Interest Payment Date the following applies:** shall in any event be an Interest Payment Date (as defined below) and] shall not be earlier than the date (the "**EMU Date**") on which the state the official currency of which is the Specified Currency (the "**Currency State**") has become a participating member state in Economic and Monetary Union ("**EMU**"), redenominate all, but not some only, of the Notes into euro. Simultaneously, the Issuer may adjust the provisions regarding the Day Count Fraction (as hereinafter defined) in respect of interest payments for less than a year and regarding the business day or payment business day definition to existing or anticipated market practice.

(c) The redenomination and any additional measure which may be taken pursuant to subparagraph (b) sentence 2 shall, to the extent not governed by mandatory laws or regulations, occur by way of amendment of the Terms and Conditions (the "**Amendment**") in an equitable manner by the Issuer pursuant to § 315 BGB (*Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch*) (German Civil Code)<sup>(1)</sup>, taking into account the interests of the Holders as a class. Any conversion of the principal [**Specified Currency**] amount of each Note into euros shall be made in accordance with existing or anticipated market practice and, if consistent therewith, may be made by converting the principal [**Specified Currency**] amount of each Note into euros by using the fixed conversion rate and (i) rounding the resultant figure to the nearest € 0.01 (with € 0.005 being rounded upwards) and (ii) altering the tradeable principal amounts set forth in Clause (a) above to € 0.01.

(d) The Redenomination Notice shall be given by publication in accordance with § 13 at least 30 days prior to the Redenomination Date. It shall:

(i) designate the Issue and indicate its German Securities Code,

<sup>(1)</sup> An English language translation of § 315 BGB (*Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch*) (German Civil Code) would read as follows: "(1) If performance is to be determined by one of the contracting parties, it is to be presumed, in case of doubt, that the determination is to be made in an equitable manner. (2) The determination is made by declaration to the other party. (3) If the determination is to be made in an equitable manner, the determination made is binding upon the other party only if it is equitable. If it is inequitable the determination is made by court decision; the same applies if the determination is delayed."

- (ii) specify the Redenomination Date,
- (iii) describe the Amendment and specify the wording of the provisions which are to be amended and of the amended or additional provisions.

The Issuer shall not be obliged to exchange any Note representing the issue for a new Note denominated in euro.

- (e) To the extent that applicable provisions of law allow the Issuer to redenominate the Notes into euro and to take additional measures, the Issuer may exercise the rights provided by law instead of or in addition to the rights set out in Clauses (b) to (d) **[In case Redenomination shall only be permissible with effect from an Interest Payment Date the following applies: , provided that any Amendment shall in any event only become effective on an Interest Payment Date].**
- (f) Upon redenomination of the Notes any reference in these Terms and Conditions to the Specified Currency shall be construed as a reference to euro.]

(2) *Form.* The Notes are being issued in bearer form.

**In the case of Notes which are represented by a Permanent Global Note, the following applies**

[(3) *Permanent Global Note.* The Notes are represented by a permanent global note (the "**Permanent Global Note**") without coupons. The Permanent Global Note shall be signed by authorised signatories of the Issuer and shall be authenticated by or on behalf of the Fiscal Agent. Definitive Notes and interest coupons will not be issued.]

**In the case of Notes which are initially represented by a Temporary Global Note, the following applies**

[(3) *Temporary Global Note – Exchange.*

(a) The Notes are initially represented by a temporary global note (the "**Temporary Global Note**") without coupons. The Temporary Global Note will be exchangeable for Notes in the Specified Denomination represented by a permanent global note (the "**Permanent Global Note**") without coupons. The Temporary Global Note and the Permanent Global Note shall each be signed by authorised signatories of the Issuer and shall each be authenticated by or on behalf of the Fiscal Agent. Definitive Notes and interest coupons will not be issued.

(b) The Temporary Global Note shall be exchangeable for the Permanent Global Note from a date (the "**Exchange Date**") 40 days after the date of issue of the Notes represented by the Temporary Global Note. Such exchange shall only be made upon delivery of certifications to the effect that the beneficial owner or owners of the Notes represented by the Temporary Global Note is not a U.S. person (other than certain financial institutions or certain persons holding Notes through such financial institutions) as required by U.S. tax law. Payment of interest on Notes represented by a Temporary Global Note will be made only after delivery of such certifications. A separate certification shall be required in respect of each such payment of interest. Any such certification received on or after the 40th day after the date of issue of the Notes represented by the Temporary Global Note will be treated as a request to exchange such Temporary Global Note pursuant to this subparagraph (b) of this § 1(3). Any securities delivered in exchange for the Temporary Global Note shall be delivered only outside of the United States (as defined in § 6(2)).]

(4) *Clearing System.* The global note representing the Notes will be kept in custody by or on behalf of the Clearing System. "**Clearing System**" means **[If more than one Clearing System the following applies: each of]** the following: [Clearstream Banking AG, Neue Börsenstr. 1, 60487 Frankfurt am Main, Federal Republic of Germany ("**CBF**") ] [Clearstream Banking S.A., 42 Avenue JF Kennedy, 1855 Luxembourg, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg ("**CBL**"), Euroclear Bank SA/NV, Boulevard du Roi Albert II, 1210 Brussels, Belgium ("**Euroclear**") (CBL and Euroclear each an "**ICSD**" and together the "**ICSDs**")] and any successor in such capacity.

**In the case of Notes kept in custody on behalf of the ICSDs and the global note is an NGN, the following applies**

[The Notes are issued in new global note ("**NGN**") form and are kept in custody by a common safekeeper on behalf of both ICSDs.

The aggregate principal amount of Notes represented by the global note shall be the aggregate amount from time to time entered in the records of both ICSDs. The records of the ICSDs (which expression means the records that each ICSD holds for its

customers which reflect the amount of such customer's interest in the Notes) shall be conclusive evidence of the aggregate principal amount of Notes represented by the global note and, for these purposes, a statement issued by a ICSD stating the amount of Notes so represented at any time shall be conclusive evidence of the records of the relevant ICSD at that time.

On any redemption or payment of interest being made in respect of, or purchase and cancellation of, any of the Notes represented by the global note the Issuer shall procure that details of any redemption, payment or purchase and cancellation (as the case may be) in respect of the global note shall be entered accordingly in the records of the ICSDs and, upon any such entry being made, the aggregate principal amount of the Notes recorded in the records of the ICSDs and represented by the global note shall be reduced by the aggregate principal amount of the Notes so redeemed or purchased and cancelled.]

**[In the case the Temporary Global Note is an NGN the following applies:** On an exchange of a portion only of the Notes represented by a Temporary Global Note, the Issuer shall procure that details of such exchange shall be entered accordingly in the records of the ICSDs.]

**In the case of Notes kept in custody on behalf of the ICSDs and the global note is a CGN, the following applies**

[The Notes are issued in classical global note ("**CGN**") form and are kept in custody by a common depository on behalf of both ICSDs.]

(5) *Holder of Notes*. "**Holder**" means any holder of a proportionate co-ownership or other beneficial interest or right in the Notes.

## § 2 STATUS, NEGATIVE PLEDGE

(1) *Status*. The obligations under the Notes constitute unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer ranking *pari passu* among themselves and *pari passu* with all other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer, unless such obligations are accorded priority under mandatory provisions of statutory law.

(2) *Negative Pledge*. (a) So long as any Notes remain outstanding, but only up to the time all amounts of principal and interest have been placed at the disposal of the Fiscal Agent, the Issuer undertakes not to create or permit to subsist any mortgage, charge, pledge, lien or other encumbrance *in rem*, (together, "**encumbrances in rem**"), upon any or all of its present or future assets as security for any present or future Capital Market Indebtedness of the Issuer or any third party without having the Holders at the same time share equally and rateably in such security. This does not apply to the extent any encumbrance *in rem* was created for any Capital Market Indebtedness of a company which has merged with the Issuer or which has been acquired by the Issuer, provided that such encumbrance was already in existence at the time of the merger or the acquisition, was not created for the purpose of financing the merger or the acquisition and is not increased in amount and not extended following the merger or the acquisition. Furthermore, sentence 1 of this § 2(2)(a) does not apply to encumbrances created to secure Capital Market Indebtedness, the purpose of which is to finance in whole or in part or to re-finance the acquisition, establishment or development of projects; provided that (i) the recourse of the holders of such Capital Market Indebtedness is limited to assets pertaining to such project (including any interests in project companies) and customary guarantees issued in accordance with market practice as the source of repayment; and (ii) the encumbrances are created exclusively upon these assets.

(b) So long as any Notes remain outstanding, but only up to the time all amounts of principal and interest have been placed at the disposal of the Fiscal Agent, the Issuer further undertakes to procure to the extent legally possible in accordance with its *bona fide* judgement, that its Principal Subsidiaries (as defined below) will not create or permit to subsist any mortgage, charge, pledge, lien or other encumbrance *in rem* (together, "**encumbrances in rem**") upon any or all of its

present or future assets to secure any present or future Capital Market Indebtedness of the relevant Principal Subsidiary or any third party. This does not apply to the extent any encumbrance *in rem* was created for any Capital Market Indebtedness of a subsidiary, which becomes Principal Subsidiary during the term of the Notes, provided that such encumbrance was already in existence at this time and is not increased in amount and not extended. Furthermore, sentence 1 of this § 2(2)(b) does not apply to the extent any encumbrance *in rem* was created for any Capital Market Indebtedness of a company which has merged with the Principal Subsidiary or which has been acquired by the Principal Subsidiary, provided that such encumbrance was already in existence at the time of the merger or the acquisition, was not created for the purpose of financing the merger or the acquisition and is not increased in amount and not extended following the merger or the acquisition. Finally, sentence 1 of this § 2(2)(b) does not apply to encumbrances created to secure Capital Market Indebtedness, the purpose of which is to finance in whole or in part or to re-finance the acquisition, establishment or development of projects; provided that (i) the recourse of the holders of such Capital Market Indebtedness is limited to assets pertaining to such project (including any interests in project companies) and customary guarantees issued in accordance with market practice as the source of repayment; and (ii) the encumbrances are created exclusively upon these assets.

- (3) *Capital Market Indebtedness and Principal Subsidiary*. For the purpose of this § 2:
- (a) "**Capital Market Indebtedness**" shall mean any obligation for the payment of borrowed money which is, in the form of, or represented or evidenced by bonds, or other instruments which are, or are capable of being, listed, quoted, dealt in or traded on any stock exchange or in any organised market and any guarantee or other indemnity in respect of such obligation; and
- (b) "**Principal Subsidiary**" shall mean any company which was consolidated in the latest group accounts of the Issuer and (i) whose Sales (as defined below), as shown in its audited, non-consolidated accounts (or; where the subsidiary concerned prepares itself consolidated accounts, consolidated Sales as shown in its audited, consolidated accounts) which have been used for the purposes of the latest audited, consolidated group accounts of the Issuer, amount to at least 5% of the overall Sales of the Issuer and its consolidated subsidiaries, as shown in its latest audited, consolidated group accounts; and (ii) whose total assets as shown in its audited, non-consolidated accounts (or; where the subsidiary concerned prepares itself consolidated accounts, consolidated total assets as shown in its audited, consolidated accounts) which have been used for the purposes of the latest audited, consolidated group accounts of the Issuer, amount to at least 5% of the overall total assets of the Issuer and its consolidated subsidiaries, as shown in its latest audited, consolidated group accounts. The term "*Principal Subsidiary*" does not include any company which, although it was consolidated in the respective latest group accounts of the Issuer, would no longer have to be consolidated by the Issuer subsequent to the relevant date of such accounts upon the creation of any encumbrance *in rem* on its present or future assets as security for any Capital Market Indebtedness, unless it is foreseeable at that time that such company will not permanently cease to rank among the subsidiaries subject to consolidation. For the purpose of this subparagraph (b) of this § 2(3), "**Sales**" shall mean net sales without mineral oil tax, gas tax and electricity tax.

### § 3 INTEREST

- (1) *Interest Payment Dates*.
- (a) The Notes bear interest on their aggregate principal amount from (and including) [**Interest Commencement Date**] (the "**Interest Commencement Date**") to but excluding the first Interest Payment Date and thereafter from (and including) each Interest Payment Date to but excluding the next following Interest Payment Date. Interest on the Notes shall be payable on each Interest Payment Date.
- (b) "**Interest Payment Date**" means

In the case of Specified Interest Payment Dates, the following applies

[each [Specified Interest Payment Dates].]

In the case of Specified Interest Periods, the following applies

[each date which (except as otherwise provided in these Terms and Conditions) falls [number] [weeks] [months] after the preceding Interest Payment Date or, in the case of the first Interest Payment Date, after the Interest Commencement Date.]

(c) If any Interest Payment Date would otherwise fall on a day which is not a Business Day (as defined below), it shall be:

In the case of the Modified Following Business Day Convention, the following applies

[postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event the Interest Payment Date shall be the immediately preceding Business Day.]

In the case of the FRN Convention, the following applies

[postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event (i) the Interest Payment Date shall be the immediately preceding Business Day and (ii) each subsequent Interest Payment Date shall be the last Business Day in the month which falls [number] [months] after the preceding applicable Interest Payment Date.]

In the case of the Following Business Day Convention, the following applies

[postponed to the next day which is a Business Day.]

In the case of the Preceding Business Day Convention, the following applies

[the immediately preceding Business Day.]

(d) In this § 3 "**Business Day**" means a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which the Clearing System as well as

In case the Specified Currency is not euro, the following applies

[commercial banks are generally open for business in, and foreign exchange markets settle payments in [all relevant financial centre(s)].][and]]

In the case the Specified Currency is euro, the following applies

[all relevant parts of the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross Settlement Express Transfer System 2 ("**TARGET**") are operational to effect the relevant payment.]

(2) *Rate of Interest.* The rate of interest (the "**Rate of Interest**") for each Interest Period (as defined below) will, except as provided below, be determined by the Calculation Agent and is the Reference Rate (as defined below) [[plus] [minus] the Margin (as defined below)]. The applicable Reference Rate shall be the rate which appears on the Screen Page as of 11:00 a. m. (Brussels time) on the Interest Determination Date (as defined below).

The "**Reference Rate**" is the offered quotation (expressed as a percentage rate *per annum*) for deposits in the Specified Currency for that Interest Period (EURIBOR).

"**Interest Period**" means each period from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date to (but excluding) the first Interest Payment Date and from each Interest Payment Date to the following Interest Payment Date.

"**Interest Determination Date**" means the second TARGET Business Day prior to the commencement of the relevant Interest Period. "**TARGET Business Day**" means a day on which TARGET (Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross Settlement Express Transfer System) is open.

[In case of a Margin the following applies: "**Margin**" means [ ]% *per annum*.]

"**Screen Page**" means Reuters screen page EURIBOR01 or the relevant successor

page on that service or on any other service as may be nominated as the information vendor for the purposes of displaying rates or prices comparable to the relevant offered quotation.

If the Screen Page is not available or no quotation for the Reference Rate appears as at such time and provided that no Rate Replacement Event pursuant to § 3[(9)] has occurred, the Calculation Agent shall request each of the Reference Banks (as defined below) to provide the Calculation Agent with its offered quotation (expressed as a percentage rate *per annum*) for deposits in the Specified Currency for the relevant Interest Period and in a representative amount to prime banks in the interbank market in the Euro-Zone at approximately 11.00 a.m. (Brussels time) on the Interest Determination Date. If two or more of the Reference Banks provide the Calculation Agent with such offered quotations, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the nearest one thousandth of a percentage point, with 0.0005 being rounded upwards) of such offered quotations **[In case of a Margin the following applies: [plus] [minus] the Margin]**, all as determined by the Calculation Agent.

If on any Interest Determination Date only one or none of the Reference Banks provides the Calculation Agent with such offered quotations as provided in the preceding paragraph, the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period shall be the rate *per annum* which the Calculation Agent determines as being the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the nearest one thousandth of a percentage point, with 0.0005 being rounded upwards) of the rates, as communicated to (and at the request of) the Calculation Agent by major banks in the interbank market in the Euro-Zone, selected by the Calculation Agent acting in good faith, at which such banks offer, as at 11.00 a.m. (Brussels time) on the relevant Interest Determination Date, loans in the Specified Currency for the relevant Interest Period and in a representative amount to leading European banks **[In case of a Margin the following applies: [plus] [minus] the Margin]**.

If the Rate of Interest cannot be determined in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this subparagraph (2), the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be the offered quotation on the Screen Page, as described above, on the last day preceding the Interest Determination Date on which such offered quotation was displayed **[[plus] [minus] the Margin (as defined above)]**, all as determined by the Calculation Agent.

As used herein, "**Reference Banks**" means four major banks in the interbank market in the Euro-Zone.

"**Euro-Zone**" means the region comprised of those member states of the European Union that have adopted, or will have adopted from time to time, the single currency in accordance with the Treaty establishing the European Community (signed in Rome on 25 March 1957), as amended by the Treaty on European Union (signed in Maastricht on 7 February 1992), the Amsterdam Treaty of 2 October 1997 and the Treaty of Lisbon of 13 December 2007, as further amended from time to time.

In case of a Minimum Rate of Interest, the following applies

[(3) *Minimum Rate of Interest.* If the Rate of Interest in respect of any Interest Period determined in accordance with the above provisions is less than **[Minimum Rate of Interest]**, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be **[Minimum Rate of Interest].**]

In case of a Maximum Rate of Interest, the following applies

[(3) *Maximum Rate of Interest.* If the Rate of Interest in respect of any Interest Period determined in accordance with the above provisions is greater than **[Maximum Rate of Interest]**, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be **[Maximum Rate of Interest].**]

[(4) *Interest Amount.* The Calculation Agent will, on or as soon as practicable after each time at which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, calculate the amount of interest (the "**Interest Amount**") payable on the Notes in respect of the Specified Denomination for the relevant Interest Period. Each Interest Amount shall be calculated by applying the Rate of Interest and the Day Count Fraction (as defined below) to the Specified Denomination and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest unit of the Specified Currency, with 0.5 of such unit being rounded upwards.

[(5)] *Notification of Rate of Interest and Interest Amount.* The Calculation Agent will cause the Rate of Interest, each Interest Amount for each Interest Period, each Interest Period and the relevant Interest Payment Date to be notified to the Issuer and to the Holders in accordance with § 13 as soon as possible after their determination, but in no event later than the fourth TARGET Business Day (as defined in § 3(2)) thereafter and if required by the rules of any stock exchange on which the Notes are listed from time to time, to such stock exchange as soon as possible after their determination, but in no event later than the first day of the relevant Interest Period. Each Interest Amount and Interest Payment Date so notified may subsequently be amended (or appropriate alternative arrangements may be made by way of adjustment) without notice in the event of an extension or shortening of the Interest Period. Any such amendment will be promptly notified to any stock exchange on which the Notes are listed then and to the Holders in accordance with § 13.

[(6)] *Determinations Binding.* All certificates, communications, opinions, determinations, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of the provisions of this § 3 by the Calculation Agent shall (in the absence of manifest error) be binding on the Issuer, the Fiscal Agent[, the Paying Agents] and the Holders.

[(7)] *Accrual of Interest.* If the Issuer fails to redeem the Notes when due, interest shall continue to accrue beyond the due date until actual redemption of the Notes. The applicable Rate of Interest will be the default rate of interest established by law.<sup>(1)</sup>

[(8)] *Day Count Fraction.* "**Day Count Fraction**" means with regard to the calculation of interest on any Note for any period of time (the "**Calculation Period**"):

In case of Actual/365  
(Fixed), the following  
applies

[the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 365.]

In case of Actual/360,  
the following applies

[the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360.]

[(9)](a) *Rate Replacement.* If the Issuer determines (in consultation with the Calculation Agent) that a Rate Replacement Event has occurred on or prior to an Interest Determination Date, the Relevant Determining Party shall determine and inform the Issuer, if relevant, and the Calculation Agent of (i) the Replacement Rate, (ii) the Adjustment Spread, if any, and (iii) the Replacement Rate Adjustments (each as defined below in § 3[(9)](b)(aa) to (cc)) for purposes of determining the Rate of Interest for the Interest Period related to that Interest Determination Date and each Interest Period thereafter (subject to the subsequent occurrence of any further Rate Replacement Event). The Terms and Conditions shall be deemed to have been amended by the Replacement Rate Adjustments (as defined in § 3[(9)](b)(hh)) with effect from (and including) the relevant Interest Determination Date (including any amendment of such Interest Determination Date if so provided by the Replacement Rate Adjustments). The Rate of Interest shall then be the Replacement Rate (as defined below) adjusted by the Adjustment Spread, if any, [[plus] [minus] the Margin (as defined above)].

The Issuer shall notify the Holders pursuant to § 13 as soon as practicable (*unverzüglich*) after such determination of the Replacement Rate, the Adjustment Spread, if any, and the Replacement Rate Adjustments. In addition, the Issuer shall request the [Clearing System] [common depository on behalf of both ICSDs] to supplement the Terms and Conditions to reflect the Replacement Rate Adjustments by attaching the documents submitted to it to the Global Note in an appropriate manner.

(b) *Definitions.*

(aa) "**Rate Replacement Event**" means, with respect to the Reference Rate, each of the following events:

(i) the Reference Rate not having been published on the Screen Page for

<sup>(1)</sup> The default rate of interest established by law is five percentage points above the basic rate of interest published by Deutsche Bundesbank from time to time; §§ 288 paragraph 1, 247 paragraph 1 BGB (*Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch*) (German Civil Code).



- ten (10) consecutive Business Days immediately prior to the relevant Interest Determination Date; or
- (ii) the occurrence of the date, as publicly announced by or, as the case may be, determinable based upon the public announcement of the competent authority of the administrator of the Reference Rate, from which the Reference Rate no longer reflects the underlying market or economic reality and no action to remediate such a situation is taken or expected to be taken by the competent authority for the administrator of the Reference Rate; or
  - (iii) the occurrence of the date, as publicly announced by or, as the case may be, determinable based upon the public announcement of the administrator of the Reference Rate, on which the administrator (x) will commence the orderly wind-down of the Reference Rate or (y) will cease to publish the Reference Rate permanently or indefinitely (in circumstances where no successor administrator has been appointed that will continue the publication of the Reference Rate); or
  - (iv) the occurrence of the date, as publicly announced by the competent authority for the administrator of the Reference Rate, the central bank for the Specified Currency, an insolvency official with jurisdiction over the administrator for the Reference Rate, a resolution authority with jurisdiction over the administrator for the Reference Rate or a court (unappealable final decision) or an entity with similar insolvency or resolution authority over the administrator for the Reference Rate, on which the administrator of the Reference Rate (x) will commence the orderly wind-down of the Reference Rate or (y) has ceased or will cease to provide the Reference Rate permanently or indefinitely (in circumstances where no successor administrator has been appointed that will continue the publication of the Reference Rate); or
  - (v) the occurrence of the date, as publicly announced by or, as the case may be, determinable based upon the public announcement of the competent authority for the administrator of the Reference Rate, from which the Reference Rate will be prohibited from being used; or
  - (vi) the occurrence of the date, as publicly announced by or, as the case may be, determinable based upon the public announcement of the administrator of the Reference Rate, of a material change in the methodology of determining the Reference Rate; or
  - (vii) the publication of a notice by the Issuer pursuant to § 13(1) that it has become unlawful for the Issuer, the Calculation Agent or any Paying Agent to calculate any Rate of Interest using the Reference Rate; or
  - (viii) the European Commission or the competent national authority of a Member State have designated one or more replacement benchmarks for a Reference Rate pursuant to Art. 23b (2) and Art. 23c (1) of the Benchmark Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/1011, as amended).
- (bb) "**Replacement Rate**" means a publicly available substitute, successor, alternative or other rate designed to be referenced by financial instruments or contracts, including the Notes, to determine an amount payable under such financial instruments or contracts, including, but not limited to, an amount of interest. In determining the Replacement Rate, the Relevant Guidance (as defined below) shall be taken into account.
- (cc) "**Adjustment Spread**" means a spread (which may be positive or negative), or the formula or methodology for calculating a spread, which the Relevant Determining Party determines is required to be applied to the Replacement Rate to reduce or eliminate, to the extent reasonably practicable, any transfer of economic value between the Issuer and the Holders that would otherwise arise as a result of the replacement of the Reference Rate against the Replacement Rate (including, but not limited to, as a result of the Replacement Rate being a risk-free rate). In determining the

Adjustment Spread, the Relevant Guidance (as defined below) shall be taken into account.

- (dd) **"Relevant Determining Party"** means
- (i) the Issuer if in its opinion the Replacement Rate is obvious and as such without any reasonable doubt determinable by an investor that is knowledgeable in the respective type of bonds, such as the Notes; or
  - (ii) failing which, an Independent Advisor (as defined below), to be appointed by the Issuer at commercially reasonable terms, using reasonable endeavours, as its agent to make such determinations.
- (ee) **"Independent Advisor"** means an independent financial institution of international repute or any other independent advisor of recognised standing and with appropriate expertise.
- (ff) **"Relevant Guidance"** means (i) any legal or supervisory requirement applicable to the Issuer or the Notes or, if none, (ii) any applicable requirement, recommendation or guidance of a Relevant Nominating Body or, if none, (iii) any relevant recommendation or guidance by industry bodies (including by ISDA), or, if none, (iv) any relevant market practice.
- (gg) **"Relevant Nominating Body"** means
- (i) the central bank for the Specified Currency, or any central bank or other supervisor which is responsible for supervising either the Reference Rate or the administrator of the Reference Rate; or
  - (ii) the European Commission or any competent national authority of a Member State; or
  - (iii) any working group or committee officially endorsed, sponsored or convened by or chaired or co-chaired by (w) the central bank for the Specified Currency, (x) any central bank or other supervisor which is responsible for supervising either the Reference Rate or the administrator of the Reference Rate, (y) a group of the aforementioned central banks or other supervisors or (z) the Financial Stability Board or any part thereof.
- (hh) **"Replacement Rate Adjustments"** means such adjustments to the Terms and Conditions as are determined consequential to enable the operation of the Replacement Rate (which may include, without limitation, adjustments to the applicable Business Day Convention, the definition of Business Day, the Interest Determination Date, the Day Count Fraction and any methodology or definition for obtaining or calculating the Replacement Rate). In determining any Replacement Rate Adjustments the Relevant Guidance shall be taken into account.

- (c) *Termination.* If a Replacement Rate, an Adjustment Spread, if any, or the Replacement Rate Adjustments cannot be determined pursuant to § 3[(9)](a) and (b), the Reference Rate in respect of the relevant Interest Determination Date shall be the Reference Rate determined for the last preceding Interest Period. The Issuer will inform the Calculation Agent accordingly. As a result, the Issuer may, upon not less than 15 days' notice given to the Holders in accordance with § 13, redeem all, and not only some of the Notes at any time on any Business Day before the respective subsequent Interest Determination Date at the Final Redemption Amount together with accrued interest, if any, to (but excluding) the respective redemption date.

#### § 4 PAYMENTS

- (1) (a) *Payment of Principal.* Payment of principal in respect of Notes shall be made, subject to subparagraph (2) below, to the Clearing System or to its order for credit to the accounts of the relevant account holders of the Clearing System.
- (b) *Payment of Interest.* Payment of interest on Notes shall be made, subject to sub-

In the case of interest payable on a Temporary Global Note, the following applies

paragraph (2), to the Clearing System or to its order for credit to the relevant account holders of the Clearing System.

[Payment of interest on Notes represented by the Temporary Global Note shall be made, subject to subparagraph (2), to the Clearing System or to its order for credit to the relevant account holders of the Clearing System, upon due certification as provided in § 1(3)(b).]

(2) *Manner of Payment.* Subject to (i) applicable fiscal and other laws and regulations and (ii) any withholding or deduction required pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "**Code**") or otherwise imposed pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, any regulations or agreements thereunder, any official interpretations thereof, or any law implementing an intergovernmental approach thereto, payments of amounts due in respect of the Notes shall be made in the Specified Currency **[In the case of Notes which are subject to Redenomination the following applies:** or, if the EMU Date has occurred, the Notes are denominated in **[Specified Currency]**, payments in respect of the Notes shall be made at the option of the Issuer in euros or in **[Specified Currency]**].

(3) *Discharge.* The Issuer shall be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Clearing System.

(4) *Payment Business Day.* If the date for payment of any amount in respect of any Note is not a Payment Business Day then the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next such day in the relevant place and shall not be entitled to further interest or other payment in respect of such delay.

For these purposes, "**Payment Business Day**" means any day which is a Business Day.

(5) *References to Principal and Interest.* References in these Terms and Conditions to principal in respect of the Notes shall be deemed to include, as applicable: the Final Redemption Amount of the Notes; **[If redeemable at the option of the Issuer for other than tax reasons the following applies:** the Call Redemption Amount of the Notes;] and any premium and any other amounts which may be payable under or in respect of the Notes. References in these Terms and Conditions to interest in respect of the Notes shall be deemed to include, as applicable, any Additional Amounts which may be payable under § 7.

(6) *Deposit of Principal and Interest.* The Issuer may deposit with the local court (*Amtsgericht*) in Frankfurt am Main principal or interest not claimed by Holders within twelve months after the Maturity Date, even though such Holders may not be in default of acceptance of payment. If and to the extent that the deposit is effected and the right of withdrawal is waived, the respective claims of such Holders against the Issuer shall cease.

## § 5 REDEMPTION

(1) *Final Redemption.* Unless previously redeemed in whole or in part or purchased and cancelled, the Notes shall be redeemed at their Final Redemption Amount on the Interest Payment Date falling in **[Redemption Month]** (the "**Maturity Date**"). The "**Final Redemption Amount**" in respect of each Note shall be its principal amount.

(2) *Early Redemption for Reasons of Taxation.* If as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of Germany or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereto or therein affecting taxation or the obligation to pay duties of any kind, or any change in, or amendment to, an official interpretation or application of such laws or regulations, which amendment or change is effective on or after the date on which the last tranche of this series of Notes was issued, the Issuer is required to pay Additional Amounts (as defined in § 7) on the next succeeding Interest Payment Date (as defined in § 3(1)) and this obligation cannot be avoided by the use of reasonable measures available to the Issuer, the Notes may be redeemed, in whole but not in part, at the option of the Issuer, upon not more than 60 days' nor less than 30 days' prior notice of redemption given to the Fiscal Agent and, in accordance with § 13 to the Holders, at their Final Redemption Amount, together with interest accrued to the date

fixed for redemption.

However, no such notice of redemption may be given (i) earlier than 90 days prior to the earliest date on which the Issuer would be obligated to pay such Additional Amounts where a payment in respect of the Notes then due, or (ii) if at the time such notice is given, such obligation to pay such Additional Amounts does not remain in effect. The date fixed for redemption must be an Interest Payment Date.

Any such notice shall be given in accordance with § 13. It shall be irrevocable, must specify the date fixed for redemption and must set forth a statement in summary form of the facts constituting the basis for the right of the Issuer so to redeem.

If the Notes are subject to Early Redemption at the Option of the Issuer at the Final Redemption Amount, the following applies

[(3) *Early Redemption at the Option of the Issuer.*

- (a) The Issuer may, upon notice given in accordance with clause (b), redeem all or some only of the Notes on the Interest Payment Date following **[number]** years after the Interest Commencement Date and on each Interest Payment Date thereafter (each a "**Call Redemption Date**") at the Final Redemption Amount together with accrued interest, if any, to (but excluding) the respective Call Redemption Date.
- (b) Notice of redemption shall be given by the Issuer to the Holders of the Notes in accordance with § 13. Such notice shall specify:
  - (i) the Series of Notes subject to redemption;
  - (ii) whether such Series is to be redeemed in whole or in part only and, if in part only, the aggregate principal amount of the Notes which are to be redeemed; and
  - (iii) the Call Redemption Date, which shall be not less than **[Minimum Notice to Holders]** nor more than **[Maximum Notice to Holders]** days after the date on which notice is given by the Issuer to the Holders.
- (c) In the case of a partial redemption of Notes, Notes to be redeemed shall be selected in accordance with the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing System.] **[In the case of Notes in NGN form the following applies:** Such partial redemption shall be reflected in the records of CBL and Euroclear as either a pool factor or a reduction in aggregate principal amount, at the discretion of CBL and Euroclear.]]

If the Notes are subject to Early Redemption for Reasons of a Change of Control, the following applies

[[4)] *Early Redemption for Reasons of a Change of Control.*

- (a) In the event that a Change of Control (as defined below) occurs and within the Change of Control Period a Downgrade (as defined below) in respect of that Change of Control occurs or is announced (an "**Early Redemption Event**"):
  - (i) any Holder may, by submitting a redemption notice (the "**Early Redemption Notice**"), demand from the Issuer redemption as of the Effective Date (as defined under subparagraph (a)(ii)(B) below) of any or all of its Notes which are or were not otherwise declared due for early redemption, at their principal amount plus interest accrued until (but excluding) the Effective Date. Each Early Redemption Notice must be received by the Fiscal Agent or the Clearing System through the Custodian (as defined in § 14(3)) no less than 30 days prior to the Effective Date; and
  - (ii) the Issuer will (A) immediately after becoming aware of the Early Redemption Event, publish this fact by way of a notice pursuant to § 13, and (B) determine and publish pursuant to § 13 the effective date for the purposes of Early Redemption Notice (the "**Effective Date**"). The Effective Date must be a Business Day not less than 60 and not more than 90 days after publication of the notice regarding the Early Redemption Event pursuant to subparagraph (a)(ii)(A).
- (b) Any Early Redemption Notice shall be made in text format (Textform, e.g. email or fax) or in written form in German or English and shall be sent to the Fiscal Agent at its specified office. The Early Redemption Notice must be accompanied by evidence showing that the relevant Holder is the holder of the relevant Note at the time the

Early Redemption Notice is delivered. Such evidence may be provided in the form of a certificate issued by the Custodian or in any other suitable manner. Early Redemption Notices shall be irrevocable.

- (c) A "**Change of Control**" occurs if any person or group, acting in concert, gains Control over RWE Aktiengesellschaft.
- (d) "**Control**" means any direct or indirect legal or beneficial ownership or any direct or indirect legal or beneficial entitlement (as described in § 34 *Wertpapierhandelsgesetz* (German Securities Trading Act)) of, in the aggregate, more than 50% of the voting shares of RWE Aktiengesellschaft.
- (e) The "**Change of Control Period**" shall commence on the date of the Change of Control Announcement, but not later than on the date of the Change of Control, and shall end 180 days after the Change of Control.
- (f) "**Change of Control Announcement**" means any public announcement or statement by RWE Aktiengesellschaft or any actual or potential bidder relating to a Change of Control.
- (g) A "**Downgrade**" occurs if a solicited credit rating for RWE Aktiengesellschaft's long-term unsecured debt falls below investment grade or all Rating Agencies cease to assign (other than temporarily) a credit rating to RWE Aktiengesellschaft. A credit rating below investment grade shall mean, in relation to Moody's, a rating of Ba1 or below and, in relation to Fitch, a rating of Ba1 or below and, where another rating agency has been designated by RWE Aktiengesellschaft, a comparable rating.
- (h) "**Rating Agencies**" means each of the rating agencies of Moody's Investors Service Ltd. ("**Moody's**"), or of Fitch Ratings Limited ("**Fitch**"), or any other rating agency designated by RWE Aktiengesellschaft.

In this paragraph, "**Business Day**" means a day on which the Clearing System as well as all relevant parts of the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross Settlement Express Transfer System 2 (TARGET) are operational to forward the relevant payment.]

[[5)] *Early Redemption at the Option of the Issuer for Reason of Minimal Outstanding Amount.* If at any time the aggregate principal amount of the Notes outstanding and held by persons other than the Issuer and its subsidiaries is equal to or less than 20 per cent. of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes originally issued (including any Notes additionally issued in accordance with § 12(1)), the Issuer may call and redeem the remaining Notes (in whole but not in part) at their Specified Denomination together with interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption.

## § 6 THE FISCAL AGENT AND THE PAYING AGENT AND THE CALCULATION AGENT

(1) *Appointment; Specified Office.* The initial Fiscal Agent, the initial Paying Agent and the initial Calculation Agent and their initial specified offices shall be:

Fiscal Agent and Paying Agent:	Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft Trust & Agency Services Taunusanlage 12 60325 Frankfurt am Main Federal Republic of Germany
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Calculation Agent: **[name and specified office]**

The Fiscal Agent and the Paying Agent and the Calculation Agent reserve the right at any time to change their specified offices to some other specified office in the same country.

(2) *Variation or Termination of Appointment.* The Issuer reserves the right at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of the Fiscal Agent or any Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent and to appoint another Fiscal Agent or additional or other Paying Agent or another Calculation Agent. The Issuer shall at all times maintain (i) a Fiscal Agent **[In the case of payments in U.S. dollars the following applies: [,] [and] [(ii)]** if

payments at or through the offices of all Paying Agents outside the United States (as defined below) become illegal or are effectively precluded because of the imposition of exchange controls or similar restrictions on the full payment or receipt of such amounts in United States dollars, a Paying Agent with a specified office in New York City] [,] [and] [(iii)] a Calculation Agent **[If Calculation Agent is required to maintain a Specified Office in a Required Location the following applies:** with a specified office located in **[Required Location]**]. Any variation, termination, appointment or change shall only take effect (other than in the case of insolvency, when it shall be of immediate effect) after not less than 30 nor more than 45 days' prior notice thereof shall have been given to the Holders in accordance with § 13. For purposes of these Terms and Conditions, "**United States**" means the United States of America (including the States thereof and the District of Columbia) and its possessions (including Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, Wake Island and Northern Mariana Islands).

(3) *Agent of the Issuer.* The Fiscal Agent, the Paying Agent and the Calculation Agent act solely as the agents of the Issuer and do not assume any obligations towards or relationship of agency or trust for any Holder.

## § 7 TAXATION

All amounts payable in respect of the Notes shall be made without withholding or deduction for or on account of any present or future taxes or duties of whatever nature imposed or levied by way of withholding or deduction by or on behalf of Germany or any political subdivision or any authority thereof or therein having power to tax unless such withholding or deduction is required by law. In such event, the Issuer will pay such additional amounts (the "**Additional Amounts**") as shall be necessary in order that the net amounts received by the Holders, after such withholding or deduction shall equal the respective amounts which would otherwise have been receivable in the absence of such withholding or deduction; except that no such Additional Amounts shall be payable on account of any taxes or duties which:

- (a) are payable by any person acting as custodian bank or collecting agent on behalf of a Holder, or otherwise in any manner which does not constitute a deduction or withholding by the Issuer from payments of principal or interest made by it, or
- (b) are payable by reason of the Holder having, or having had, some personal or business connection with Germany and not merely by reason of the fact that payments in respect of the Notes are, or for purposes of taxation are deemed to be, derived from sources in, or are secured in, Germany, or
- (c) are deducted or withheld pursuant to (i) any European Union Directive or Regulation concerning the taxation of interest income, or (ii) any international treaty or understanding relating to such taxation and to which Germany or the European Union is a party, or (iii) any provision of law implementing, or complying with, or introduced to conform with, such Directive, Regulation, treaty or understanding, or
- (d) are payable by reason of a change in law that becomes effective more than 30 days after the relevant payment becomes due, or is duly provided for and notice thereof is published in accordance with § 13, whichever occurs later, or
- (e) are deducted or withheld by a Paying Agent from a payment if the payment could have been made by another Paying Agent without such deduction or withholding.

## § 8 PRESENTATION PERIOD

The presentation period provided in § 801 paragraph 1, sentence 1 BGB (*Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch* – "**BGB**") (German Civil Code) is reduced to ten years for the Notes.

**§ 9**  
**EVENTS OF DEFAULT**

(1) *Events of default.* Each Holder shall be entitled to declare his Notes due and demand immediate redemption thereof at the Final Redemption Amount (as defined in § 5(1)), together with accrued interest (if any) to the date of repayment, in the event that:

- (a) the Issuer fails to pay principal or interest within 30 days from the relevant due date, or
- (b) the Issuer fails duly to perform any other obligation arising from the Notes which failure is not capable of remedy or, if such failure is capable of remedy, such failure continues for more than 60 days after the Fiscal Agent has received notice thereof from a Holder, or
- (c) the Issuer or a Principal Subsidiary (as defined in § 2(3)) fails to fulfil without legal cause any payment obligation under any Capital Market Indebtedness (as defined in § 2(3)) within 30 days from its due date or any creditor is entitled to declare due and payable any Capital Market Indebtedness of the Issuer or a Principal Subsidiary prior to its stated maturity for reason of default (howsoever defined); unless the aggregate amount of all such Capital Market Indebtedness is less than € 50,000,000 (or the equivalent in other currencies), or
- (d) the Issuer announces its inability to meet its financial obligations or ceases its payments, or
- (e) a court opens insolvency proceedings against the Issuer or the Issuer applies for or institutes such proceedings, or a third party applies for insolvency proceedings against the Issuer and such proceedings are not discharged or stayed within 60 days, or
- (f) the Issuer goes into liquidation unless this is done in connection with a merger, or other form of combination with another company and such company assumes all obligations contracted by the Issuer, as the case may be, in connection with this issue, or
- (g) any governmental order, decree or enactment shall gain recognition in Germany whereby the Issuer is legally prevented from performing its obligations as set forth in these Terms and Conditions and this situation is not cured within 90 days.

The right to declare Notes due shall terminate if the situation giving rise to it has been cured before the right is exercised.

(2) *Quorum.* In the events specified in subparagraph (1)(b) or subparagraph (1)(c), any notice declaring Notes due shall, unless at the time such notice is received any of the events specified in subparagraph (1)(a), (1)(d), (1)(e), (1)(f) entitling Holders to declare their Notes due has occurred, become effective only when the Fiscal Agent has received such notices from the Holders of at least one-tenth in principal amount of Notes then outstanding.

(3) *Notice.* Any notice, including any notice declaring Notes due, in accordance with subparagraph (1) shall be made by means of a declaration in text format (*Textform*, e.g. email or fax) or in written form in the German or English language sent to the specified office of the Fiscal Agent together with proof that such Holder at the time of such notice is a holder of the relevant Notes by means of a certificate of his Custodian (as defined in § 14(3)) or in other appropriate manner.

**§ 10**  
**SUBSTITUTION**

(1) *Substitution.* The Issuer may, without the consent of the Holders, if no payment of principal or interest on any of the Notes is in default, at any time substitute for the Issuer any Affiliate (as defined below) of the Issuer as principal debtor in respect of all obligations arising from or in connection with this issue (the "**Substitute Debtor**") provided that:

- (a) the Substitute Debtor assumes all obligations of the Issuer in respect of the Notes;
- (b) the Substitute Debtor has obtained all necessary authorisations and may transfer to the Fiscal Agent in the currency required and without being obligated to deduct or withhold any taxes or other duties of whatever nature levied by the country in which the Substitute Debtor or the Issuer has its domicile or tax residence, all amounts required for the fulfilment of the payment obligations arising under the Notes;
- (c) the Substitute Debtor has agreed to indemnify and hold harmless each Holder against any tax, duty, assessment or governmental charge imposed on such Holder in respect of such substitution;
- (d) the Issuer irrevocably and unconditionally guarantees in favour of each Holder the payment of all sums payable by the Substitute Debtor in respect of the Notes on terms equivalent to the terms of the form of the guarantee of the Issuer in respect of the Notes set out in the Agency Agreement; and
- (e) there shall have been delivered to the Fiscal Agent one opinion for each jurisdiction affected of lawyers of recognised standing to the effect that subparagraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) above have been satisfied.

For purposes of this § 10, "**Affiliate**" shall mean any affiliated company (*verbundenen Unternehmen*) within the meaning of § 15 *Aktiengesetz* (German Stock Corporation Act).

- (2) *Notice*. Notice of any such substitution shall be published in accordance with § 13.
- (3) *Authorisation of the Issuer*. In the event of such substitution the Issuer is authorised to modify the Global Note representing the Notes and these Terms and Conditions without the consent of the Holders to the extent necessary to reflect the changes resulting from the substitution. An appropriately adjusted global note representing the Notes and Terms and Conditions will be deposited with the Clearing System.

## § 11

### AMENDMENT OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS, HOLDERS' REPRESENTATIVE

- (1) *Amendment of the Terms and Conditions*. In accordance with the German Act on Debt Securities of 2009 (*Schuldverschreibungsgesetz* – "**SchVG**") the Holders may agree with the Issuer on amendments of the Terms and Conditions with regard to matters permitted by the SchVG by resolution with the majority specified in subparagraph (2). Majority resolutions shall be binding on all Holders. Resolutions which do not provide for identical conditions for all Holders are void, unless Holders who are disadvantaged have expressly consented to their being treated disadvantageously.
- (2) *Majority*. Resolutions shall be passed by a majority of at least 75% of the votes cast, provided that resolutions relating to amendments of the Terms and Conditions which are not material and which do not relate to the matters listed in § 5 paragraph 3 Nos. 1 to 8 of the SchVG require a simple majority of the votes cast.
- (3) *Resolution of Holders*. Resolution of Holders shall be passed at the election of the Issuer by vote taken without a meeting in accordance with § 18 and §§ 5 et seq. of the SchVG or in a Holder's meeting in accordance with §§ 5 et seq. of the SchVG.
- (4) *Chair of the vote taken without a meeting*. The vote will be chaired by a notary appointed by the Issuer or, if the Holders' Representative (as defined below) has convened the vote, by the Holders' Representative.
- (5) *Voting rights*. Each Holder participating in any vote shall cast votes in accordance with the principal amount or the notional share of its entitlement to the outstanding Notes.
- (6) *Holders' Representative*.

If no Holders' Representative is designated in the Terms and Conditions, the following applies

[The Holders may by majority resolution appoint a common representative (the "**Holders' Representative**") to exercise the Holders' rights on behalf of each Holder.]



If the Holders' Representative is appointed in the Terms and Conditions, the following applies

[The common representative (the "**Holders' Representative**") shall be **[Holder's Representative]**. The liability of the Holders' Representative shall be limited to ten times the amount of its annual remuneration, unless the Holders' Representative has acted wilfully or with gross negligence.]

The Holders' Representative shall have the duties and powers provided by law or granted by majority resolution of the Holders. The Holders' Representative shall comply with the instructions of the Holders. To the extent that the Holders' Representative has been authorised to assert certain rights of the Holders, the Holders shall not be entitled to assert such rights themselves, unless explicitly provided for in the relevant majority resolution. The Holders' Representative shall provide reports to the Holders on its activities. The regulations of the SchVG apply with regard to the recall and the other rights and obligations of the Holders' Representative.

*(7) Procedural Provisions regarding Resolutions of Holders in a Holder's meeting.*

*(a) Notice Period, Registration, Proof.*

- (i) A Holders' Meeting shall be convened not less than 14 days before the date of the meeting.
- (ii) If the Convening Notice provide(s) that attendance at a Holders' Meeting or the exercise of the voting rights shall be dependent upon a registration of the Holders before the meeting, then for purposes of calculating the period pursuant to subsection (i) the date of the meeting shall be replaced by the date by which the Holders are required to register. The registration notice must be received at the address set forth in the Convening Notice no later than on the third day before the Holders' Meeting.
- (iii) The Convening Notice may provide what proof is required to be entitled to take part in the Holders' Meeting. Unless otherwise provided in the Convening Notice, for Notes represented by a Global Note a voting certificate obtained from an agent to be appointed by the Issuer shall entitle its bearer to attend and vote at the Holders' Meeting. A voting certificate may be obtained by a Holder if at least six days before the time fixed for the Holders' Meeting, such Holder (a) deposits its Notes for such purpose with an agent to be appointed by the Issuer or to the order of such agent or (b) blocks its Notes in an account with a Custodian in accordance with the procedures of the Custodian and delivers a confirmation stating the ownership and blocking of its Notes to the agent of the Issuer. The Convening Notice may also require a proof of identity of a person exercising a voting right.

*(b) Contents of the Convening Notice, Publication.*

- (i) The convening notice (the "**Convening Notice**") shall state the name, the place of the registered office of the Issuer, the time and venue of the Holders' Meeting, and the conditions on which attendance in the Holders' Meeting and the exercise of voting rights is made dependent, including the matters referred to in subsection (a)(ii) and (iii).
- (ii) The Convening Notice shall be published promptly in the Federal Gazette (*Bundesanzeiger*) and additionally in accordance with the provisions of § 13. The costs of publication shall be borne by the Issuer.
- (iii) From the date on which the Holders' Meeting is convened until the date of the Holders' Meeting, the Issuer shall make available to the Holders, on the Issuer's website the Convening Notice and the precise conditions on which the attendance of the Holders' Meeting and the exercise of voting rights shall be dependent.

*(c) Information Duties, Voting.*

- (i) The Issuer shall be obliged to give information at the Holders' Meeting to each Holder upon request in so far as such information is required for an informed judgment regarding an item on the agenda or a proposed resolution.
- (ii) The provisions of the German Stock Corporation Act (*Aktiengesetz*) regarding

the voting of shareholders at general meetings shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the casting and counting of votes, unless otherwise provided for in the Convening Notice.

(d) *Publication of Resolutions.*

- (i) The Issuer shall at its expense cause publication of the resolutions passed in appropriate form. If the registered office of the Issuer is located in Germany, the resolutions shall promptly be published in the Federal Gazette (*Bundesanzeiger*) and additionally in accordance with the provisions of § 13. The publication prescribed in § 50(1) of the German Securities Trading Act (*Wertpapierhandelsgesetz*) shall be sufficient.
- (ii) In addition, the Issuer shall make available to the public the resolutions passed and, if the resolutions amend the Terms and Conditions, the wording of the original Terms and Conditions, for a period of not less than one month commencing on the day following the date of the Holders' Meeting. Such publication shall be made on the Issuer's website.

(e) *Taking of Votes without Meeting.*

The call for the taking of votes shall specify the period within which votes may be cast. Such period shall not be less than 72 hours. During such period, the Holders may cast their votes in text format (*Textform*) to the person presiding over the taking of votes. The Convening Notice may provide for other forms of casting votes. The call for the taking of votes shall give details as to the prerequisites which must be met for the votes to qualify for being counted.

## § 12

### **FURTHER ISSUES, [In the case of Notes which are subject to Redenomination, the following applies: CONSOLIDATION,] PURCHASES AND CANCELLATION**

(1) *Further Issues.* The Issuer may from time to time, without the consent of the Holders, issue further Notes having the same terms and conditions as the Notes in all respects (or in all respects except for the issue date, interest commencement date and/or issue price) so as to form a single Series with the Notes.

[(2) *Consolidation.* The Issuer may from time to time, without the consent of the Holders consolidate **[In the case of euro-denominated Notes the following applies: the Notes] [In the case of Notes which are originally denominated in currencies participating in the EMU and which are subject to Redenomination the following applies: the Notes upon their redenomination into euro in accordance with § 1(1)]** with one or more issues of other Notes, issued by it, which were originally denominated in euro or have been redenominated into euro ("**Other Notes**"), provided that:

- (a) such Other Notes have substantially the same conditions as the Notes (other than in relation to currency, denomination, stock exchanges, clearing systems and matters of a technical or administrative nature normally associated with any of the foregoing); and
- (b) such Other Notes and Notes when consolidated can be cleared and settled on an interchangeable basis with the same International Securities Identification Number through any relevant clearing system of international standing (which does not have to be the clearing system through which the Other Notes or the Notes were initially cleared and settled); and
- (c) such Other Notes and the Notes when consolidated will be listed on at least one European stock exchange on which debt obligations issued in the international capital markets are then customarily listed and on which either the Notes or at least one of the issues of Other Notes consolidated with them was listed immediately prior to consolidation.

The Issuer shall be entitled to amend the Terms and Conditions to the effect that the Notes and such Other Notes consolidated with them will have identical terms after consolidation to allow them to form a single issue provided that such amendments do not materially adversely affect the interests of the Holders. The term "Notes" shall, in the event of such consolidation, also comprise such consolidated Other Notes. The Issuer may do so by giving not less than 30 days' prior notice to the Holders in

In the case of Notes which are subject to Redenomination, the following applies

accordance with § 13 and to the extent necessary by exchanging the global Note into a global note containing such amended conditions or by depositing a supplement to the global Note containing the amendments with the clearing system in which the Notes are to be held upon consolidation. The notice shall detail the manner in which consolidation shall be effected.

Upon consolidation with other issues of Notes for which the binding text of the terms and conditions is not in the same language as the binding text of these Terms and Conditions and as shall then be possible and practicable in order to meet the requirements of the clearing systems in which the Notes are to be held upon consolidation and/or the stock exchanges on which the Notes are or are to be listed upon consolidation, the Issuer may determine that the non-binding translation of these Terms and Conditions (§ 15) shall become the legally binding version and the binding version of these Terms and Conditions shall become a non-binding translation.】

[(3)] *Purchases.* The Issuer may at any time purchase Notes in the open market or otherwise and at any price. Notes purchased by the Issuer may, at the option of the Issuer, be held, resold or surrendered to the Fiscal Agent for cancellation.

[(4)] *Cancellation.* All Notes redeemed in full shall be cancelled forthwith and may not be reissued or resold.

### § 13 NOTICES

In the case of Notes which are listed on the official list of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, the following applies

[(1)] *Publication.* All notices concerning the Notes will be made by means of electronic publication on the internet website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)). Any notice so given will be deemed to have been validly given on the third day following the date of such publication.

(2) *Notification to Clearing System.* So long as any Notes are listed on the official list of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, subparagraph (1) shall apply. In the case of notices regarding the Rate of Interest or, if the Rules of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange otherwise so permit, the Issuer may deliver the relevant notice to the Clearing System for communication by the Clearing System to the Holders, in lieu of publication as set forth in subparagraph (1) above; any such notice shall be deemed to have been validly given on the seventh day after the day on which the said notice was given to the Clearing System.】

In the case of Notes which are listed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange, the following applies

[(1)] *Publication.* All notices concerning the Notes shall be published in the German Federal Gazette (*Bundesanzeiger*). Any notice will be deemed to have been validly given on the third day following the date of such publication (or, if published more than once, on the third day following the date of the first such publication).】

In case of Notes which are unlisted, the following applies

[(1)] *Notification to Clearing System.* The Issuer shall deliver all notices concerning the Notes to the Clearing System for communication by the Clearing System to the Holders. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been validly given on the seventh day after the day on which the said notice was given to the Clearing System.】

[(2)][(3)] *Form of Notice of Holders.* Notices to be given by any Holder shall be made by means of a declaration in text format (*Textform*, e.g. email or fax) or in written form to be sent together with an evidence of the Holder's entitlement in accordance with § 14(3) to the Fiscal Agent. Such notice may be given through the Clearing System in such manner as the Fiscal Agent and the Clearing System may approve for such purpose.

### § 14 APPLICABLE LAW, PLACE OF JURISDICTION AND ENFORCEMENT

(1) *Applicable Law.* The Notes, as to form and content, and all rights and obligations of the Holders and the Issuer, shall be governed by German law.

(2) *Submission to Jurisdiction.* The District Court (*Landgericht*) in Frankfurt am Main

shall have non-exclusive jurisdiction for any action or other legal proceedings ("**Proceedings**") arising out of or in connection with the Notes.

(3) *Enforcement.* Any Holder of Notes may in any Proceedings against the Issuer, or to which such Holder and the Issuer are parties, protect and enforce in his own name his rights arising under such Notes on the basis of (i) a statement issued by the Custodian with whom such Holder maintains a securities account in respect of the Notes (a) stating the full name and address of the Holder, (b) specifying the aggregate principal amount of Notes credited to such securities account on the date of such statement and (c) confirming that the Custodian has given written notice to the Clearing System containing the information pursuant to (a) and (b) and (ii) a copy of the Note in global form certified as being a true copy by a duly authorised officer of the Clearing System or a depository of the Clearing System, without the need for production in such Proceedings of the actual records or the global note representing the Notes. For purposes of the foregoing, "**Custodian**" means any bank or other financial institution of recognised standing authorised to engage in securities custody business with which the Holder maintains a securities account in respect of the Notes and includes the Clearing System. Each Holder may, without prejudice to the foregoing, protect and enforce his rights under these Notes also in any other way which is admitted in the country of the Proceedings.

## § 15 LANGUAGE

If the Terms and Conditions shall be in the German language with an English language translation, the following applies

[These Terms and Conditions are written in the German language and provided with an English language translation. The German text shall be controlling and binding. The English language translation is provided for convenience only.]

If the Terms and Conditions shall be in the English language with a German language translation, the following applies

[These Terms and Conditions are written in the English language and provided with a German language translation. The English text shall be controlling and binding. The German language translation is provided for convenience only.]

If the Terms and Conditions shall be in the English language only, the following applies

[These Terms and Conditions are written in the English language only.]

In the case of Notes that are publicly offered, in whole or in part, in Germany or distributed, in whole or in part, to non-qualified investors in Germany with English language Terms and Conditions, the following applies

*[Eine deutsche Übersetzung der Anleihebedingungen wird bei der RWE Aktiengesellschaft, RWE Platz 1, 45141 Essen, Bundesrepublik Deutschland, zur kostenlosen Ausgabe bereitgehalten.]*

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES GERMAN LANGUAGE VERSION

### (DEUTSCHE FASSUNG DER ANLEIHEBEDINGUNGEN)

#### Einführung

*Die Anleihebedingungen für die Schuldverschreibungen (die "Anleihebedingungen") sind nachfolgend in zwei Optionen aufgeführt:*

*Option I umfasst den Satz der Anleihebedingungen, der auf Tranchen von Schuldverschreibungen mit fester Verzinsung Anwendung findet.*

*Option II umfasst den Satz der Anleihebedingungen, der auf Tranchen von Schuldverschreibungen mit variabler Verzinsung Anwendung findet.*

*Der Satz von Anleihebedingungen für jede dieser Optionen enthält bestimmte weitere Optionen, die entsprechend gekennzeichnet sind, indem die jeweilige optionale Bestimmung durch Instruktionen und Erklärungen entweder links von dem Satz der Anleihebedingungen oder in eckigen Klammern innerhalb des Satzes der Anleihebedingungen bezeichnet wird.*

*In den Endgültigen Bedingungen wird die Emittentin festlegen, welche der Option I oder Option II (einschließlich der jeweils enthaltenen bestimmten weiteren Optionen) für die einzelne Emission von Schuldverschreibungen Anwendung findet, indem entweder die betreffenden Angaben wiederholt werden oder auf die betreffenden Optionen verwiesen wird.*

*Soweit die Emittentin zum Zeitpunkt der Billigung des Prospektes keine Kenntnis von bestimmten Angaben hatte, die auf eine einzelne Emission von Schuldverschreibungen anwendbar sind, enthält dieser Prospekt Leerstellen in eckigen Klammern, die die maßgeblichen durch die Endgültigen Bedingungen zu vervollständigenden Angaben enthalten.*

**Im Fall, dass die Endgültigen Bedingungen, die für eine einzelne Emission anwendbar sind, nur auf die weiteren Optionen verweisen, die im Satz der Anleihebedingungen der Option I oder Option II enthalten sind, ist folgendes anwendbar**

[Die Bestimmungen der nachstehenden Anleihebedingungen gelten für diese Schuldverschreibungen so, wie sie durch die Angaben der beigefügten endgültigen Bedingungen (die "**Endgültigen Bedingungen**") vervollständigt werden. Die Leerstellen in den auf die Schuldverschreibungen anwendbaren Bestimmungen dieser Anleihebedingungen gelten als durch die in den Endgültigen Bedingungen enthaltenen Angaben ausgefüllt, als ob die Leerstellen in den betreffenden Bestimmungen durch diese Angaben ausgefüllt wären; alternative oder wählbare Bestimmungen dieser Anleihebedingungen, deren Entsprechungen in den Endgültigen Bedingungen nicht ausgefüllt oder die gestrichen sind, gelten als aus diesen Anleihebedingungen gestrichen; sämtliche auf die Schuldverschreibungen nicht anwendbaren Bestimmungen dieser Anleihebedingungen (einschließlich der Anweisungen, Anmerkungen und der Texte in eckigen Klammern) gelten als aus diesen Anleihebedingungen gestrichen, so dass die Bestimmungen der Endgültigen Bedingungen Geltung erhalten. Kopien der Endgültigen Bedingungen sind kostenlos bei der bezeichneten Geschäftsstelle des Fiscal Agent und bei der Hauptgeschäftsstelle der Emittentin erhältlich; bei nicht an einer Börse notierten Schuldverschreibungen sind Kopien der betreffenden Endgültigen Bedingungen allerdings ausschließlich für die Gläubiger solcher Schuldverschreibungen erhältlich.]

#### OPTION I – Anleihebedingungen für Schuldverschreibungen mit fester Verzinsung

### ANLEIHEBEDINGUNGEN DER SCHULDVERSCHREIBUNGEN (DEUTSCHE FASSUNG)

#### § 1

**WÄHRUNG, STÜCKELUNG, [Im Fall von Schuldverschreibungen, die der Umstellung unterliegen, ist folgendes anwendbar: UMSTELLUNG,] FORM, BESTIMMTE DEFINITIONEN**

**Im Falle von Schuldver-**

**[(1) Währung; Stückelung. Diese Serie der Schuldverschreibungen (die "Schuld-**

schreibungen, die nicht der Umstellung unterliegen, ist folgendes anwendbar

verschreibungen") der RWE Aktiengesellschaft ("**RWE AG**" oder die "**Emittentin**") wird in [**festgelegte Währung**] (die "**festgelegte Währung**") im Gesamtnennbetrag [**Falls die Globalurkunde eine NGN ist, ist folgendes anwendbar:** (vorbehaltlich § 1 Absatz 4)] von [**Gesamtnennbetrag**] (in Worten: [**Gesamtnennbetrag in Worten**]) in einer Stückelung von [**festgelegte Stückelung**] (die "**festgelegte Stückelung**") begeben.]

Im Falle von Schuldverschreibungen, die der Umstellung unterliegen, ist folgendes anwendbar

[(1) *Währung; Stückelung; Umstellung.*

- (a) Diese Serie der Schuldverschreibungen (die "**Schuldverschreibungen**") der RWE Aktiengesellschaft ("**RWE AG**" oder die "**Emittentin**") wird in [**festgelegte Währung**] (die "**festgelegte Währung**") im Gesamtnennbetrag [**Falls die Globalurkunde eine NGN ist, ist folgendes anwendbar:** (vorbehaltlich § 1 Absatz 4)] von [**Gesamtnennbetrag**] (in Worten: [**Gesamtnennbetrag in Worten**]) in einer Stückelung von [**festgelegte Stückelung**] (die "**festgelegte Stückelung**") begeben.
- (b) Die Emittentin ist berechtigt, ohne Zustimmung der jeweiligen Gläubiger durch Erklärung nach Absatz (d) ("**Umstellungserklärung**") mit Wirkung ab einem von ihr zu bestimmenden Tag ("**Umstellungstag**"), der [**Falls eine Umstellung nur mit Wirkung ab einem Zinszahlungstag zulässig sein soll, ist folgendes anwendbar:** in jedem Fall ein Zinszahlungstag (wie unten definiert) ist und] nicht vor dem Tag (der "**WWU Tag**") liegt, an dem der Staat, dessen Währung die festgelegte Währung ist (der "**Staat der Währung**") Teilnehmerstaat der Wirtschafts- und Währungsunion ("**WWU**") geworden ist, die Schuldverschreibungen insgesamt (also nicht teilweise) auf Euro umzustellen. Die Emittentin ist berechtigt, gleichzeitig die Bestimmungen über den Zinstagequotienten (wie unten definiert) hinsichtlich unterjähriger Zinszahlungen und über die Festlegung von Geschäftstagen oder Zahltagen an die dann bestehende oder voraussichtliche Marktpraxis anzupassen.
- (c) Die Umstellung und etwaige zusätzliche Maßnahmen nach Absatz (b) Satz 2 erfolgen, soweit für sie keine zwingende gesetzlichen oder behördlichen Vorschriften gelten, durch entsprechende Änderungen der Emissionsbedingungen ("**Bedingungsänderung**") nach billigem Ermessen der Emittentin gemäß § 315 BGB (Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch) unter Berücksichtigung der Interessen der Gläubiger als Gesamtheit. Dabei erfolgt die Umstellung des auf [**festgelegte Währung**] lautenden Nennbetrages jeder Schuldverschreibung in Euro im Einklang mit der dann bestehenden oder voraussichtlichen Marktpraxis; soweit mit dieser vereinbar, kann die Umstellung des auf [**festgelegte Währung**] lautenden Nennbetrages jeder Schuldverschreibung in Euro bewirkt werden, indem der festgesetzte Umrechnungskurs angewendet wird, und (i) die sich ergebende Zahl auf den nächsten € 0,01 gerundet wird (wobei € 0,005 aufgerundet werden) und (ii) die oben in Absatz (a) aufgeführten handelbaren Nennbeträge auf € 0,01 umgestellt werden.
- (d) Die Umstellungserklärung erfolgt durch Veröffentlichung nach § 13 unter Einhaltung einer Frist von mindestens 30 Tagen vor dem Umstellungstag. Sie muss enthalten:
- (i) die Bezeichnung der Emission einschließlich ihrer Wertpapier-Kenn-Nummer,
  - (ii) die Angabe des Umstellungstags,
  - (iii) die Beschreibung der Bedingungsänderung unter Angabe des Wortlauts der zu ergänzenden oder zu ändernden Bestimmungen und der geänderten oder neu hinzugefügten Bestimmungen.

Die Emittentin ist nicht verpflichtet, eine Urkunde, die diese Emission verbrieft, gegen eine neue, auf Euro lautende Urkunde auszutauschen.

- (e) Soweit anwendbare gesetzliche Bestimmungen eine Umstellung auf Euro und ergänzende Maßnahmen gestatten, kann die Emittentin von den ihr zustehenden gesetzlichen Befugnissen anstelle der ihr nach den Absätzen (b) bis (d) zustehenden Rechte oder ergänzend zu diesen Gebrauch machen [**Falls eine Umstellung nur mit Wirkung ab einem Zinszahlungstag zulässig sein soll, ist**

**folgendes anwendbar:**, vorausgesetzt, dass eine Bedingungsänderung in jedem Fall nur zu einem Zinszahlungstag wirksam werden kann].

(f) Mit der Umstellung dieser Schuldverschreibungen gilt jede Bezugnahme in diesen Emissionsbedingungen auf die festgelegte Währung als Bezugnahme auf Euro.]

(2) *Form.* Die Schuldverschreibungen lauten auf den Inhaber.

Im Falle von Schuldverschreibungen, die durch eine Dauerglobalurkunde verbrieft sind, ist folgendes anwendbar

[(3) *Dauerglobalurkunde.* Die Schuldverschreibungen sind durch eine Dauerglobalurkunde (die "**Dauerglobalurkunde**") ohne Zinsscheine verbrieft. Die Dauerglobalurkunde trägt die Unterschriften ordnungsgemäß bevollmächtigter Vertreter der Emittentin und ist von dem Fiscal Agent oder in dessen Namen mit einer Kontrollunterschrift versehen. Einzelkunden und Zinsscheine werden nicht ausgegeben.]

Im Falle von Schuldverschreibungen, die anfänglich durch eine vorläufige Globalurkunde verbrieft sind, ist folgendes anwendbar

[(3) *Vorläufige Globalurkunde – Austausch.*

(a) Die Schuldverschreibungen sind anfänglich durch eine vorläufige Globalurkunde (die "**vorläufige Globalurkunde**") ohne Zinsscheine verbrieft. Die vorläufige Globalurkunde wird gegen Schuldverschreibungen in der festgelegten Stückelung, die durch eine Dauerglobalurkunde (die "**Dauerglobalurkunde**") ohne Zinsscheine verbrieft sind, ausgetauscht. Die vorläufige Globalurkunde und die Dauerglobalurkunde tragen jeweils die Unterschriften ordnungsgemäß bevollmächtigter Vertreter der Emittentin und sind jeweils von dem Fiscal Agent oder in dessen Namen mit einer Kontrollunterschrift versehen. Einzelkunden und Zinsscheine werden nicht ausgegeben.

(b) Die vorläufige Globalurkunde wird frühestens an einem Tag (der "**Austauschtag**") gegen die Dauerglobalurkunde austauschbar, der 40 Tage nach dem Tag der Begebung der durch die vorläufige Globalurkunde verbrieften Schuldverschreibungen liegt. Ein solcher Austausch darf nur nach Vorlage von Bescheinigungen gemäß U.S. Steuerrecht erfolgen, wonach der oder die wirtschaftlichen Eigentümer der durch die vorläufige Globalurkunde verbrieften Schuldverschreibungen keine U.S.-Personen sind (ausgenommen bestimmte Finanzinstitute oder bestimmte Personen, die Schuldverschreibungen über solche Finanzinstitute halten). Zinszahlungen auf durch eine vorläufige Globalurkunde verbrieft Schuldverschreibungen erfolgen erst nach Vorlage solcher Bescheinigungen. Eine gesonderte Bescheinigung ist für jede solche Zinszahlung erforderlich. Jede Bescheinigung, die am oder nach dem 40. Tag nach dem Tag der Ausgabe der durch die vorläufige Globalurkunde verbrieften Schuldverschreibungen eingeht, wird als ein Ersuchen behandelt werden, diese vorläufige Globalurkunde gemäß diesem Absatz (b) dieses § 1 Absatz 3 auszutauschen. Wertpapiere, die im Austausch für die vorläufige Globalurkunde geliefert werden, dürfen nur außerhalb der Vereinigten Staaten (wie in § 6 Absatz 2 definiert) geliefert werden.]

(4) *Clearing System.* Die Globalurkunde, die die Schuldverschreibung verbrieft, wird von einem oder für ein Clearing Systems verwahrt. "**Clearing System**" bedeutet [**Bei mehr als einem Clearing System ist folgendes anwendbar:** jeweils] folgendes: [Clearstream Banking AG, Neue Börsenstr. 1, 60487 Frankfurt am Main, Bundesrepublik Deutschland ("**CBF**")] [Clearstream Banking S.A., 42 Avenue JF Kennedy, 1855 Luxemburg, Großherzogtum Luxemburg ("**CBL**")], Euroclear Bank SA/NV, Boulevard du Roi Albert II, 1210 Brüssel, Belgien ("**Euroclear**") (CBL und Euroclear jeweils ein "**ICSD**" und zusammen die "**ICSDs**")] sowie jeder Funktionsnachfolger.

Im Fall von Schuldverschreibungen, die im Namen der ICSDs verwahrt werden, und die Globalurkunde eine NGN ist, ist folgendes anwendbar

[Die Schuldverschreibungen werden in Form einer New Global Note ("**NGN**") ausgegeben und von einem common safekeeper im Namen beider ICSDs verwahrt.

Der Gesamtnennbetrag der durch die Globalurkunde verbrieften Schuldverschreibungen entspricht dem jeweils in den Registern beider ICSDs eingetragenen Gesamtbetrag. Die Register der ICSDs (unter denen die Register zu verstehen sind, die jeder ICSD für seine Kunden über den Betrag ihres Anteils an den Schuldverschreibungen führt) sind maßgeblicher Nachweis des Gesamtnennbetrages der durch die Globalurkunde verbrieften Schuldverschreibungen, und eine für zu

diesem Zweck von einem ICSD jeweils ausgestellte Bescheinigung mit dem Betrag der so verbrieften Schuldverschreibungen ist maßgeblicher Bestätigung des Inhalts des Registers des betreffenden ICSD zu dem fraglichen Zeitpunkt.

Bei jeder Tilgung oder Zinszahlung auf die durch die Globalurkunde verbrieften Schuldverschreibungen bzw. beim Kauf und der Entwertung der durch die Globalurkunde verbrieften Schuldverschreibungen stellt die Emittentin sicher, dass die Einzelheiten der Rückzahlung, Zahlung oder des Kaufs und der Entwertung bezüglich der Globalurkunde entsprechend in die Unterlagen der ICSDs eingetragen werden, und dass nach dieser Eintragung vom Gesamtnennbetrag der in die Register der ICSDs aufgenommenen und durch die Globalurkunde verbrieften Schuldverschreibungen der Gesamtnennbetrag der zurückgekauften bzw. gekauften und entwerteten Schuldverschreibungen abgezogen wird.]

**[Falls die vorläufige Globalurkunde eine NGN ist, ist folgendes anwendbar:** Bei Austausch nur eines Teils von Schuldverschreibungen, die durch eine vorläufige Globalurkunde verbrieft sind, wird die Emittentin sicherstellen, dass die Einzelheiten dieses Austauschs entsprechend in die Register der ICSDs aufgenommen werden.]

Im Fall von Schuldverschreibungen, die im Namen der ICSDs verwahrt werden, und die Globalurkunde eine CGN ist, ist folgendes anwendbar

[Die Schuldverschreibungen werden in Form einer Classical Global Note ("**CGN**") ausgegeben und von einer gemeinsamen Verwahrstelle im Namen beider ICSDs verwahrt.]

(5) *Gläubiger von Schuldverschreibungen.* "**Gläubiger**" bedeutet jeder Inhaber eines Miteigentumsanteils oder anderen vergleichbaren Rechts an den Schuldverschreibungen.

## § 2 STATUS, NEGATIVVERPFLICHTUNG

(1) *Status.* Die Schuldverschreibungen begründen nicht besicherte und nicht nachrangige Verbindlichkeiten der Emittentin, die untereinander und mit allen anderen nicht besicherten und nicht nachrangigen Verbindlichkeiten der Emittentin gleichrangig sind, soweit diesen Verbindlichkeiten nicht durch zwingende gesetzliche Bestimmungen ein Vorrang eingeräumt wird.

(2) *Negativverpflichtung.* (a) Solange Schuldverschreibungen noch ausstehen (aber nur bis zu dem Zeitpunkt, in dem alle Beträge an Kapital und Zinsen dem Fiscal Agent zur Verfügung gestellt worden sind) verpflichtet sich die Emittentin, ihr gegenwärtiges oder zukünftiges Vermögen weder ganz noch teilweise mit Grundpfandrechten, Pfandrechten oder sonstigen dinglichen Sicherungsrechten (zusammen, die "**dinglichen Sicherheiten**") zur Besicherung von gegenwärtigen oder zukünftigen Kapitalmarktverbindlichkeiten der Emittentin oder eines Dritten zu belasten oder solche Rechte zu einem solchen Zweck bestehen zu lassen, ohne gleichzeitig die Gläubiger an derselben Sicherheit in gleicher Weise und im gleichen Verhältnis teilnehmen zu lassen. Dies gilt nicht insoweit, als die dingliche Sicherheit für Kapitalmarktverbindlichkeiten eines Unternehmens bestellt ist, das mit der Emittentin verschmolzen oder von der Emittentin erworben worden ist und diese Sicherheit im Zeitpunkt der Verschmelzung oder des Erwerbs schon bestanden hat, nicht zum Zwecke der Finanzierung der Verschmelzung oder des Erwerbs eingeräumt wurde und nach der Verschmelzung oder dem Erwerb in ihrem Umfang nicht erweitert und nicht verlängert wird. Satz 1 dieses § 2 Absatz 2(a) gilt ebenfalls nicht für die Belastung mit Sicherungsrechten zur Besicherung von Kapitalmarktverbindlichkeiten, die zum Zweck der Finanzierung, Teil- oder Refinanzierung der Kosten des Erwerbs, der Errichtung oder Entwicklung eines Projekts eingegangen werden, vorausgesetzt, dass (i) die Gläubiger einer solchen Kapitalmarktverbindlichkeit auf das dem Projekt zuzurechnende Vermögen (einschließlich der Anteile an Projektgesellschaften) und in Übereinstimmung mit der Marktpraxis abgegebene marktübliche Garantien als Rückzahlungsquelle beschränkt sind und (ii) die Sicherungsrechte



ausschließlich an diesem Vermögen bestellt werden.

- (b) Solange Schuldverschreibungen noch ausstehen (aber nur bis zu dem Zeitpunkt, in dem alle Beträge an Kapital und Zinsen dem Fiscal Agent zur Verfügung gestellt worden sind) verpflichtet sich die Emittentin weiter sicherzustellen, – soweit ihr dies nach ihrem billigen Urteil rechtlich möglich ist –, dass ihre wesentlichen Tochtergesellschaften (wie unten definiert) ihr gegenwärtiges oder zukünftiges Vermögen weder ganz noch teilweise mit Grundpfandrechten, Pfandrechten oder sonstigen dinglichen Sicherungsrechten (zusammen, die "**dinglichen Sicherheiten**") zur Besicherung von gegenwärtigen oder zukünftigen Kapitalmarktverbindlichkeiten der jeweiligen wesentlichen Tochtergesellschaft oder eines Dritten belasten oder solche Rechte zu einem solchen Zweck bestehen lassen. Dies gilt nicht insoweit, als die dingliche Sicherheit für Kapitalmarktverbindlichkeiten einer Tochtergesellschaft bestellt ist, die während der Laufzeit der Schuldverschreibungen wesentliche Tochtergesellschaft wird und diese dingliche Sicherheit zu diesem Zeitpunkt schon bestanden hat und danach in ihrem Umfang nicht erweitert und nicht verlängert wird. Satz 1 dieses § 2 Absatz 2(b) gilt ferner nicht insoweit, als die dingliche Sicherheit für Kapitalmarktverbindlichkeiten eines Unternehmens bestellt ist, das mit der wesentlichen Tochtergesellschaft verschmolzen oder von der wesentlichen Tochtergesellschaft erworben worden ist und diese Sicherheit im Zeitpunkt der Verschmelzung oder des Erwerbs schon bestanden hat, nicht zum Zwecke der Finanzierung der Verschmelzung oder des Erwerbs eingeräumt wurde und nach der Verschmelzung oder dem Erwerb in ihrem Umfang nicht erweitert und nicht verlängert wird. Schließlich gilt Satz 1 dieses § 2 Absatz 2(b) ebenfalls nicht für die Belastung mit Sicherungsrechten zur Besicherung von Kapitalmarktverbindlichkeiten, die zum Zweck der Finanzierung, Teil- oder Refinanzierung der Kosten des Erwerbs, der Errichtung oder Entwicklung eines Projekts eingegangen werden, vorausgesetzt, dass (i) die Gläubiger einer solchen Kapitalmarktverbindlichkeit auf das dem Projekt zuzurechnende Vermögen (einschließlich der Anteile an Projektgesellschaften) und in Übereinstimmung mit der Marktpraxis abgegebene marktübliche Garantien als Rückzahlungsquelle beschränkt sind und (ii) die Sicherungsrechte ausschließlich an diesem Vermögen bestellt werden.

(3) *Kapitalmarktverbindlichkeit und wesentliche Tochtergesellschaft.* Für die Zwecke dieses § 2 bedeutet:

- (a) der Begriff "**Kapitalmarktverbindlichkeit**" jede Verbindlichkeit aus aufgenommenen Geldern, die durch Schuldverschreibungen oder sonstige Wertpapiere, die an einer Börse oder an einem anderen organisierten Markt notiert oder gehandelt werden oder werden können, verbrieft, verkörpert oder dokumentiert sind, sowie jede Garantie oder sonstige Gewährleistung einer solchen Verbindlichkeit; und
- (b) "**wesentliche Tochtergesellschaft**" jedes Unternehmen, das im jeweils letzten Konzernabschluss der Emittentin konsolidiert wurde und (i) dessen Umsatz (wie nachfolgend definiert) gemäß seines geprüften, nicht konsolidierten Jahresabschlusses (bzw. wenn die betreffende Tochtergesellschaft selbst konsolidierte Jahresabschlüsse erstellt, deren konsolidierter Umsatz gemäß ihres geprüften, konsolidierten Jahresabschlusses), der für die Zwecke des jeweils letzten geprüften konsolidierten Konzernabschlusses der Emittentin benutzt wurde, mindestens 5% des Gesamtumsatzes der Emittentin und deren konsolidierten Konzerngesellschaften betragen hat, wie aus dem jeweils letzten geprüften, konsolidierten Konzernabschluss ersichtlich und (ii) dessen Bilanzsumme gemäß seines geprüften, nicht konsolidierten Jahresabschlusses (bzw. wenn die betreffende Tochtergesellschaft selbst konsolidierte Jahresabschlüsse erstellt, deren konsolidierte Bilanzsumme gemäß ihres geprüften, konsolidierten Jahresabschlusses), der für die Zwecke des jeweils letzten geprüften, konsolidierten Konzernabschlusses der Emittentin benutzt wurde, mindestens 5% der konsolidierten Bilanzsumme der Emittentin und deren konsolidierten Konzerntochtergesellschaften betragen hat, wie es aus dem jeweils letzten geprüften, konsolidierten Konzernabschluss ersichtlich ist. Zu den "*wesentlichen Tochtergesellschaften*" zählt nicht eine solche Gesellschaft, die zwar im jeweils letzten Konzernabschluss der Emittentin konsolidiert wurde, die

aber nach dem Stichtag dieses Abschlusses zum Zeitpunkt einer etwaigen Begründung von dinglichen Sicherheiten an ihrem gegenwärtigen oder zukünftigen Vermögen zur Besicherung von Kapitalmarktverbindlichkeiten nicht mehr von der Emittentin zu konsolidieren wäre, es sei denn, dass zu diesem Zeitpunkt absehbar ist, dass diese Gesellschaft nicht dauerhaft aus dem Kreis der konsolidierungspflichtigen Tochtergesellschaften ausscheidet. Für die Zwecke dieses Absatzes (b) des § 2 Absatz 3 bedeutet "**Umsatz**" die Umsatzerlöse ohne Mineralöl-, Erdgas- und Stromsteuer.

### § 3 ZINSEN

#### (1) Zinssatz und Zinszahlungstage.

Falls die Schuldverschreibungen mit einem gleichbleibenden Zinssatz ausgestattet sind, ist folgendes anwendbar

[Die Schuldverschreibungen werden bezogen auf ihren Gesamtnennbetrag verzinst, und zwar vom **[Verzinsungsbeginn]** (einschließlich) bis zum Fälligkeitstag (wie in § 5 Absatz 1 definiert) (ausschließlich) mit jährlich **[Zinssatz]**%. Die Zinsen sind nachträglich am **[Festzinstermine]** eines jeden Jahres zahlbar (jeweils ein "**Zinszahlungstag**").]

Falls die Schuldverschreibungen mit verschiedenen Zinssätzen ausgestattet sind, ist folgendes anwendbar

[Die Schuldverschreibungen werden bezogen auf ihren Gesamtnennbetrag wie folgt verzinst. Zinsen sind nachträglich am jeweiligen Zinszahlungstag zahlbar.

vom (einschließlich)	bis (ausschließlich)	% p.a.
<b>[Daten]</b>	<b>[Daten]</b> (jeweils ein "Zinszahlungstag")	<b>[Zinssätze]</b>

Die erste Zinszahlung erfolgt am **[erster Zinszahlungstag]** **[sofern der erste Zinszahlungstag nicht der erste Jahrestag des Verzinsungsbeginns ist, ist folgendes anwendbar:** und beläuft sich auf **[anfänglicher Bruchteilzinsbetrag für die festgelegte Stückelung]** je festgelegter Stückelung.] **[Sofern der Fälligkeitstag kein Festzinstermine ist, ist folgendes anwendbar:** Die Zinsen für den Zeitraum vom **[letzter dem Fälligkeitstag vorausgehenden Festzinstermine]** (einschließlich) bis zum Fälligkeitstag (ausschließlich) belaufen sich auf **[abschließende Bruchteilzinsbetrag für die festgelegte Stückelung]** je festgelegter Stückelung.]

(2) *Auflaufende Zinsen.* Falls die Emittentin die Schuldverschreibungen bei Fälligkeit nicht einlöst, erfolgt die Verzinsung der Schuldverschreibungen vom Tag der Fälligkeit bis zum Tag der tatsächlichen Rückzahlung der Schuldverschreibungen in Höhe des gesetzlich festgelegten Satzes für Verzugszinsen.<sup>(1)</sup>

(3) *Berechnung der Zinsen für Teile von Zeiträumen.* Sofern Zinsen für einen Zeitraum von weniger als einem Jahr zu berechnen sind, erfolgt die Berechnung auf der Grundlage des Zinstagequotienten (wie nachstehend definiert).

(4) *Zinstagequotient.* "**Zinstagequotient**" bezeichnet im Hinblick auf die Berechnung eines Zinsbetrages auf eine Schuldverschreibung für einen beliebigen Zeitraum (der "**Zinsberechnungszeitraum**"):

Im Fall von Actual/Actual (ICMA Regel 251) mit nur einer Zinsperiode innerhalb eines Zinsjahres (ausschließlich dem Fall eines ersten oder letzten kurzen oder langen Kupons) ist

[die tatsächliche Anzahl von Tagen im Zinsberechnungszeitraum, dividiert durch die tatsächliche Anzahl von Tagen in der jeweiligen Zinsperiode.]

<sup>(1)</sup> Der gesetzliche Verzugszinssatz beträgt für das Jahr fünf Prozentpunkte über dem von der Deutsche Bundesbank von Zeit zu Zeit veröffentlichten Basiszinssatz, §§ 288 Absatz 1, 247 Absatz 1 BGB (Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch).

folgendes anwendbar

Im Fall von Actual/Actual (ICMA Regel 251) mit jährlichen Zinszahlungen (einschließlich dem Fall eines ersten oder letzten kurzen Kupons) ist folgendes anwendbar

[die tatsächliche Anzahl von Tagen in dem Zinsberechnungszeitraum, geteilt durch die Anzahl der Tage in der Bezugsperiode, in die der Zinsberechnungszeitraum fällt.]

Im Fall von Actual/Actual (ICMA Regel 251) mit zwei oder mehr gleichbleibenden Zinsperioden (einschließlich dem Fall eines ersten oder letzten kurzen Kupons) innerhalb eines Zinsjahres ist folgendes anwendbar

[die tatsächliche Anzahl von Tagen in dem Zinsberechnungszeitraum, geteilt durch das Produkt aus (x) der Anzahl der Tage in der Bezugsperiode, in die der Zinsberechnungszeitraum fällt, und (y) der Anzahl von Bezugsperioden, die angenommen, dass Zinsen für das gesamte Jahr zu zahlen wären in ein Kalenderjahr fallen oder fallen würden.]

Im Fall von Actual/Actual (ICMA Regel 251) und wenn der Zinsberechnungszeitraum länger ist als eine Bezugsperiode (langer Kupon) ist folgendes anwendbar

[die Summe aus:

- (a) der Anzahl von Tagen in dem Zinsberechnungszeitraum, die in die Bezugsperiode fallen, in welcher der Zinsberechnungszeitraum beginnt, geteilt durch **[Im Fall von Bezugsperioden, die kürzer sind als ein Jahr, ist folgendes anwendbar:** das Produkt aus (x)] [die] [der] Anzahl der Tage in dieser Bezugsperiode **[Im Fall von Bezugsperioden, die kürzer sind als ein Jahr, ist folgendes anwendbar:** und (y) der Anzahl von Bezugsperioden, die in ein Kalenderjahr fallen oder fallen würden, falls Zinsen für das gesamte Jahr zu zahlen wären]; und
- (b) der Anzahl von Tagen in dem Zinsberechnungszeitraum, die in die nächste Bezugsperiode fallen, geteilt durch **[Im Fall von Bezugsperioden, die kürzer sind als ein Jahr, ist folgendes anwendbar:** das Produkt aus (x)] [die] [der] Anzahl der Tage in dieser Bezugsperiode **[Im Fall von Bezugsperioden, die kürzer sind als ein Jahr, ist folgendes anwendbar:** und (y) der Anzahl von Bezugsperioden, die in ein Kalenderjahr fallen oder fallen würden, falls Zinsen für das gesamte Jahr zu zahlen wären].]

Folgendes gilt für alle Optionen von Actual/Actual (ICMA Rule 251) außer Option Actual/Actual (ICMA Rule 251) mit jährlichen Zinszahlungen (ausschließlich dem Fall eines ersten oder letzten kurzen oder langen Kupons)

**["Bezugsperiode"** bezeichnet den Zeitraum ab dem Verzinsungsbeginn (einschließlich) bis zum ersten Zinszahlungstag (ausschließlich) oder von jedem Zinszahlungstag (einschließlich) bis zum nächsten Zinszahlungstag (ausschließlich). **[Im Fall eines ersten oder letzten kurzen Zinsberechnungszeitraumes ist folgendes anwendbar:** Zum Zwecke der Bestimmung der maßgeblichen Bezugsperiode gilt der **[Fiktive Zinszahlungstag]** als Zinszahlungstag.] **[Im Fall eines ersten oder letzten langen Zinsberechnungszeitraumes ist folgendes anwendbar:** Zum Zwecke der Bestimmung der maßgeblichen Bezugsperiode gelten der **[Fiktiver Zinszahlungstage]** als Zinszahlungstage.]]

Im Falle von 30/360, 360/360 oder Bond Basis ist folgendes anwendbar

[die Anzahl von Tagen im Zinsberechnungszeitraum, dividiert durch 360, wobei die Anzahl der Tage auf der Grundlage eines Jahres von 360 Tagen mit zwölf Monaten zu je 30 Tagen zu ermitteln ist (es sei denn, (A) der letzte Tag des Zinsberechnungszeitraumes fällt auf den 31. Tag eines Monats, während der erste Tag des Zinsberechnungszeitraumes weder auf den 30. noch auf den 31. Tag eines Monats fällt, in welchem Fall der diesen Tag enthaltende Monat nicht als ein auf 30 Tage gekürzter Monat zu behandeln ist, oder (B) der letzte Tag des Zinsberechnungszeitraumes fällt auf den letzten Tag des Monats Februar, in welchem Fall der Monat Februar nicht als ein auf 30 Tage verlängerter Monat zu

behandeln ist).]

Im Falle von 30E/360 oder Eurobond Basis ist folgendes anwendbar

[die Anzahl der Tage im Zinsberechnungszeitraum, dividiert durch 360 (dabei ist die Anzahl der Tage auf der Grundlage eines Jahres von 360 Tagen mit 12 Monaten zu 30 Tagen zu ermitteln, und zwar ohne Berücksichtigung des Datums des ersten oder letzten Tages des Zinsberechnungszeitraumes).]

#### § 4 ZAHLUNGEN

(1)(a) *Zahlungen auf Kapital.* Zahlungen auf Kapital in Bezug auf die Schuldverschreibungen erfolgen nach Maßgabe des nachstehenden Absatzes 2 an das Clearing System oder dessen Order zur Gutschrift auf den Konten der jeweiligen Kontoinhaber des Clearing Systems.

(b) *Zahlung von Zinsen.* Die Zahlung von Zinsen auf Schuldverschreibungen erfolgt nach Maßgabe von Absatz 2 an das Clearing System oder dessen Order zur Gutschrift auf den Konten der jeweiligen Kontoinhaber des Clearing Systems.

Im Falle von Zinszahlungen auf eine vorläufige Globalurkunde ist folgendes anwendbar

[Die Zahlung von Zinsen auf Schuldverschreibungen, die durch die vorläufige Globalurkunde verbrieft sind, erfolgt nach Maßgabe von Absatz 2 an das Clearing System oder dessen Order zur Gutschrift auf den Konten der jeweiligen Kontoinhaber des Clearing Systems, und zwar nach ordnungsgemäßer Bescheinigung gemäß § 1 Absatz 3(b).]

(2) *Zahlungsweise.* Vorbehaltlich (i) geltender steuerlicher und sonstiger gesetzlicher Regelungen und Vorschriften und (ii) eines Einbehalts oder Abzugs aufgrund eines Vertrags wie in Section 1471(b) des U.S. Internal Revenue Code von 1986 (der "Code") beschrieben bzw. anderweit gemäß Section 1471 bis Section 1474 des Code auferlegt, etwaigen aufgrund dessen getroffener Regelungen oder geschlossener Abkommen, etwaiger offizieller Auslegungen davon, oder von Gesetzen zur Umsetzung einer Regierungszusammenarbeit dazu erfolgen zu leistende Zahlungen auf die Schuldverschreibungen in der festgelegten Währung **[Im Fall von Schuldverschreibungen, die der Umstellung unterliegen, ist folgendes anwendbar:** oder – falls der WWU Tag eingetreten ist – und die Schuldverschreibungen in **[festgelegte Währung]** denominiert sind, Zahlungen auf die Schuldverschreibungen nach Wahl der Emittentin in Euro oder in **[festgelegte Währung]** erfolgen können].

(3) *Erfüllung.* Die Emittentin wird durch Leistung der Zahlung an das Clearing System oder dessen Order von ihrer Zahlungspflicht befreit.

(4) *Zahltag.* Fällt der Fälligkeitstag einer Zahlung in Bezug auf eine Schuldverschreibung auf einen Tag, der kein Zahltag ist, dann hat der Gläubiger keinen Anspruch auf Zahlung vor dem nächsten Zahltag am jeweiligen Geschäftsort. Der Gläubiger ist nicht berechtigt, weitere Zinsen oder sonstige Zahlungen aufgrund dieser Verspätung zu verlangen.

Für diese Zwecke bezeichnet "**Zahltag**" einen Tag (außer einem Samstag oder Sonntag), an dem das Clearing System geöffnet ist sowie

Bei nicht auf Euro lautenden Schuldverschreibungen ist folgendes anwendbar

[Geschäftsbanken und Devisenmärkte Zahlungen in **[relevante(s) Finanzzentrum(en)]** abwickeln.[.] [und]]

Bei auf Euro lautenden Schuldverschreibungen ist folgendes anwendbar

[alle betroffenen Bereiche des Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross Settlement Express Transfer System 2 ("**TARGET**") betriebsbereit sind, um die betreffenden Zahlungen weiterzuleiten.]

(5) *Bezugnahmen auf Kapital und Zinsen.* Bezugnahmen in diesen Anleihebedingungen auf Kapital der Schuldverschreibungen schließen, soweit anwendbar, die folgenden Beträge ein: den Rückzahlungsbetrag der Schuldverschreibungen; **[Falls die Emittentin das Wahlrecht hat, die Schuldverschreibungen aus anderen als steuerlichen Gründen vorzeitig**

**zurückzuzahlen, ist folgendes anwendbar:** den Wahl-Rückzahlungsbetrag (Call) der Schuldverschreibungen;] **[Falls der Gläubiger ein Wahlrecht hat, die Schuldverschreibungen vorzeitig zu kündigen, ist folgendes anwendbar:** den Wahl-Rückzahlungsbetrag (Put) der Schuldverschreibungen;] sowie jeden Aufschlag sowie sonstige auf oder in Bezug auf die Schuldverschreibungen zahlbaren Beträge. Bezugnahmen in diesen Anleihebedingungen auf Zinsen auf die Schuldverschreibungen sollen, soweit anwendbar, sämtliche gemäß § 7 zahlbaren zusätzlichen Beträge einschließen.

(6) *Hinterlegung von Kapital und Zinsen.* Die Emittentin ist berechtigt, beim Amtsgericht Frankfurt am Main Zins- oder Kapitalbeträge zu hinterlegen, die von den Gläubigern nicht innerhalb von zwölf Monaten nach dem Fälligkeitstag beansprucht worden sind, auch wenn die Gläubiger sich nicht in Annahmeverzug befinden. Soweit eine solche Hinterlegung erfolgt, und auf das Recht der Rücknahme verzichtet wird, erlöschen die diesbezüglichen Ansprüche der Gläubiger gegen die Emittentin.

## § 5 RÜCKZAHLUNG

(1) *Rückzahlung bei Endfälligkeit.* Soweit nicht zuvor bereits ganz oder teilweise zurückgezahlt oder angekauft und entwertet, werden die Schuldverschreibungen zu ihrem Rückzahlungsbetrag am **[Fälligkeitstag]** (der "**Fälligkeitstag**") zurückgezahlt. Der "**Rückzahlungsbetrag**" in Bezug auf jede Schuldverschreibung entspricht dem Nennbetrag der Schuldverschreibungen.

(2) *Vorzeitige Rückzahlung aus steuerlichen Gründen.* Die Schuldverschreibungen können insgesamt, jedoch nicht teilweise, nach Wahl der Emittentin mit einer Kündigungsfrist von nicht weniger als 30 und nicht mehr als 60 Tagen gegenüber dem Fiscal Agent und gemäß § 13 gegenüber den Gläubigern vorzeitig gekündigt und zu ihrem Rückzahlungsbetrag zuzüglich bis zum für die Rückzahlung festgesetzten Tag aufgelaufener Zinsen zurückgezahlt werden, falls die Emittentin als Folge einer Änderung oder Ergänzung der Steuer- oder Abgabengesetze und -vorschriften der Bundesrepublik Deutschland oder deren politischen Untergliederungen oder Steuerbehörden oder als Folge einer Änderung oder Ergänzung der Anwendung oder der offiziellen Auslegung dieser Gesetze und Vorschriften (vorausgesetzt, diese Änderung oder Ergänzung wird am oder nach dem Tag, an dem die letzte Tranche dieser Serie von Schuldverschreibungen begeben wird, wirksam) am nächstfolgenden Zinszahlungstag (wie in § 3 Absatz 1 definiert) zur Zahlung von zusätzlichen Beträgen (wie in § 7 definiert) verpflichtet sein wird und diese Verpflichtung nicht durch das Ergreifen vernünftiger, der Emittentin zur Verfügung stehender Maßnahmen vermieden werden kann.

Eine solche Kündigung darf allerdings nicht (i) früher als 90 Tage vor dem frühestmöglichen Termin erfolgen, an dem die Emittentin verpflichtet wäre, solche zusätzlichen Beträge zu zahlen, falls eine Zahlung auf die Schuldverschreibungen dann fällig sein würde, oder (ii) erfolgen, wenn zu dem Zeitpunkt, in dem die Kündigungsmitteilung erfolgt, die Verpflichtung zur Zahlung von zusätzlichen Beträgen nicht mehr wirksam ist.

Eine solche Kündigung hat gemäß § 13 zu erfolgen. Sie ist unwiderruflich, muss den für die Rückzahlung festgelegten Termin nennen und eine zusammenfassende Erklärung enthalten, welche die das Rückzahlungsrecht der Emittentin begründenden Umständen darlegt.

**[(3) Vorzeitige Rückzahlung nach Wahl der Emittentin.**

(a) Die Emittentin kann, nachdem sie gemäß Absatz (b) gekündigt hat, die Schuldverschreibungen insgesamt oder teilweise am/an den Wahl-Rückzahlungstag(en) (Call) oder jederzeit danach bis zum jeweils nachfolgenden Wahl-Rückzahlungstag (ausschließlich) zum/zu den Wahl-Rückzahlungsbetrag/beträgen (Call), wie nachstehend angegeben, nebst etwaigen bis zum jeweiligen Rückzahlungstag (ausschließlich) aufgelaufenen Zinsen zurückzahlen.

Falls die Emittentin das Wahlrecht hat, die Schuldverschreibungen vorzeitig zu festgelegtem(n) Wahlrückzahlungsbetrag/-beträgen (Call) zurückzuzahlen, ist folgendes anwendbar

Wahl-Rückzahlungstag(e) (Call)	Wahl-Rückzahlungsbetrag/beträge (Call)
<b>[Wahl-Rückzahlungstag(e)]</b>	<b>[Wahl-Rückzahlungsbetrag/beträge]</b>
[ _____ ]	[ _____ ]
[ _____ ]	[ _____ ]

**[Falls der Gläubiger ein Wahlrecht hat, die Schuldverschreibungen vorzeitig zu kündigen, ist folgendes anwendbar:** Der Emittentin steht dieses Wahlrecht nicht in Bezug auf eine Schuldverschreibung zu, deren Rückzahlung bereits der Gläubiger in Ausübung seines Wahlrechts nach Absatz 4 dieses § 5 verlangt hat.]

- (b) Die Kündigung ist den Gläubigern der Schuldverschreibungen durch die Emittentin gemäß § 13 bekannt zu geben. Sie beinhaltet die folgenden Angaben:
- (i) die zurückzuzahlende Serie von Schuldverschreibungen;
  - (ii) eine Erklärung, ob diese Serie ganz oder teilweise zurückgezahlt wird und im letzteren Fall den Gesamtnennbetrag der zurückzuzahlenden Schuldverschreibungen;
  - (iii) den Rückzahlungstag, der nicht weniger als **[Mindestkündigungsfrist]** und nicht mehr als **[Höchstkündigungsfrist]** Tage nach dem Tag der Kündigung durch die Emittentin gegenüber den Gläubigern liegen darf; und
  - (iv) den Wahl-Rückzahlungsbetrag (Call), zu dem die Schuldverschreibungen zurückgezahlt werden.
- (c) Wenn die Schuldverschreibungen nur teilweise zurückgezahlt werden, werden die zurückzuzahlenden Schuldverschreibungen in Übereinstimmung mit den Regeln des betreffenden Clearing Systems ausgewählt.] **[Falls die Schuldverschreibungen in Form einer NGN begeben werden, ist folgendes anwendbar:** Die teilweise Rückzahlung wird in den Registern von CBL und Euroclear nach deren Ermessen entweder als Pool-Faktor oder als Reduzierung des Gesamtnennbetrags wiedergegeben.]]

**Falls der Gläubiger ein Wahlrecht hat, die Schuldverschreibungen vorzeitig zu festgelegtem(n) Wahlrückzahlungsbetrag/-beträgen (Put) zu kündigen, ist folgendes anwendbar**

**[[4)] Vorzeitige Rückzahlung nach Wahl des Gläubigers.**

- (a) Die Emittentin hat eine Schuldverschreibung nach Ausübung des entsprechenden Wahlrechts durch den Gläubiger am/an den Wahl-Rückzahlungstag(en) (Put) zum/zu den Wahl-Rückzahlungsbetrag/beträgen (Put), wie nachstehend angegeben nebst etwaigen bis zum Wahl-Rückzahlungstag (Put) (ausschließlich) aufgelaufener Zinsen zurückzuzahlen.

Wahl-Rückzahlungstag(e) (Put)	Wahl-Rückzahlungsbetrag/beträge (Put)
<b>[Wahl-Rückzahlungstag(e)]</b>	<b>[Wahl-Rückzahlungsbetrag/beträge]</b>
[ _____ ]	[ _____ ]
[ _____ ]	[ _____ ]

Dem Gläubiger steht dieses Wahlrecht nicht in Bezug auf eine Schuldverschreibung zu, deren Rückzahlung die Emittentin zuvor in Ausübung eines ihrer Wahlrechte nach diesem § 5 verlangt hat.

- (b) Um dieses Wahlrecht auszuüben, hat der Gläubiger nicht weniger als **[Mindestkündigungsfrist]** und nicht mehr als **[Höchstkündigungsfrist]** Tage vor dem Wahl-Rückzahlungstag (Put), an dem die Rückzahlung gemäß der Ausübungserklärung (wie nachstehend definiert) erfolgen soll, an die bezeichnete Geschäftsstelle des Fiscal Agent eine Mitteilung zur vorzeitigen Rückzahlung in Textform (z.B. eMail oder Fax) oder in schriftlicher Form ("**Ausübungserklärung**") zu schicken. Falls die Ausübungserklärung nach 17:00 Uhr Frankfurter Zeit am **[Mindestkündigungsfrist]** Tag vor dem Wahl-Rückzahlungstag (Put) eingeht, ist das Wahlrecht nicht wirksam ausgeübt. Die Ausübungserklärung hat anzugeben: (i) den gesamten Nennbetrag der Schuldverschreibungen, für die das Wahlrecht ausgeübt wird **[und][.]** (ii) die

Wertpapierkennnummern dieser Schuldverschreibungen (soweit vergeben) **[Im Fall der Verwahrung der Globalurkunde durch CBF ist folgendes anwendbar:** und (iii) Kontaktdaten sowie eine Kontoverbindung]. Für die Ausübungserklärung kann ein Formblatt, wie es bei den bezeichneten Geschäftsstellen des Fiscal Agent und der Zahlstelle[n] in deutscher und englischer Sprache erhältlich ist und das weitere Hinweise enthält, verwendet werden. Die Ausübung des Wahlrechts kann nicht widerrufen werden. Die Rückzahlung der Schuldverschreibungen, für welche das Wahlrecht ausgeübt worden ist, erfolgt nur gegen Lieferung der Schuldverschreibungen an die Emittentin oder deren Order.]

Falls der Gläubiger ein Wahlrecht hat, die Schuldverschreibungen vorzeitig aufgrund eines Kontrollwechsels zu kündigen, ist folgendes anwendbar

**[[5]] Vorzeitige Rückzahlung aufgrund eines Kontrollwechsels.**

- (a) Für den Fall, dass ein Kontrollwechsel (wie nachstehend definiert) stattfindet und innerhalb des Kontrollwechselzeitraums eine Ratingherabstufung (wie nachstehend definiert) aufgrund des Kontrollwechsels oder dessen Ankündigung erfolgt (ein "**Vorzeitiger Rückzahlungsgrund**"):
- (i) erhält jeder Gläubiger das Recht, von der Emittentin durch Erklärung eines Rückzahlungsverlangens (das "**Vorzeitige Rückzahlungsverlangen**") zum Stichtag (wie nachstehend unter Absatz (a)(ii)(B) definiert) die Rückzahlung seiner Schuldverschreibungen, deren vorzeitige Rückzahlung nicht bereits auf andere Weise erklärt worden ist, ganz oder teilweise, zu deren Nennbetrag einschließlich Zinsen bis zum Stichtag (ausschließlich) zu verlangen. Jedes Vorzeitige Rückzahlungsverlangen muss dem Fiscal Agent oder dem Clearing System über die Depotbank (wie in § 14 Absatz 3 definiert) nicht weniger als 30 Tage vor dem Stichtag zugehen; und
  - (ii) wird die Emittentin (A) unmittelbar nachdem sie von dem Vorzeitigen Rückzahlungsgrund Kenntnis erlangt hat, dies gemäß § 13 unverzüglich bekannt machen, und (B) einen Zeitpunkt für die Zwecke des Vorzeitigen Rückzahlungsverlangens (der "**Stichtag**") bestimmen und diesen gemäß § 13 bekannt machen. Der Stichtag muss ein Geschäftstag sein und darf nicht weniger als 60 und nicht mehr als 90 Tage nach der gemäß Absatz (a)(ii)(A) erfolgten Bekanntmachung des Vorzeitigen Rückzahlungsgrundes liegen.
- (b) Das Vorzeitige Rückzahlungsverlangen ist in Textform (z.B. eMail oder Fax) oder in schriftlicher Form in deutscher oder englischer Sprache gegenüber dem Fiscal Agent zu erklären und an dessen bezeichnete Geschäftsstelle zu schicken. Dem Vorzeitigen Rückzahlungsverlangen ist ein Nachweis beizufügen, aus dem sich ergibt, dass der betreffende Gläubiger zum Zeitpunkt der Abgabe des Vorzeitigen Rückzahlungsverlangens Inhaber der betreffenden Schuldverschreibung ist. Der Nachweis kann durch eine Bescheinigung der Depotbank oder auf andere geeignete Weise erbracht werden. Ein Vorzeitiges Rückzahlungsverlangen ist unwiderruflich.
- (c) Ein "**Kontrollwechsel**" tritt ein, wenn eine Person oder mehrere Personen, die gemeinsam handeln, die Kontrolle über die RWE Aktiengesellschaft erlangen.
- (d) "**Kontrolle**" bezeichnet das unmittelbare oder mittelbare rechtliche oder wirtschaftliche Eigentum in jedweder Form bzw. die unmittelbare oder mittelbare rechtliche oder wirtschaftliche Verfügungsbefugnis in jedweder Form (wie in § 34 Wertpapierhandelsgesetz beschrieben) an insgesamt mehr als 50% der stimmberechtigten Aktien der RWE Aktiengesellschaft.
- (e) Der "**Kontrollwechselzeitraum**" beginnt am Tag der Ankündigung des Kontrollwechsels, spätestens aber am Tag des Kontrollwechsels und endet 180 Tage nach dem Kontrollwechsel.
- (f) "**Ankündigung des Kontrollwechsels**" bedeutet die öffentliche Ankündigung des Kontrollwechsels oder eine Stellungnahme der RWE Aktiengesellschaft oder eines aktuellen oder möglichen Bieters in Bezug auf einen Kontrollwechsel.
- (g) Eine "**Ratingherabstufung**" tritt ein, wenn ein angefordertes Credit Rating für langfristige unbesicherte Finanzverbindlichkeiten der RWE Aktiengesellschaft

unter Investment Grade fallen oder alle Ratingagenturen die Abgabe eines Credit Ratings in Bezug auf die RWE Aktiengesellschaft nicht nur vorübergehend einstellen. Ein Credit Rating unter Investment Grade bezeichnet in Bezug auf Moody's ein Rating von Ba1 oder schlechter und in Bezug auf Fitch ein Rating von Ba1 und, soweit eine andere Ratingagentur von der RWE Aktiengesellschaft benannt worden ist, ein vergleichbares Rating.

- (h) "**Ratingagenturen**" bezeichnet jede Ratingagentur von Moody's Investors Service Ltd. ("**Moody's**") oder von Fitch Ratings Limited ("**Fitch**") oder jede andere Ratingagentur, die von der RWE Aktiengesellschaft benannt wird.

In diesem Absatz bezeichnet "**Geschäftstag**" einen Tag, an dem das Clearing System sowie alle betroffenen Bereiche des Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross Settlement Express Transfer System 2 (TARGET) betriebsbereit sind, um die betreffenden Zahlungen weiterzuleiten.]

[[6]] *Vorzeitige Rückzahlung nach Wahl der Emittentin bei geringem ausstehendem Nennbetrag.* Wenn zu irgendeinem Zeitpunkt der Gesamtnennbetrag der ausstehenden und nicht von der Emittentin und ihren Tochtergesellschaften gehaltenen Schuldverschreibungen auf 20% oder weniger des Gesamtnennbetrags der Schuldverschreibungen, die ursprünglich ausgegeben wurden (einschließlich Schuldverschreibungen, die gemäß § 12 Absatz (1) zusätzlich begeben worden sind), fällt, kann die Emittentin die verbleibenden Schuldverschreibungen (insgesamt, jedoch nicht teilweise) kündigen und zum Nennbetrag zuzüglich bis zu dem für die Rückzahlung festgesetzten Tag aufgelaufener Zinsen zurückzahlen.

## § 6

### DER FISCAL AGENT UND DIE ZAHLSTELLE

(1) *Bestellung; bezeichnete Geschäftsstelle.* Der anfänglich bestellte Fiscal Agent und die anfänglich bestellten Zahlstelle und deren bezeichnete Geschäftsstellen lauten wie folgt:

Fiscal Agent	Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft
Zahlstelle:	Trust & Agency Services
	Taunusanlage 12
	60325 Frankfurt am Main
	Bundesrepublik Deutschland

Der Fiscal Agent und die Zahlstelle behalten sich das Recht vor, jederzeit ihre bezeichneten Geschäftsstellen durch eine andere bezeichnete Geschäftsstelle in demselben Land zu ersetzen.

(2) *Änderung der Bestellung oder Abberufung.* Die Emittentin behält sich das Recht vor, jederzeit die Bestellung des Fiscal Agent oder einer Zahlstelle zu ändern oder zu beenden und einen anderen Fiscal Agent oder zusätzliche oder andere Zahlstellen zu bestellen. Die Emittentin wird zu jedem Zeitpunkt [(i)] einen Fiscal Agent unterhalten **[Im Fall von Zahlungen in US-Dollar ist folgendes anwendbar:** und (ii) falls Zahlungen bei den oder durch die Geschäftsstellen aller Zahlstellen außerhalb der Vereinigten Staaten (wie unten definiert) aufgrund der Einführung von Devisenbeschränkungen oder ähnlichen Beschränkungen hinsichtlich der vollständigen Zahlung oder des Empfangs der entsprechenden Beträge in US-Dollar widerrechtlich oder tatsächlich ausgeschlossen werden, eine Zahlstelle mit bezeichneter Geschäftsstelle in New York City unterhalten]. Eine Änderung, Abberufung, Bestellung oder ein sonstiger Wechsel wird nur wirksam (außer im Insolvenzfall, in dem eine solche Änderung sofort wirksam wird), sofern die Gläubiger hierüber gemäß § 13 vorab unter Einhaltung einer Frist von mindestens 30 und nicht mehr als 45 Tagen informiert wurden. Für die Zwecke dieser Anleihebedingungen bezeichnet "**Vereinigte Staaten**" die Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika (einschließlich deren Bundesstaaten und des District of Columbia) sowie deren Territorien (einschließlich Puerto Ricos, der U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, Wake Island und Northern Mariana Islands).

(3) *Erfüllungsgehilfe(n) der Emittentin.* Der Fiscal Agent und die Zahlstelle handeln ausschließlich als Erfüllungsgehilfen der Emittentin und übernehmen keinerlei



Verpflichtungen gegenüber den Gläubigern und es wird kein Auftrags- oder Treuhandverhältnis zwischen ihnen und den Gläubigern begründet.

## § 7 STEUERN

Sämtliche auf die Schuldverschreibungen zu zahlenden Beträge sind ohne Einbehalt oder Abzug von oder aufgrund von gegenwärtigen oder zukünftigen Steuern oder sonstigen Abgaben gleich welcher Art zu leisten, die von oder in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland oder für deren Rechnung oder von oder für Rechnung einer politischen Untergliederung oder Steuerbehörde der oder in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland auferlegt oder erhoben werden, es sei denn, ein solcher Einbehalt oder Abzug ist gesetzlich vorgeschrieben. In diesem Fall wird die Emittentin diejenigen zusätzlichen Beträge (die "**zusätzlichen Beträge**") zahlen, die erforderlich sind, damit die den Gläubigern zufließenden Nettobeträge nach diesem Einbehalt oder Abzug jeweils den Beträgen entsprechen, die ohne einen solchen Einbehalt oder Abzug von den Gläubigern empfangen worden wären; die Verpflichtung zur Zahlung solcher zusätzlicher Beträge besteht jedoch nicht im Hinblick auf Steuern und Abgaben, die:

- (a) von einer als Depotbank oder Inkassobeauftragter des Gläubigers handelnden Person oder sonst auf andere Weise zu entrichten sind als dadurch, dass die Emittentin aus den von ihr zu leistenden Zahlungen von Kapital oder Zinsen einen Abzug oder Einbehalt vornimmt; oder
- (b) wegen einer gegenwärtigen oder früheren persönlichen oder geschäftlichen Beziehung des Gläubigers zu der Bundesrepublik Deutschland zu zahlen sind, und nicht allein deshalb, weil Zahlungen auf die Schuldverschreibungen aus Quellen in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland stammen (oder für Zwecke der Besteuerung so behandelt werden) oder dort besichert sind; oder
- (c) aufgrund (i) einer Richtlinie oder Verordnung der Europäischen Union betreffend die Besteuerung von Zinserträgen oder (ii) einer zwischenstaatlichen Vereinbarung über deren Besteuerung, an der die Bundesrepublik Deutschland oder die Europäische Union beteiligt ist, oder (iii) einer gesetzlichen Vorschrift, die diese Richtlinie, Verordnung oder Vereinbarung umsetzt oder befolgt, abzuziehen oder einzubehalten sind; oder
- (d) aufgrund einer Rechtsänderung zu zahlen sind, welche später als 30 Tage nach Fälligkeit der betreffenden Zahlung von Kapital oder Zinsen oder, wenn dies später erfolgt, ordnungsgemäßer Bereitstellung aller fälligen Beträge und einer diesbezüglichen Bekanntmachung gemäß § 13 wirksam wird; oder
- (e) von einer Zahlstelle abgezogen oder einbehalten werden, wenn eine andere Zahlstelle die Zahlung ohne einen solchen Abzug oder Einbehalt hätte leisten können.

## § 8 VORLEGUNGSFRIST

Die in § 801 Absatz 1 Satz 1 BGB (Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch) bestimmte Vorlegungsfrist wird für die Schuldverschreibungen auf zehn Jahre verkürzt.

## § 9 KÜNDIGUNG

(1) *Kündigungsgründe.* Jeder Gläubiger ist berechtigt, seine Schuldverschreibung zu kündigen und deren sofortige Rückzahlung zu ihrem Rückzahlungsbetrag (wie in § 5 Absatz 1 definiert), zuzüglich etwaiger bis zum Tage der Rückzahlung aufgelaufener Zinsen zu verlangen, falls:

- (a) die Emittentin Kapital oder Zinsen nicht innerhalb von 30 Tagen nach dem betreffenden Fälligkeitstag zahlt; oder
- (b) die Emittentin die ordnungsgemäße Erfüllung einer anderen Verpflichtung aus den Schuldverschreibungen unterlässt und diese Unterlassung nicht geheilt werden kann oder, falls sie geheilt werden kann, länger als 60 Tage fortdauert, nachdem der Fiscal Agent hierüber eine Benachrichtigung von einem Gläubiger erhalten

hat; oder

- (c) die Emittentin oder eine wesentliche Tochtergesellschaft (wie in § 2 Absatz 3 definiert) Kapitalmarktverbindlichkeiten (wie in § 2 Absatz 3 definiert) ohne Rechtsgrund nicht binnen 30 Tagen nach dem Fälligkeitstag erfüllt oder ein Gläubiger infolge Vorliegens eines außerordentlichen Kündigungsgrundes (wie immer beschrieben) berechtigt ist, eine solche Kapitalmarktverbindlichkeit der Emittentin oder einer wesentlichen Tochtergesellschaft vorzeitig fällig zu stellen, es sei denn, der Gesamtbetrag solcher Kapitalmarktverbindlichkeiten beträgt weniger als € 50.000.000 (oder deren Gegenwert in anderer Währung); oder
- (d) die Emittentin ihre Zahlungsunfähigkeit bekannt gibt oder ihre Zahlungen einstellt; oder
- (e) ein Gericht ein Insolvenzverfahren gegen die Emittentin eröffnet, oder die Emittentin ein solches Verfahren einleitet oder beantragt oder ein Dritter ein Insolvenzverfahren gegen die Emittentin beantragt und ein solches Verfahren nicht innerhalb einer Frist von 60 Tagen aufgehoben oder ausgesetzt worden ist; oder
- (f) die Emittentin in Liquidation tritt, es sei denn, dies geschieht im Zusammenhang mit einer Verschmelzung oder einer anderen Form des Zusammenschlusses mit einer anderen Gesellschaft und diese Gesellschaft übernimmt alle Verpflichtungen, die die Emittentin im Zusammenhang mit diesen Schuldverschreibungen eingegangen ist; oder
- (g) in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland ein Gesetz, eine Verordnung oder behördliche Anordnung Geltung erlangt, durch welche die Emittentin rechtlich gehindert ist, die von ihr gemäß diesen Anleihebedingungen übernommenen Verpflichtungen zu erfüllen und diese Lage nicht binnen 90 Tagen behoben ist.

Das Kündigungsrecht erlischt, falls der Kündigungsgrund vor Ausübung des Rechts geheilt wurde.

(2) *Quorum*. In den Fällen des Absatz (1)(b) oder (1)(c) wird eine Kündigung, sofern nicht bei deren Eingang zugleich einer der in Absatz (1)(a), (1)(d), (1)(e) oder (1)(f) bezeichneten Kündigungsgründe vorliegt, erst wirksam, wenn bei dem Fiscal Agent Kündigungserklärungen von Gläubigern von Schuldverschreibungen im Nennbetrag von mindestens  $\frac{1}{10}$  der dann ausstehenden Schuldverschreibungen eingegangen sind.

(3) *Benachrichtigung*. Eine Benachrichtigung, einschließlich einer Kündigung der Schuldverschreibungen gemäß Absatz 1 ist in Textform (z.B. eMail oder Fax) oder schriftlich in deutscher oder englischer Sprache gegenüber dem Fiscal Agent zu erklären und an dessen bezeichnete Geschäftsstelle zu schicken. Der Benachrichtigung ist ein Nachweis beizufügen, aus dem sich ergibt, dass der betreffende Gläubiger zum Zeitpunkt der Abgabe der Benachrichtigung Inhaber der betreffenden Schuldverschreibung ist. Der Nachweis kann durch eine Bescheinigung der Depotbank (wie in § 14 Absatz 3 definiert) oder auf andere geeignete Weise erbracht werden.

## **§ 10 ERSETZUNG**

(1) *Ersetzung*. Die Emittentin ist jederzeit berechtigt, sofern sie sich nicht mit einer Zahlung von Kapital oder Zinsen auf die Schuldverschreibungen in Verzug befindet, ohne Zustimmung der Gläubiger ein mit ihr verbundenes Unternehmen (wie unten definiert) an ihrer Stelle als Hauptschuldnerin (die "**Nachfolgeschuldnerin**") für alle Verpflichtungen aus und im Zusammenhang mit diesen Schuldverschreibungen einzusetzen, vorausgesetzt, dass:

- (a) die Nachfolgeschuldnerin alle Verpflichtungen der Emittentin in Bezug auf die Schuldverschreibungen übernimmt;
- (b) die Nachfolgeschuldnerin alle erforderlichen Genehmigungen erhalten hat und berechtigt ist, an den Fiscal Agent die zur Erfüllung der Zahlungsverpflichtungen aus den Schuldverschreibungen zahlbaren Beträge in der festgelegten Währung

zu zahlen, ohne verpflichtet zu sein, jeweils in dem Land, in dem die Nachfolgeschuldnerin oder die Emittentin ihren Sitz oder Steuersitz haben, erhobene Steuern oder andere Abgaben jeder Art abzuziehen oder einzubehalten;

- (c) die Nachfolgeschuldnerin sich verpflichtet hat, jeden Gläubiger hinsichtlich solcher Steuern, Abgaben oder behördlichen Lasten freizustellen, die einem Gläubiger bezüglich der Ersetzung auferlegt werden;
- (d) die Emittentin unwiderruflich und unbedingt gegenüber den Gläubigern die Zahlung aller von der Nachfolgeschuldnerin auf die Schuldverschreibungen zahlbaren Beträge zu Bedingungen garantiert, die den Bedingungen des Musters der Garantie der Emittentin hinsichtlich der Schuldverschreibungen, das im Agency Agreement enthalten ist, entsprechen; und
- (e) dem Fiscal Agent jeweils eine Bestätigung bezüglich der betroffenen Rechtsordnungen von anerkannten Rechtsanwälten vorgelegt wird, dass die Bestimmungen in den vorstehenden Unterabsätzen (a), (b), (c) und (d) erfüllt wurden.

Für die Zwecke dieses § 10 bedeutet "**verbundenes Unternehmen**" ein verbundenes Unternehmen im Sinne von § 15 Aktiengesetz.

(2) *Bekanntmachung.* Jede Ersetzung ist gemäß § 13 bekannt zu machen.

(3) *Ermächtigung der Emittentin.* Im Falle einer solchen Ersetzung ist die Emittentin ermächtigt, die die Schuldverschreibungen verbriefende Globalurkunde und diese Anleihebedingungen ohne Zustimmung der Gläubiger in dem notwendigen Umfang zu ändern, um die sich aus der Ersetzung ergebenden Änderungen widerzuspiegeln. Eine entsprechend angepaßte, die Schuldverschreibungen verbriefende Globalurkunde und Anleihebedingungen werden beim Clearing System hinterlegt.

## § 11

### ÄNDERUNG DER ANLEIHEBEDINGUNGEN, GEMEINSAMER VERTRETER

(1) *Änderung der Anleihebedingungen.* Die Gläubiger können entsprechend den Bestimmungen des Gesetzes über Schuldverschreibungen aus Gesamtemissionen (*Schuldverschreibungsgesetz – "SchVG"*) durch einen Beschluss mit der in Absatz 2 bestimmten Mehrheit über einen im SchVG zugelassenen Gegenstand eine Änderung der Anleihebedingungen mit der Emittentin vereinbaren. Die Mehrheitsbeschlüsse der Gläubiger sind für alle Gläubiger gleichermaßen verbindlich. Ein Mehrheitsbeschluss der Gläubiger, der nicht gleiche Bedingungen für alle Gläubiger vorsieht, ist unwirksam, es sei denn die benachteiligten Gläubiger stimmen ihrer Benachteiligung ausdrücklich zu.

(2) *Mehrheitserfordernisse.* Die Gläubiger entscheiden mit einer Mehrheit von mindestens 75% der an der Abstimmung teilnehmenden Stimmrechte, wobei Beschlüsse, durch welche der wesentliche Inhalt der Anleihebedingungen nicht geändert wird und die keinen Gegenstand der § 5 Absatz 3 Nr. 1 bis Nr. 8 des SchVG betreffen, zu ihrer Wirksamkeit einer einfachen Mehrheit der an der Abstimmung teilnehmenden Stimmrechte bedürfen.

(3) *Beschlüsse der Gläubiger.* Beschlüsse der Gläubiger werden nach Wahl der Emittentin im Wege der Abstimmung ohne Versammlung nach § 18 und §§ 5 ff. SchVG oder einer Gläubigerversammlung nach §§ 5 ff. SchVG gefasst.

(4) *Leitung der Abstimmung ohne Versammlung.* Die Abstimmung wird von einem von der Emittentin beauftragten Notar oder, falls der gemeinsame Vertreter zur Abstimmung aufgefordert hat, von dem gemeinsamen Vertreter der Gläubiger geleitet.

(5) *Stimmrecht.* An Abstimmungen der Gläubiger nimmt jeder Gläubiger nach Maßgabe des Nennwerts oder des rechnerischen Anteils seiner Berechtigung an den ausstehenden Schuldverschreibungen teil.

(6) *Gemeinsamer Vertreter.*

Falls kein gemeinsamer  
Vertreter in den  
Anleihebedingungen

[Die Gläubiger können durch Mehrheitsbeschluss zur Wahrnehmung ihrer Rechte einen gemeinsamen Vertreter für alle Gläubiger bestellen.]

bestellt wird, ist  
folgendes anwendbar

Im Fall der Bestellung  
des gemeinsamen  
Vertreters in den  
Anleihebedingungen ist  
folgendes anwendbar

[Gemeinsamer Vertreter ist **[Gemeinsamer Vertreter]**. Die Haftung des gemeinsamen Vertreters ist auf das Zehnfache seiner jährlichen Vergütung beschränkt, es sei denn, dem gemeinsamen Vertreter fällt Vorsatz oder grobe Fahrlässigkeit zur Last.]

Der gemeinsame Vertreter hat die Aufgaben und Befugnisse, welche ihm durch Gesetz oder von den Gläubigern durch Mehrheitsbeschluss eingeräumt wurden. Er hat die Weisungen der Gläubiger zu befolgen. Soweit er zur Geltendmachung von Rechten der Gläubiger ermächtigt ist, sind die einzelnen Gläubiger zur selbständigen Geltendmachung dieser Rechte nicht befugt, es sei denn der Mehrheitsbeschluss sieht dies ausdrücklich vor. Über seine Tätigkeit hat der gemeinsame Vertreter den Gläubigern zu berichten. Für die Abberufung und die sonstigen Rechte und Pflichten des gemeinsamen Vertreters gelten die Vorschriften des SchVG.

*(7) Verfahrensrechtliche Bestimmungen über Gläubigerbeschlüsse in einer Gläubigerversammlung.*

*(a) Frist, Anmeldung, Nachweis.*

- (i) Die Gläubigerversammlung ist mindestens 14 Tage vor dem Tag der Versammlung einzuberufen.
- (ii) Sieht die Einberufung vor, dass die Teilnahme an der Gläubigerversammlung oder die Ausübung der Stimmrechte davon abhängig ist, dass sich die Gläubiger vor der Versammlung anmelden, so tritt für die Berechnung der Einberufungsfrist gemäß Unterabsatz (i) an die Stelle des Tages der Versammlung der Tag, bis zu dessen Ablauf sich die Gläubiger vor der Versammlung anmelden müssen. Die Anmeldung muss unter der in der Bekanntmachung der Einberufung mitgeteilten Adresse spätestens am dritten Tag vor der Gläubigerversammlung zugehen.
- (iii) Die Einberufung kann vorsehen, wie die Berechtigung zur Teilnahme an der Gläubigerversammlung nachzuweisen ist. Sofern die Einberufung nichts anderes bestimmt, berechtigt ein von einem durch die Emittentin zu ernennenden Beauftragten ausgestellter Stimmzettel seinen Inhaber zur Teilnahme an und zur Stimmabgabe in der Gläubigerversammlung. Der Stimmzettel kann vom Gläubiger bezogen werden, indem er mindestens sechs Tage vor der für die Gläubigerversammlung bestimmten Zeit (a) seine Schuldverschreibungen bei einem durch die Emittentin zu ernennenden Beauftragten oder gemäß einer Weisung dieses Beauftragten hinterlegt hat oder (b) seine Schuldverschreibungen bei einer Depotbank in Übereinstimmung mit deren Verfahrensregeln gesperrt sowie einen Nachweis über die Inhaberschaft und Sperrung der Schuldverschreibungen an den Beauftragten der Emittentin geliefert hat. Die Einberufung kann auch die Erbringung eines Identitätsnachweises der ein Stimmrecht ausübenden Person vorsehen.

*(b) Inhalt der Einberufung, Bekanntmachung.*

- (i) In der Einberufung (die "**Einberufung**") müssen die Firma, der Sitz der Emittentin, die Zeit und der Ort der Gläubigerversammlung sowie die Bedingungen angegeben werden, von denen die Teilnahme an der Gläubigerversammlung und die Ausübung des Stimmrechts abhängen, einschließlich der in Absatz (a)(ii) und (iii) genannten Voraussetzungen.
- (ii) Die Einberufung ist unverzüglich im Bundesanzeiger sowie zusätzlich gemäß § 13 öffentlich bekannt zu machen. Die Kosten der Bekanntmachung hat die Emittentin zu tragen.
- (iii) Von dem Tag an, an dem die Gläubigerversammlung einberufen wurde, bis zum Tag der Gläubigerversammlung wird die Emittentin auf ihrer Internetseite den Gläubigern die Einberufung und die exakten Bedingungen für die Teilnahme an der Gläubigerversammlung und die Ausübung von Stimmrechten zur Verfügung stellen.

*(c) Auskunftspflicht, Abstimmung.*

- (i) Die Emittentin hat jedem Gläubiger auf Verlangen in der Gläubigerversammlung Auskunft zu erteilen, soweit sie zur sachgemäßen Beurteilung eines Gegenstands der Tagesordnung oder eines Vorschlags zur Beschlussfassung erforderlich ist.
- (ii) Auf die Abgabe und die Auszählung der Stimmen sind die Vorschriften des Aktiengesetzes über die Abstimmung der Aktionäre in der Hauptversammlung entsprechend anzuwenden, soweit nicht in der Einberufung etwas anderes vorgesehen ist.

(d) *Bekanntmachung von Beschlüssen.*

- (i) Die Emittentin hat die Beschlüsse der Gläubiger auf ihre Kosten in geeigneter Form öffentlich bekannt zu machen. Hat die Emittentin ihren Sitz in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland, so sind die Beschlüsse unverzüglich im Bundesanzeiger sowie zusätzlich gemäß § 13 zu veröffentlichen; die nach § 50 Absatz 1 des Wertpapierhandelsgesetzes vorgeschriebene Veröffentlichung ist jedoch ausreichend.
- (ii) Außerdem hat die Emittentin die Beschlüsse der Gläubiger sowie, wenn ein Gläubigerbeschluss die Anleihebedingungen ändert, den Wortlaut der ursprünglichen Anleihebedingungen vom Tag nach der Gläubigerversammlung an für die Dauer von mindestens einem Monat im Internet unter ihrer Adresse der Öffentlichkeit zugänglich zu machen.

(e) *Abstimmung ohne Versammlung.*

In der Aufforderung zur Stimmabgabe ist der Zeitraum anzugeben, innerhalb dessen die Stimmen abgegeben werden können. Er beträgt mindestens 72 Stunden. Während des Abstimmungszeitraums können die Gläubiger ihre Stimme gegenüber dem Abstimmungsleiter in Textform abgeben. In der Aufforderung können auch andere Formen der Stimmabgabe vorgesehen werden. In der Aufforderung muss im Einzelnen angegeben werden, welche Voraussetzungen erfüllt sein müssen, damit die Stimmen gezählt werden.

## § 12

### **BEGEBUNG WEITERER SCHULDVERSCHREIBUNGEN, [Im Fall von Schuldverschreibungen, die der Umstellung unterliegen, ist folgendes anwendbar: KONSOLIDIERUNG,] ANKAUF UND ENTWERTUNG**

(1) *Begebung weiterer Schuldverschreibungen.* Die Emittentin ist berechtigt, jederzeit ohne Zustimmung der Gläubiger weitere Schuldverschreibungen mit gleicher Ausstattung (gegebenenfalls mit Ausnahme des Tags der Begebung, des Verzinsungsbeginns und/oder des Ausgabepreises) in der Weise zu begeben, dass sie mit diesen Schuldverschreibungen eine einheitliche Serie bilden.

[(2) *Konsolidierung.* Die Emittentin ist berechtigt, **[Im Fall von Schuldverschreibungen, die in Euro denominiert sind, ist folgendes anwendbar: die Schuldverschreibungen]** **[Im Fall von Schuldverschreibungen, die ursprünglich in Währungen denominiert sind, die an der WWU teilnehmen und die der Umstellung unterliegen, ist folgendes anwendbar:** die Schuldverschreibungen nach deren Umstellung auf Euro nach Maßgabe von § 1 Absatz 1] jederzeit ohne Zustimmung der Gläubiger mit einer oder mehreren von ihr begebenen Emissionen anderer Schuldverschreibungen, die ursprünglich in Euro denominiert waren oder auf Euro umgestellt worden sind ("**andere Schuldverschreibungen**") zu konsolidieren, vorausgesetzt dass:

- (a) für diese anderen Schuldverschreibungen im Wesentlichen die gleichen Bedingungen gelten wie für die Schuldverschreibungen (mit Ausnahme der Bedingungen, die die Währung, Stückelung, oder verwaltungstechnischer Natur betreffen) und
- (b) das Clearing und die Abwicklung (*Settlement*) der konsolidierten anderen Schuldverschreibungen und Schuldverschreibungen auf austauschbarer Grundlage mit derselben *International Securities Identification Number* (Internationale Wertpapier-Kenn-Nummer) über jedes relevante, international anerkannte Clearing System (das nicht mit dem Clearing System übereinstimmen

Im Falle von Schuldverschreibungen, die der Umstellung unterliegen, ist folgendes anwendbar

muss, über das das Clearing und die Abwicklung der anderen Schuldverschreibungen oder der Schuldverschreibungen ursprünglich erfolgte) erfolgen kann und

- (c) die konsolidierten anderen Schuldverschreibungen und Schuldverschreibungen zumindest an einer europäischen Börse notiert werden, an der im internationalen Kapitalmarkt begebene Schuldverschreibungen dann üblicherweise notiert sind und an der die Schuldverschreibungen oder zumindest eine Emission der mit diesen konsolidierten anderen Schuldverschreibungen unmittelbar vor der Konsolidierung notiert war.

Die Emittentin ist berechtigt, die Emissionsbedingungen mit der Wirkung zu ändern, dass die Schuldverschreibungen und die mit diesen konsolidierten anderen Schuldverschreibungen nach der Konsolidierung den gleichen Bedingungen unterliegen und eine einheitliche Emission bilden können, vorausgesetzt, dass derartige Änderungen die Interessen der Gläubiger nicht wesentlich nachteilig betreffen. Der Ausdruck "Schuldverschreibungen" umfasst im Fall einer Konsolidierung auch die konsolidierten anderen Schuldverschreibungen. Die Emittentin ist berechtigt, die Änderung vorzunehmen, indem sie den Gläubigern davon mit einer Frist von mindestens 30 Tagen nach Maßgabe von § 13 Mitteilung macht und, soweit erforderlich, indem sie die Globalurkunde durch eine Globalurkunde ersetzt, die die geänderten Bedingungen enthält oder einen Zusatz zu der Globalurkunde mit den Änderungen bei dem Clearing System einliefert, über das die Schuldverschreibungen nach der Konsolidierung gehalten werden sollen. Die Art und Weise der Umsetzung der Konsolidierung ist in der Mitteilung darzulegen.

Im Fall einer Konsolidierung mit anderen Emissionen von Schuldverschreibungen, bei denen die bindende Fassung der Emissionsbedingungen in einer anderen Sprache abgefasst ist als die bindende Fassung dieser Emissionsbedingungen, ist die Emittentin berechtigt, die unverbindliche Übersetzung dieser Emissionsbedingungen (§ 15) für rechtlich bindend und die verbindliche Fassung dieser Emissionsbedingungen zur unverbindlichen Übersetzung zu erklären, wenn dies zum Zeitpunkt der Konsolidierung möglich und praktisch umsetzbar sein wird, um den Anforderungen der Clearing Systeme, über die die Schuldverschreibungen nach der Konsolidierung gehalten werden sollen, und/oder der Börsen, an denen die Schuldverschreibungen nach der Konsolidierung notiert werden sollen, zu genügen.]

[(3)] *Ankauf.* Die Emittentin ist berechtigt, jederzeit Schuldverschreibungen im Markt oder anderweitig zu jedem beliebigen Preis zu kaufen. Die von der Emittentin erworbenen Schuldverschreibungen können nach Wahl der Emittentin von ihr gehalten, weiterverkauft oder bei dem Fiscal Agent zwecks Entwertung eingereicht werden.

[(4)] *Entwertung.* Sämtliche vollständig zurückgezahlten Schuldverschreibungen sind unverzüglich zu entwerten und können nicht wiederbegeben oder wiederverkauft werden.

### § 13 MITTEILUNGEN

Im Fall von Schuldverschreibungen, die auf der offiziellen Liste der Luxemburger Börse notiert werden, ist folgendes anwendbar

[(1)] *Bekanntmachung.* Alle die Schuldverschreibungen betreffenden Mitteilungen erfolgen durch elektronische Publikation auf der Website der Luxemburger Börse ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)). Jede Mitteilung gilt am dritten Tag nach dem Tag der Veröffentlichung als wirksam erfolgt.

(2) *Mitteilungen an das Clearing System.* Solange Schuldverschreibungen auf der offiziellen Liste der Luxemburger Börse notiert sind, findet Absatz 1 Anwendung. Soweit Regeln der Luxemburger Börse dies zulassen, kann die Emittentin eine Veröffentlichung nach Absatz 1 durch eine Mitteilung an das Clearing System zur Weiterleitung an die Gläubiger ersetzen; jede derartige Mitteilung gilt am siebten Tag nach dem Tag der Mitteilung an das Clearing System als den Gläubigern mitgeteilt.]

Im Fall von Schuldverschrei-

[(1)] *Bekanntmachung.* Alle die Schuldverschreibungen betreffenden Mitteilungen sind im elektronischen Bundesanzeiger zu veröffentlichen. Jede Mitteilung gilt am dritten

bungen, die an der Frankfurter Wertpapierbörse notiert werden, ist folgendes anwendbar

Tag nach dem Tag der Veröffentlichung (oder bei mehreren Veröffentlichungen am dritten Tag nach dem Tag der ersten solchen Veröffentlichung) als wirksam erfolgt.]

Im Fall von Schuldverschreibungen, die nicht an einer Börse notiert sind, ist folgendes anwendbar

[(1) *Mitteilungen an das Clearing System.* Die Emittentin wird alle die Schuldverschreibungen betreffenden Mitteilungen an das Clearing System zur Weiterleitung an die Gläubiger übermitteln. Jede derartige Mitteilung gilt am siebten Tag nach dem Tag der Mitteilung an das Clearing System als den Gläubigern mitgeteilt.]

[(2)][(3)] *Form der Mitteilung der Gläubiger.* Mitteilungen, die von einem Gläubiger gemacht werden, müssen in Textform (z.B. eMail oder Fax) oder schriftlich erfolgen und zusammen mit dem Nachweis seiner Inhaberschaft gemäß § 14 Absatz 3 an den Fiscal Agent geschickt werden. Eine solche Mitteilung kann über das Clearing System in der von dem Fiscal Agent und dem Clearing System dafür vorgesehenen Weise erfolgen.

## § 14

### ANWENDBARES RECHT, GERICHTSSTAND UND GERICHTLICHE GELTENDMACHUNG

(1) *Anwendbares Recht.* Form und Inhalt der Schuldverschreibungen sowie die Rechte und Pflichten der Gläubiger und der Emittentin bestimmen sich in jeder Hinsicht nach deutschem Recht.

(2) *Gerichtsstand.* Nicht ausschließlich zuständig für sämtliche im Zusammenhang mit den Schuldverschreibungen entstehenden Klagen oder sonstige Verfahren ("**Rechtsstreitigkeiten**") ist das Landgericht Frankfurt am Main.

(3) *Gerichtliche Geltendmachung.* Jeder Gläubiger von Schuldverschreibungen ist berechtigt, in jedem Rechtsstreit gegen die Emittentin oder in jedem Rechtsstreit, in dem der Gläubiger und die Emittentin Partei sind, seine Rechte aus diesen Schuldverschreibungen im eigenen Namen auf der folgenden Grundlage zu schützen oder geltend zu machen: (i) er bringt eine Bescheinigung der Depotbank bei, bei der er für die Schuldverschreibungen ein Wertpapierdepot unterhält, welche (a) den vollständigen Namen und die vollständige Adresse des Gläubigers enthält, (b) den Gesamtnennbetrag der Schuldverschreibungen bezeichnet, die unter dem Datum der Bestätigung auf dem Wertpapierdepot verbucht sind und (c) bestätigt, dass die Depotbank gegenüber dem Clearing System eine schriftliche Erklärung abgegeben hat, die die vorstehend unter (a) und (b) bezeichneten Informationen enthält; und (ii) er legt eine Kopie der die betreffenden Schuldverschreibungen verbriefenden Globalurkunde vor, deren Übereinstimmung mit dem Original eine vertretungsberechtigte Person des Clearing Systems oder des Verwahrers des Clearing Systems bestätigt hat, ohne dass eine Vorlage der Originalbelege oder der die Schuldverschreibungen verbriefenden Globalurkunde in einem solchen Verfahren erforderlich wäre. Für die Zwecke des Vorstehenden bezeichnet "**Depotbank**" jede Bank oder ein sonstiges anerkanntes Finanzinstitut, das berechtigt ist, das Wertpapierverwahrungsgeschäft zu betreiben und bei der/dem der Gläubiger ein Wertpapierdepot für die Schuldverschreibungen unterhält, einschließlich des Clearing Systems. Unbeschadet des Vorstehenden kann jeder Gläubiger seine Rechte aus den Schuldverschreibungen auch auf jede andere Weise schützen oder geltend machen, die im Land des Rechtsstreits prozessual zulässig ist.

## § 15

### SPRACHE

Falls die Anleihebedingungen in deutscher Sprache mit einer Übersetzung in die englische Sprache abgefasst sind, ist folgendes anwendbar

[Diese Anleihebedingungen sind in deutscher Sprache abgefasst. Eine Übersetzung in die englische Sprache ist beigefügt. Der deutsche Text ist bindend und maßgeblich. Die Übersetzung in die englische Sprache ist unverbindlich.]

**Falls die Anleihebedingungen in englischer Sprache mit einer Übersetzung in die deutsche Sprache abgefasst sind, ist folgendes anwendbar**

[Diese Anleihebedingungen sind in englischer Sprache abgefasst. Eine Übersetzung in die deutsche Sprache ist beigefügt. Der englische Text ist bindend und maßgeblich. Die Übersetzung in die deutsche Sprache ist unverbindlich.]

**Falls die Anleihebedingungen ausschließlich in deutscher Sprache abgefasst sind, ist folgendes anwendbar**

[Diese Anleihebedingungen sind ausschließlich in deutscher Sprache abgefasst.]



**OPTION II – Anleihebedingungen für Schuldverschreibungen mit variabler Verzinsung**

**ANLEIHEBEDINGUNGEN DER SCHULDVERSCHREIBUNGEN  
(DEUTSCHE FASSUNG)**

**§ 1**

**WÄHRUNG, STÜCKELUNG, [Im Fall von Schuldverschreibungen, die der Umstellung unterliegen, ist folgendes anwendbar: UMSTELLUNG,] FORM, BESTIMMTE DEFINITIONEN**

Im Falle von Schuldverschreibungen, die nicht der Umstellung unterliegen, ist folgendes anwendbar

[(1) *Währung; Stückelung.* Diese Serie der Schuldverschreibungen (die "**Schuldverschreibungen**") der RWE Aktiengesellschaft ("**RWE AG**" oder die "**Emittentin**") wird in **[festgelegte Währung]** (die "**festgelegte Währung**") im Gesamtnennbetrag **[Falls die Globalurkunde eine NGN ist, ist folgendes anwendbar:** (vorbehaltlich § 1 Absatz 4)] von **[Gesamtnennbetrag]** (in Worten: **[Gesamtnennbetrag in Worten]**) in einer Stückelung von **[festgelegte Stückelung]** (die "**festgelegte Stückelung**") begeben.]

Im Falle von Schuldverschreibungen, die der Umstellung unterliegen, ist folgendes anwendbar

[(1) *Währung; Stückelung; Umstellung.*

(a) Diese Serie der Schuldverschreibungen (die "**Schuldverschreibungen**") der RWE Aktiengesellschaft ("**RWE AG**" oder die "**Emittentin**") wird in **[festgelegte Währung ]** (die "**festgelegte Währung**") im Gesamtnennbetrag **[Falls die Globalurkunde eine NGN ist, ist folgendes anwendbar:** (vorbehaltlich § 1 Absatz 4)] von **[Gesamtnennbetrag]** (in Worten: **[Gesamtnennbetrag in Worten]**) in einer Stückelung von **[festgelegte Stückelung]** (die "**festgelegte Stückelung**") begeben.

(b) Die Emittentin ist berechtigt, ohne Zustimmung der jeweiligen Gläubiger durch Erklärung nach Absatz (d) ("**Umstellungserklärung**") mit Wirkung ab einem von ihr zu bestimmenden Tag ("**Umstellungstag**"), der **[Falls eine Umstellung nur mit Wirkung ab einem Zinszahlungstag zulässig sein soll, ist folgendes anwendbar:** in jedem Fall ein Zinszahlungstag (wie unten definiert) ist und] nicht vor dem Tag (der "**WWU Tag**") liegt, an dem der Staat, dessen Währung die festgelegte Währung ist (der "**Staat der Währung**") Teilnehmerstaat der Wirtschafts- und Währungsunion ("**WWU**") geworden ist, die Schuldverschreibungen insgesamt (also nicht teilweise) auf Euro umzustellen. Die Emittentin ist berechtigt, gleichzeitig die Bestimmungen über den Zinstagequotienten (wie unten definiert) hinsichtlich unterjähriger Zinszahlungen und über die Festlegung von Geschäftstagen oder Zahltagen an die dann bestehende oder voraussichtliche Marktpraxis anzupassen.

(c) Die Umstellung und etwaige zusätzliche Maßnahmen nach Absatz (b) Satz 2 erfolgen, soweit für sie keine zwingende gesetzlichen oder behördlichen Vorschriften gelten, durch entsprechende Änderungen der Emissionsbedingungen ("**Bedingungsänderung**") nach billigem Ermessen der Emittentin gemäß § 315 BGB (Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch) unter Berücksichtigung der Interessen der Gläubiger als Gesamtheit. Dabei erfolgt die Umstellung des auf **[festgelegte Währung]** lautenden Nennbetrages jeder Schuldverschreibung in Euro im Einklang mit der dann bestehenden oder voraussichtlichen Marktpraxis; soweit mit dieser vereinbar, kann die Umstellung des auf **[festgelegte Währung]** lautenden Nennbetrages jeder Schuldverschreibung in Euro bewirkt werden, indem der festgesetzte Umrechnungskurs angewendet wird, und (i) die sich ergebende Zahl auf den nächsten € 0,01 gerundet wird (wobei € 0,005 aufgerundet werden) und (ii) die oben in Absatz (a) aufgeführten handelbaren Nennbeträge auf € 0,01 umgestellt werden.

(d) Die Umstellungserklärung erfolgt durch Veröffentlichung nach § 13 unter Einhaltung einer Frist von mindestens 30 Tagen vor dem Umstellungstag. Sie muss enthalten:

(i) die Bezeichnung der Emission einschließlich ihrer Wertpapier-Kenn-Nummer,

(ii) die Angabe des Umstellungstags,

(iii) die Beschreibung der Bedingungsänderung unter Angabe des Wortlauts der zu ergänzenden oder zu ändernden Bestimmungen und der geänderten oder neu hinzugefügten Bestimmungen.

Die Emittentin ist nicht verpflichtet, eine Urkunde, die diese Emission verbrieft, gegen eine neue, auf Euro lautende Urkunde auszutauschen.

(e) Soweit anwendbare gesetzliche Bestimmungen eine Umstellung auf Euro und ergänzende Maßnahmen gestatten, kann die Emittentin von den ihr zustehenden gesetzlichen Befugnissen anstelle der ihr nach den Absätzen (b) bis (d) zustehenden Rechte oder ergänzend zu diesen Gebrauch machen **[Falls eine Umstellung nur mit Wirkung ab einem Zinszahlungstag zulässig sein soll, ist folgendes anwendbar:]**, vorausgesetzt, dass eine Bedingungsänderung in jedem Fall nur zu einem Zinszahlungstag wirksam werden kann].

(f) Mit der Umstellung dieser Schuldverschreibungen gilt jede Bezugnahme in diesen Emissionsbedingungen auf die festgelegte Währung als Bezugnahme auf Euro.]

(2) *Form.* Die Schuldverschreibungen lauten auf den Inhaber.

[(3) *Dauerglobalurkunde.* Die Schuldverschreibungen sind durch eine Dauerglobalurkunde (die "**Dauerglobalurkunde**") ohne Zinsscheine verbrieft. Die Dauerglobalurkunde trägt die Unterschriften ordnungsgemäß bevollmächtigter Vertreter der Emittentin und ist von dem Fiscal Agent oder in dessen Namen mit einer Kontrollunterschrift versehen. Einzelkunden und Zinsscheine werden nicht ausgegeben.]

Im Falle von Schuldverschreibungen, die durch eine Dauerglobalurkunde verbrieft sind, ist folgendes anwendbar

[(3) *Vorläufige Globalurkunde – Austausch.*

(a) Die Schuldverschreibungen sind anfänglich durch eine vorläufige Globalurkunde (die "**vorläufige Globalurkunde**") ohne Zinsscheine verbrieft. Die vorläufige Globalurkunde wird gegen Schuldverschreibungen in der festgelegten Stückelung, die durch eine Dauerglobalurkunde (die "**Dauerglobalurkunde**") ohne Zinsscheine verbrieft sind, ausgetauscht. Die vorläufige Globalurkunde und die Dauerglobalurkunde tragen jeweils die Unterschriften ordnungsgemäß bevollmächtigter Vertreter der Emittentin und sind jeweils von dem Fiscal Agent oder in dessen Namen mit einer Kontrollunterschrift versehen. Einzelkunden und Zinsscheine werden nicht ausgegeben.

Im Falle von Schuldverschreibungen, die anfänglich durch eine vorläufige Globalurkunde verbrieft sind, ist folgendes anwendbar

(b) Die vorläufige Globalurkunde wird frühestens an einem Tag (der "**Austauschtag**") gegen die Dauerglobalurkunde austauschbar, der 40 Tage nach dem Tag der Begebung der durch die vorläufige Globalurkunde verbrieften Schuldverschreibungen liegt. Ein solcher Austausch darf nur nach Vorlage von Bescheinigungen gemäß U.S. Steuerrecht erfolgen, wonach der oder die wirtschaftlichen Eigentümer der durch die vorläufige Globalurkunde verbrieften Schuldverschreibungen keine U.S.-Personen sind (ausgenommen bestimmte Finanzinstitute oder bestimmte Personen, die Schuldverschreibungen über solche Finanzinstitute halten). Zinszahlungen auf durch eine vorläufige Globalurkunde verbrieften Schuldverschreibungen erfolgen erst nach Vorlage solcher Bescheinigungen. Eine gesonderte Bescheinigung ist für jede solche Zinszahlung erforderlich. Jede Bescheinigung, die am oder nach dem 40. Tag nach dem Tag der Ausgabe der durch die vorläufige Globalurkunde verbrieften Schuldverschreibungen eingeht, wird als ein Ersuchen behandelt werden, diese vorläufige Globalurkunde gemäß diesem Absatz (b) dieses § 1 Absatz 3 auszutauschen. Wertpapiere, die im Austausch für die vorläufige Globalurkunde geliefert werden, dürfen nur außerhalb der Vereinigten Staaten (wie in § 6 Absatz 2 definiert) geliefert werden.]

(4) *Clearing System.* Die Globalurkunde, die die Schuldverschreibung verbrieft, wird von einem oder für ein Clearing Systems verwahrt. "**Clearing System**" bedeutet **[Bei mehr als einem Clearing System ist folgendes anwendbar: jeweils]** folgendes: [Clearstream Banking AG, Neue Börsenstr. 1, 60487 Frankfurt am Main,

Bundesrepublik Deutschland ("**CBF**") [Clearstream Banking S.A., 42 Avenue JF Kennedy, 1855 Luxemburg, Großherzogtum Luxemburg ("**CBL**"), Euroclear Bank SA/NV, Boulevard du Roi Albert II, 1210 Brüssel, Belgien ("**Euroclear**") (CBL und Euroclear jeweils ein "**ICSD**" und zusammen die "**ICSDs**")] sowie jeder Funktionsnachfolger.

Im Fall von Schuldverschreibungen, die im Namen der ICSDs verwahrt werden, und die Globalurkunde eine NGN ist, ist folgendes anwendbar

[Die Schuldverschreibungen werden in Form einer New Global Note ("**NGN**") ausgegeben und von einem common safekeeper im Namen beider ICSDs verwahrt.

Der Gesamtnennbetrag der durch die Globalurkunde verbrieften Schuldverschreibungen entspricht dem jeweils in den Registern beider ICSDs eingetragenen Gesamtbetrag. Die Register der ICSDs (unter denen die Register zu verstehen sind, die jeder ICSD für seine Kunden über den Betrag ihres Anteils an den Schuldverschreibungen führt) sind maßgeblicher Nachweis des Gesamtnennbetrages der durch die Globalurkunde verbrieften Schuldverschreibungen, und eine für zu diesem Zweck von einem ICSD jeweils ausgestellte Bescheinigung mit dem Betrag der so verbrieften Schuldverschreibungen ist maßgeblicher Bestätigung des Inhalts des Registers des betreffenden ICSD zu dem fraglichen Zeitpunkt.

Bei jeder Tilgung oder Zinszahlung auf die durch die Globalurkunde verbrieften Schuldverschreibungen bzw. beim Kauf und der Entwertung der durch die Globalurkunde verbrieften Schuldverschreibungen stellt die Emittentin sicher, dass die Einzelheiten der Rückzahlung, Zahlung oder des Kaufs und der Entwertung bezüglich der Globalurkunde entsprechend in die Unterlagen der ICSDs eingetragen werden, und dass nach dieser Eintragung vom Gesamtnennbetrag der in die Register der ICSDs aufgenommenen und durch die Globalurkunde verbrieften Schuldverschreibungen der Gesamtnennbetrag der zurückgekauften bzw. gekauften und entwerteten Schuldverschreibungen abgezogen wird.]

**[Falls die vorläufige Globalurkunde eine NGN ist, ist folgendes anwendbar:** Bei Austausch nur eines Teils von Schuldverschreibungen, die durch eine vorläufige Globalurkunde verbrieft sind, wird die Emittentin sicherstellen, dass die Einzelheiten dieses Austauschs entsprechend in die Register der ICSDs aufgenommen werden.]

Im Fall von Schuldverschreibungen, die im Namen der ICSDs verwahrt werden, und die Globalurkunde eine CGN ist, ist folgendes anwendbar

[Die Schuldverschreibungen werden in Form einer Classical Global Note ("**CGN**") ausgegeben und von einer gemeinsamen Verwahrstelle im Namen beider ICSDs verwahrt.]

(5) *Gläubiger von Schuldverschreibungen.* "**Gläubiger**" bedeutet jeder Inhaber eines Miteigentumsanteils oder anderen vergleichbaren Rechts an den Schuldverschreibungen.

## § 2

### STATUS, NEGATIVVERPFLICHTUNG

(1) *Status.* Die Schuldverschreibungen begründen nicht besicherte und nicht nachrangige Verbindlichkeiten der Emittentin, die untereinander und mit allen anderen nicht besicherten und nicht nachrangigen Verbindlichkeiten der Emittentin gleichrangig sind, soweit diesen Verbindlichkeiten nicht durch zwingende gesetzliche Bestimmungen ein Vorrang eingeräumt wird.

(2) *Negativverpflichtung.* (a) Solange Schuldverschreibungen noch ausstehen (aber nur bis zu dem Zeitpunkt, in dem alle Beträge an Kapital und Zinsen dem Fiscal Agent zur Verfügung gestellt worden sind) verpflichtet sich die Emittentin, ihr gegenwärtiges oder zukünftiges Vermögen weder ganz noch teilweise mit Grundpfandrechten, Pfandrechten oder sonstigen dinglichen Sicherungsrechten (zusammen, die "**dinglichen Sicherheiten**") zur Besicherung von gegenwärtigen oder zukünftigen Kapitalmarktverbindlichkeiten der Emittentin oder eines Dritten zu belasten oder solche Rechte zu einem solchen Zweck bestehen zu lassen, ohne gleichzeitig die Gläubiger an derselben Sicherheit in gleicher Weise und im gleichen Verhältnis teilnehmen zu lassen. Dies gilt nicht insoweit, als die

dingliche Sicherheit für Kapitalmarktverbindlichkeiten eines Unternehmens bestellt ist, das mit der Emittentin verschmolzen oder von der Emittentin erworben worden ist und diese Sicherheit im Zeitpunkt der Verschmelzung oder des Erwerbs schon bestanden hat, nicht zum Zwecke der Finanzierung der Verschmelzung oder des Erwerbs eingeräumt wurde und nach der Verschmelzung oder dem Erwerb in ihrem Umfang nicht erweitert und nicht verlängert wird. Satz 1 dieses § 2 Absatz 2(a) gilt ebenfalls nicht für die Belastung mit Sicherungsrechten zur Besicherung von Kapitalmarktverbindlichkeiten, die zum Zweck der Finanzierung, Teil- oder Refinanzierung der Kosten des Erwerbs, der Errichtung oder Entwicklung eines Projekts eingegangen werden, vorausgesetzt, dass (i) die Gläubiger einer solchen Kapitalmarktverbindlichkeit auf das dem Projekt zuzurechnende Vermögen (einschließlich der Anteile an Projektgesellschaften) und in Übereinstimmung mit der Marktpraxis abgegebene marktübliche Garantien als Rückzahlungsquelle beschränkt sind und (ii) die Sicherungsrechte ausschließlich an diesem Vermögen bestellt werden.

(b) Solange Schuldverschreibungen noch ausstehen (aber nur bis zu dem Zeitpunkt, in dem alle Beträge an Kapital und Zinsen dem Fiscal Agent zur Verfügung gestellt worden sind) verpflichtet sich die Emittentin weiter sicherzustellen, – soweit ihr dies nach ihrem billigen Urteil rechtlich möglich ist –, dass ihre wesentlichen Tochtergesellschaften (wie unten definiert) ihr gegenwärtiges oder zukünftiges Vermögen weder ganz noch teilweise mit Grundpfandrechten, Pfandrechten oder sonstigen dinglichen Sicherungsrechten (zusammen, die "**dinglichen Sicherheiten**") zur Besicherung von gegenwärtigen oder zukünftigen Kapitalmarktverbindlichkeiten der jeweiligen wesentlichen Tochtergesellschaft oder eines Dritten belasten oder solche Rechte zu einem solchen Zweck bestehen lassen. Dies gilt nicht insoweit, als die dingliche Sicherheit für Kapitalmarktverbindlichkeiten einer Tochtergesellschaft bestellt ist, die während der Laufzeit der Schuldverschreibungen wesentliche Tochtergesellschaft wird und diese dingliche Sicherheit zu diesem Zeitpunkt schon bestanden hat und danach in ihrem Umfang nicht erweitert und nicht verlängert wird. Satz 1 dieses § 2 Absatz 2(b) gilt ferner nicht insoweit, als die dingliche Sicherheit für Kapitalmarktverbindlichkeiten eines Unternehmens bestellt ist, das mit der wesentlichen Tochtergesellschaft verschmolzen oder von der wesentlichen Tochtergesellschaft erworben worden ist und diese Sicherheit im Zeitpunkt der Verschmelzung oder des Erwerbs schon bestanden hat, nicht zum Zwecke der Finanzierung der Verschmelzung oder des Erwerbs eingeräumt wurde und nach der Verschmelzung oder dem Erwerb in ihrem Umfang nicht erweitert und nicht verlängert wird. Schließlich gilt Satz 1 dieses § 2 Absatz 2(b) ebenfalls nicht für die Belastung mit Sicherungsrechten zur Besicherung von Kapitalmarktverbindlichkeiten, die zum Zweck der Finanzierung, Teil- oder Refinanzierung der Kosten des Erwerbs, der Errichtung oder Entwicklung eines Projekts eingegangen werden, vorausgesetzt, dass (i) die Gläubiger einer solchen Kapitalmarktverbindlichkeit auf das dem Projekt zuzurechnende Vermögen (einschließlich der Anteile an Projektgesellschaften) und in Übereinstimmung mit der Marktpraxis abgegebene marktübliche Garantien als Rückzahlungsquelle beschränkt sind und (ii) die Sicherungsrechte ausschließlich an diesem Vermögen bestellt werden.

(3) *Kapitalmarktverbindlichkeit und wesentliche Tochtergesellschaft.* Für die Zwecke dieses § 2 bedeutet:

- (a) der Begriff "**Kapitalmarktverbindlichkeit**" jede Verbindlichkeit aus aufgenommenen Geldern, die durch Schuldverschreibungen oder sonstige Wertpapiere, die an einer Börse oder an einem anderen organisierten Markt notiert oder gehandelt werden oder werden können, verbrieft, verkörpert oder dokumentiert sind, sowie jede Garantie oder sonstige Gewährleistung einer solchen Verbindlichkeit; und
- (b) "**wesentliche Tochtergesellschaft**" jedes Unternehmen, das im jeweils letzten Konzernabschluss der Emittentin konsolidiert wurde und (i) dessen Umsatz (wie nachfolgend definiert) gemäß seines geprüften, nicht konsolidierten Jahresabschlusses (bzw. wenn die betreffende Tochtergesellschaft selbst

konsolidierte Jahresabschlüsse erstellt, deren konsolidierter Umsatz gemäß ihres geprüften, konsolidierten Jahresabschlusses), der für die Zwecke des jeweils letzten geprüften konsolidierten Konzernabschlusses der Emittentin benutzt wurde, mindestens 5% des Gesamtumsatzes der Emittentin und deren konsolidierten Konzerngesellschaften betragen hat, wie aus dem jeweils letzten geprüften, konsolidierten Konzernabschluss ersichtlich und (ii) dessen Bilanzsumme gemäß seines geprüften, nicht konsolidierten Jahresabschlusses (bzw. wenn die betreffende Tochtergesellschaft selbst konsolidierte Jahresabschlüsse erstellt, deren konsolidierte Bilanzsumme gemäß ihres geprüften, konsolidierten Jahresabschlusses), der für die Zwecke des jeweils letzten geprüften, konsolidierten Konzernabschlusses der Emittentin benutzt wurde, mindestens 5% der konsolidierten Bilanzsumme der Emittentin und deren konsolidierten Konzerntochtergesellschaften betragen hat, wie es aus dem jeweils letzten geprüften, konsolidierten Konzernabschluss ersichtlich ist. Zu den "*wesentlichen Tochtergesellschaften*" zählt nicht eine solche Gesellschaft, die zwar im jeweils letzten Konzernabschluss der Emittentin konsolidiert wurde, die aber nach dem Stichtag dieses Abschlusses zum Zeitpunkt einer etwaigen Begründung von dinglichen Sicherheiten an ihrem gegenwärtigen oder zukünftigen Vermögen zur Besicherung von Kapitalmarktverbindlichkeiten nicht mehr von der Emittentin zu konsolidieren wäre, es sei denn, dass zu diesem Zeitpunkt absehbar ist, dass diese Gesellschaft nicht dauerhaft aus dem Kreis der konsolidierungspflichtigen Tochtergesellschaften ausscheidet. Für die Zwecke dieses Absatzes (b) des § 2 Absatz 3 bedeutet "**Umsatz**" die Umsatzerlöse ohne Mineralöl-, Erdgas- und Stromsteuer.

### § 3 ZINSEN

(1) *Zinszahlungstage.*

(a) Die Schuldverschreibungen werden bezogen auf ihren Gesamtnennbetrag ab dem **[Verzinsungsbeginn]** (der "**Verzinsungsbeginn**") (einschließlich) bis zum ersten Zinszahlungstag (ausschließlich) und danach von jedem Zinszahlungstag (einschließlich) bis zum nächstfolgenden Zinszahlungstag (ausschließlich) verzinst. Zinsen auf die Schuldverschreibungen sind an jedem Zinszahlungstag zahlbar.

(b) "**Zinszahlungstag**" bedeutet

Im Fall von festgelegten Zinszahlungstagen ist folgendes anwendbar

[jeder **[festgelegte Zinszahlungstage]**.]

Im Fall von festgelegten Zinsperioden ist folgendes anwendbar

[(soweit diese Anleihebedingungen keine abweichenden Bestimmungen vorsehen) jeweils der Tag, der **[Zahl]** **[Wochen]** **[Monate]** nach dem vorhergehenden Zinszahlungstag, oder im Fall des ersten Zinszahlungstages, nach dem Verzinsungsbeginn liegt.]

(c) Fällt ein Zinszahlungstag auf einen Tag, der kein Geschäftstag (wie nachstehend definiert) ist, so wird der Zinszahlungstag

Im Fall der modifizierten folgender Geschäftstag-Konvention ist folgendes anwendbar

[auf den nächstfolgenden Geschäftstag verschoben, es sei denn, jener würde dadurch in den nächsten Kalendermonat fallen; in diesem Fall wird der Zinszahlungstag auf den unmittelbar vorhergehenden Geschäftstag vorgezogen.]

Im Fall der FRN (*Floating Rate Note* – variabel verzinsliche Schuldverschreibung)-Konvention ist folgendes anwendbar

[auf den nächstfolgenden Geschäftstag verschoben, es sei denn, jener würde dadurch in den nächsten Kalendermonat fallen; in diesem Fall (i) wird der Zinszahlungstag auf den unmittelbar vorhergehenden Geschäftstag vorgezogen und (ii) ist jeder nachfolgende Zinszahlungstag der jeweils letzte Geschäftstag des Monats, der **[Zahl]** **[Monate]** nach dem vorhergehenden anwendbaren Zinszahlungstag liegt.]

Im Fall der folgender

[auf den nachfolgenden Geschäftstag verschoben.]

**Geschäftstag-Konvention ist folgendes anwendbar**

**Im Fall der vorhergegangener Geschäftstag-Konvention ist folgendes anwendbar**

**Falls die festgelegte Währung nicht Euro ist, ist folgendes anwendbar**

**Falls die festgelegte Währung Euro ist, ist folgendes anwendbar**

[auf den unmittelbar vorhergehenden Geschäftstag vorgezogen.]

(d) "**Geschäftstag**" bezeichnet einen Tag (außer einem Samstag oder Sonntag), an dem das Clearing System geöffnet ist sowie

[Geschäftsbanken allgemein für Geschäfte in **[relevante(s) Finanzzentrum(en)]** geöffnet sind und Devisenmärkte Zahlungen in **[relevantes Finanzzentrum(en)]** abwickeln] [.] [und]

[alle betroffenen Bereiche des Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross Settlement Express Transfer System 2 ("**TARGET**") betriebsbereit sind, um die betreffende Zahlung abzuwickeln.]

(2) **Zinssatz**. Der Zinssatz (der "**Zinssatz**") für jede Zinsperiode (wie nachstehend definiert) wird, sofern nachstehend nichts Abweichendes bestimmt wird, durch die Berechnungsstelle bestimmt und ist der Referenzsatz (wie nachstehend definiert) **[[zuzüglich] [abzüglich]** der Marge (wie nachstehend definiert)]. Der anwendbare Referenzsatz ist der auf der Bildschirmseite am Zinsfestlegungstag (wie nachstehend definiert) gegen 11.00 Uhr (Brüsseler Ortszeit) angezeigte Satz.

"**Referenzsatz**" bezeichnet den Angebotssatz, (ausgedrückt als Prozentsatz *per annum*) für Einlagen in der festgelegten Währung für die jeweilige Zinsperiode (EURIBOR).

"**Zinsperiode**" bezeichnet jeweils den Zeitraum vom Verzinsungsbeginn (einschließlich) bis zum ersten Zinszahlungstag (ausschließlich) bzw. von jedem Zinszahlungstag (einschließlich) bis zum jeweils darauffolgenden Zinszahlungstag (ausschließlich).

"**Zinsfestlegungstag**" bezeichnet den zweiten TARGET-Geschäftstag vor Beginn der jeweiligen Zinsperiode. "**TARGET-Geschäftstag**" bezeichnet einen Tag, an dem TARGET (Trans-European Automated Real-time Groß Settlement Express Transfer System) betriebsbereit ist.

**[Im Falle einer Marge ist folgendes anwendbar** Die "**Marge**" beträgt [ ]% *per annum*.]

"**Bildschirmseite**" bedeutet Reuters Bildschirmseite EURIBOR01 oder die jeweilige Nachfolgesseite, die vom selben System angezeigt wird oder aber von einem anderen System, das zum Vertreter von Informationen zum Zwecke der Anzeigen von Sätzen oder Preisen ernannt wurde, die dem betreffenden Angebotssatz vergleichbar sind.

Sollte die maßgebliche Bildschirmseite nicht zur Verfügung stehen oder wird zu der genannten Zeit kein Angebotssatz für den Referenzsatz angezeigt und vorausgesetzt, dass kein Ersatzrate-Ereignis gemäß § 3[(9)] eingetreten ist, wird die Berechnungsstelle von den Referenzbanken (wie nachstehend definiert) deren jeweilige Angebotssätze (jeweils als Prozentsatz *per annum* ausgedrückt) für Einlagen in der festgelegten Währung für die betreffende Zinsperiode und über einen repräsentativen Betrag gegenüber führenden Banken im Interbanken-Markt in der Euro-Zone um ca. 11.00 Uhr (Brüsseler Ortszeit) am Zinsfestlegungstag anfordern. Falls zwei oder mehr Referenzbanken der Berechnungsstelle solche Angebotssätze nennen, ist der Zinssatz für die betreffende Zinsperiode das arithmetische Mittel (falls erforderlich, auf- oder abgerundet auf das nächste ein Tausendstel Prozent, wobei 0,0005 aufgerundet wird) dieser Angebotssätze **[Im Falle einer Marge ist folgendes anwendbar: [[zuzüglich] [abzüglich]** der Marge], wobei alle Festlegungen durch die Berechnungsstelle erfolgen.

Falls an einem Zinsfestlegungstag nur eine oder keine der Referenzbanken der Berechnungsstelle solche im vorstehenden Absatz beschriebenen Angebotssätze nennt, ist der Zinssatz für die betreffende Zinsperiode der Satz *per annum*, den die Berechnungsstelle als das arithmetische Mittel (falls erforderlich, auf- oder abgerundet auf das nächste ein Tausendstel Prozent, wobei 0,0005 aufgerundet wird) der Angebotssätze ermittelt, die von der Berechnungsstelle in angemessener Sorgfalt ausgewählte Großbanken im Interbanken-Markt in der Euro-Zone der Berechnungsstelle auf ihre Anfrage als den jeweiligen Satz nennen, zu dem sie um ca. 11.00 Uhr (Brüsseler Ortszeit) am betreffenden Zinsfestlegungstag Darlehen in der festgelegten Währung für die betreffende Zinsperiode und über einen repräsentativen Betrag gegenüber führenden europäischen Banken anbieten **[Im Falle einer Marge ist folgendes anwendbar: [zuzüglich] [abzüglich] der Marge].**

Falls der Zinssatz nicht gemäß den vorstehenden Bestimmungen dieses Absatzes (2) ermittelt werden kann, ist der Zinssatz für diese Zinsperiode der Angebotssatz auf der Bildschirmseite, wie vorstehend beschrieben, an dem letzten Tag vor dem Zinsfestlegungstag, an dem dieser Angebotssatz angezeigt wurde **[[zuzüglich] [abzüglich] der Marge (wie vorstehend definiert)],** wobei alle Festlegungen durch die Berechnungsstelle erfolgen.

"Referenzbanken" bezeichnet vier Großbanken im Interbanken-Markt in der Euro-Zone.

"Euro-Zone" bezeichnet das Gebiet derjenigen Mitgliedstaaten der Europäischen Union, die gemäß dem Vertrag über die Gründung der Europäischen Gemeinschaft (unterzeichnet in Rom am 25. März 1957), geändert durch den Vertrag über die Europäische Union (unterzeichnet in Maastricht am 7. Februar 1992), den Amsterdamer Vertrag vom 2. Oktober 1997 und den Vertrag von Lissabon vom 13. Dezember 2007, in seiner jeweiligen Fassung, eine einheitliche Währung eingeführt haben oder jeweils eingeführt haben werden.

Im Falle eines  
Mindestzinssatzes ist  
folgendes anwendbar

**[(3) *Mindest-Zinssatz.*** Wenn der gemäß den obigen Bestimmungen für eine Zinsperiode ermittelte Zinssatz niedriger ist als **[Mindestzinssatz]**, so ist der Zinssatz für diese Zinsperiode **[Mindestzinssatz].**

Im Falle eines  
Höchstzinssatzes ist  
folgendes anwendbar

**[(3) *Höchst- Zinssatz.*** Wenn der gemäß den obigen Bestimmungen für eine Zinsperiode ermittelte Zinssatz höher ist als **[Höchstzinssatz]**, so ist der Zinssatz für diese Zinsperiode **[Höchstzinssatz].**

**[(4) *Zinsbetrag.*** Die Berechnungsstelle wird zu oder baldmöglichst nach jedem Zeitpunkt, an dem der Zinssatz zu bestimmen ist, den auf die Schuldverschreibungen zahlbaren Zinsbetrag in Bezug auf die festgelegte Stückelung (der "**Zinsbetrag**") für die entsprechende Zinsperiode berechnen. Der Zinsbetrag wird ermittelt, indem der Zinssatz und der Zinstagequotient (wie nachstehend definiert) auf die festgelegte Stückelung angewendet werden, wobei der resultierende Betrag auf die kleinste Einheit der festgelegten Währung auf- oder abgerundet wird, wobei 0,5 solcher Einheiten aufgerundet werden.

**[(5) *Mitteilung von Zinssatz und Zinsbetrag.*** Die Berechnungsstelle wird veranlassen, dass der Zinssatz, der Zinsbetrag für die jeweilige Zinsperiode, die jeweilige Zinsperiode und der betreffende Zinszahlungstag der Emittentin sowie den Gläubigern gemäß § 13 baldmöglichst, aber keinesfalls später als am vierten auf die Berechnung jeweils folgenden TARGET Geschäftstag (wie in § 3 Absatz 2 definiert) sowie jeder Börse, an der die betreffenden Schuldverschreibungen zu diesem Zeitpunkt notiert sind und deren Regeln eine Mitteilung an die Börse verlangen, baldmöglichst nach der Bestimmung, aber keinesfalls später als am ersten Tag der jeweiligen Zinsperiode mitgeteilt werden. Im Fall einer Verlängerung oder Verkürzung der Zinsperiode können der mitgeteilte Zinsbetrag und Zinszahlungstag ohne Vorankündigung nachträglich geändert (oder andere geeignete Anpassungsregelungen getroffen) werden. Jede solche Änderung wird umgehend allen Börsen, an denen die Schuldverschreibungen zu diesem Zeitpunkt notiert sind, sowie den Gläubigern gemäß § 13 mitgeteilt.

[(6)] *Verbindlichkeit der Festsetzungen.* Alle Bescheinigungen, Mitteilungen, Gutachten, Festsetzungen, Berechnungen, Quotierungen und Entscheidungen, die von der Berechnungsstelle für die Zwecke dieses § 3 gemacht, abgegeben, getroffen oder eingeholt werden, sind (sofern nicht ein offensichtlicher Irrtum vorliegt) für die Emittentin, den Fiscal Agent[, die Zahlstelle] und die Gläubiger bindend.

[(7)] *Auflaufende Zinsen.* Sollte die Emittentin die Schuldverschreibungen bei Fälligkeit nicht einlösen, endet die Verzinsung der Schuldverschreibungen nicht am Fälligkeitstag, sondern erst mit der tatsächlichen Rückzahlung der Schuldverschreibungen. Der jeweils geltende Zinssatz ist der gesetzlich festgelegte Satz für Verzugszinsen.<sup>(1)</sup>

[(8)] *Zinstagequotient.* "**Zinstagequotient**" bezeichnet im Hinblick auf die Berechnung eines Zinsbetrages auf eine Schuldverschreibung für einen beliebigen Zeitraum (der "**Zinsberechnungszeitraum**"):

Im Falle von Actual/365 (Fixed) ist folgendes anwendbar

[die tatsächliche Anzahl von Tagen im Zinsberechnungszeitraum, dividiert durch 365.]

Im Falle von Actual/360 ist folgendes anwendbar

[die tatsächliche Anzahl von Tagen im Zinsberechnungszeitraum, dividiert durch 360.]

[(9)](a) *Ersatzrate.* Stellt die Emittentin (in Abstimmung mit der Berechnungsstelle) fest, dass vor oder an einem Zinsfestlegungstag ein Ersatzrate-Ereignis eingetreten ist, wird die Jeweilige Festlegende Stelle (i) die Ersatzrate, (ii) die etwaige Anpassungsspanne und (iii) die Ersatzrate-Anpassungen (wie jeweils in § 3[(9)](b)(aa) bis (cc) definiert) zur Bestimmung des Zinssatzes für die auf den Zinsfestlegungstag bezogene Zinsperiode und jede nachfolgende Zinsperiode (vorbehaltlich des nachfolgenden Eintretens etwaiger weiterer Ersatzrate-Ereignisse) festlegen und die Emittentin, sofern relevant, und die Berechnungsstelle darüber informieren. Die Anleihebedingungen gelten mit Wirkung ab dem relevanten Zinsfestlegungstag (einschließlich) als durch die Ersatzrate-Anpassungen (wie in § 3[(9)](b)(hh) definiert) geändert (einschließlich einer etwaigen Änderung dieses Zinsfestlegungstags, falls die Ersatzrate-Anpassungen dies so bestimmen). Der Zinssatz ist dann die Ersatzrate (wie nachfolgend definiert) angepasst durch die etwaige Anpassungsspanne [[zuzüglich] [abzüglich] der Marge (wie vorstehend definiert)].

Die Emittentin wird den Gläubigern die Ersatzrate, die etwaige Anpassungsspanne und die Ersatzrate-Anpassungen unverzüglich nach einer solchen Festlegung gemäß § 13 mitteilen. Darüber hinaus wird die Emittentin [das Clearing System] [die gemeinsame Verwahrstelle im Namen beider ICSDs] auffordern, die Anleihebedingungen zu ergänzen, um die Ersatzrate-Anpassungen wiederzugeben, indem sie der Globalurkunde die durch sie vorgelegten Dokumente in geeigneter Weise beifügt.

(b) *Definitionen.*

(aa) "**Ersatzrate-Ereignis**" bezeichnet in Bezug auf den Referenzsatz eines der nachfolgenden Ereignisse:

- (i) der Referenzsatz wurde an zehn (10) aufeinanderfolgenden Geschäftstagen unmittelbar vor dem relevanten Zinsfestlegungstag nicht veröffentlicht; oder
- (ii) der Eintritt des durch die für den Administrator des Referenzsatzes zuständige Behörde öffentlich bekannt gegebenen Tages bzw. des auf Grundlage der öffentlichen Bekanntmachung bestimmbar Tages, an dem der Referenzsatz den zugrundeliegenden Markt oder die zugrunde liegende wirtschaftliche Realität nicht mehr abbildet und von der für den Administrator des Referenzsatzes zuständigen Behörde keine Maßnahmen zur Behebung dieser

<sup>(1)</sup> Der gesetzliche Verzugszinssatz beträgt für das Jahr fünf Prozentpunkte über dem von der Deutsche Bundesbank von Zeit zu Zeit veröffentlichten Basiszinssatz, §§ 288 Absatz 1, 247 Absatz 1 BGB (Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch).



Situation ergriffen wurden bzw. solche nicht erwartet werden; oder

- (iii) der Eintritt des durch den Administrator des Referenzsatzes öffentlich bekannt gegebenen Tages bzw. des auf Grundlage der öffentlichen Bekanntmachung bestimmbareren Tages, an dem der Administrator (x) damit beginnen wird, den Referenzsatz in geordneter Weise abzuwickeln oder (y) die Veröffentlichung des Referenzsatzes dauerhaft oder auf unbestimmte Zeit beendet (wenn kein Nachfolgeadministrator ernannt worden ist, der die Veröffentlichung des Referenzsatzes fortsetzen wird); oder
  - (iv) der Eintritt des durch die für den Administrator des Referenzsatzes zuständige Behörde, die Zentralbank für die festgelegte Währung, einen Insolvenzbeauftragten mit Zuständigkeit über den Administrator des Referenzsatzes, die Abwicklungsbehörde mit Zuständigkeit über den Administrator des Referenzsatzes, ein Gericht (rechtskräftige Entscheidung) oder eine Organisation mit ähnlicher insolvenz- oder abwicklungsrechtlicher Hoheit über den Administrator des Referenzsatzes öffentlich bekannt gegebenen Tages, an dem der Administrator des Referenzsatzes (x) damit beginnen wird, den Referenzsatz in geordneter Weise abzuwickeln oder (y) die Bereitstellung des Referenzsatzes dauerhaft oder auf unbestimmte Zeit beendet hat oder beenden wird (wenn kein Nachfolgeadministrator ernannt worden ist, der die Veröffentlichung des Referenzsatzes fortsetzen wird); oder
  - (v) der Eintritt des durch die für den Administrator des Referenzsatzes zuständige Behörde öffentlich bekannt gegebenen Tages bzw. des auf Grundlage der öffentlichen Bekanntmachung bestimmbareren Tages, von dem an die Nutzung des Referenzsatzes allgemein verboten ist; oder
  - (vi) der Eintritt des durch den Administrator des Referenzsatzes öffentlich bekannt gegebenen Tages bzw. des auf Grundlage der öffentlichen Bekanntmachung bestimmbareren Tages, einer materiellen Änderung der Methode mittels derer der Referenzsatz festgelegt wird; oder
  - (vii) die Veröffentlichung einer Mitteilung durch die Emittentin gemäß § 13 Absatz 1, dass die Verwendung des Referenzsatzes zur Berechnung des Zinssatzes für die Emittentin, die Berechnungsstelle oder eine Zahlstelle rechtswidrig geworden ist; oder
  - (viii) die Europäische Kommission oder die zuständige nationale Behörde eines Mitgliedstaats haben einen oder mehrere Ersatz-Referenzwerte für einen Referenzsatz gemäß Art. 23b (2) und Art. 23c(1) der Referenzwerte-Verordnung (Verordnung (EU) 2016/1011, in der jeweils gültigen Fassung) bestimmt.
- (bb) "**Ersatzrate**" bezeichnet eine öffentlich verfügbare Austausch-, Nachfolge-, Alternativ- oder andere Rate, welche entwickelt wurde, um durch Finanzinstrumente oder –kontrakte, einschließlich der Schuldverschreibungen, in Bezug genommen zu werden, um einen unter solchen Finanzinstrumenten oder –kontrakten zahlbaren Betrag zu bestimmen, einschließlich aber nicht ausschließlich eines Zinsbetrages. Bei der Festlegung der Ersatzrate sind die Relevanten Leitlinien (wie nachstehend definiert) zu berücksichtigen.
- (cc) "**Anpassungsspanne**" bezeichnet die Differenz (positiv oder negativ) oder eine Formel oder Methode zur Bestimmung einer solchen Differenz, welche nach Festlegung der Jeweiligen Festlegenden Stelle auf die Ersatzrate anzuwenden ist, um eine Verlagerung des wirtschaftlichen Wertes zwischen der Emittentin und den Gläubigern, die ohne diese Anpassung infolge der Ersetzung des Referenzsatzes durch die

Ersatzrate entstehen würde (einschließlich aber nicht ausschließlich infolgedessen, dass die Ersatzrate eine risikofreie Rate ist), soweit sinnvollerweise möglich, zu reduzieren oder auszuschließen. Bei der Festlegung der Anpassungsspanne sind die Relevanten Leitlinien (wie nachstehend definiert) zu berücksichtigen.

- (dd) "**Jeweilige Festlegende Stelle**" bezeichnet
- (i) die Emittentin, wenn die Ersatzrate ihrer Meinung nach offensichtlich ist und als solches ohne vernünftigen Zweifel durch einen Investor, der hinsichtlich der jeweiligen Art von Schuldverschreibungen, wie beispielsweise diese Schuldverschreibungen, sachkundig ist, bestimmbar ist; oder
  - (ii) andernfalls ein Unabhängiger Berater (wie nachfolgend definiert), der von der Emittentin zu wirtschaftlich angemessenen Bedingungen unter zumutbaren Bemühungen als ihr Beauftragter für die Vornahme dieser Festlegungen ernannt wird.
- (ee) "**Unabhängiger Berater**" bezeichnet ein unabhängiges, international angesehenes Finanzinstitut oder einen anderen unabhängigen Finanzberater mit anerkanntem Ruf und angemessener Fachkenntnis.
- (ff) "**Relevante Leitlinien**" bezeichnet (i) jede auf die Emittentin oder die Schuldverschreibungen anwendbare gesetzliche oder aufsichtsrechtliche Anforderung, oder, wenn es keine gibt, (ii) jede anwendbare Anforderung, Empfehlung oder Leitlinie der Relevanten Nominierungsstelle oder, wenn es keine gibt, (iii) jede relevante Empfehlung oder Leitlinie von Branchenvereinigungen (einschließlich ISDA), oder wenn es keine gibt, (iv) jede relevante Marktpraxis.
- (gg) "**Relevante Nominierungsstelle**" bezeichnet
- (i) die Zentralbank für die festgelegte Währung oder eine Zentralbank oder andere Aufsichtsbehörde, die für die Aufsicht über den Referenzsatz oder den Administrator des Referenzsatzes zuständig ist; oder
  - (ii) die Europäische Kommission oder jede zuständige nationale Behörde eines Mitgliedstaates; oder
  - (iii) jede Arbeitsgruppe oder jeder Ausschuss, befürwortet, unterstützt oder einberufen durch oder unter dem Vorsitz von bzw. mitgeleitet durch (w) die Zentralbank für die festgelegte Währung, (x) eine Zentralbank oder andere Aufsichtsbehörde, die für die Aufsicht über den Referenzsatz oder den Administrator des Referenzsatzes zuständig ist, (y) einer Gruppe der zuvor genannten Zentralbanken oder anderen Aufsichtsbehörden oder (z) den Finanzstabilitätsrat (Financial Stability Board) oder einem Teil davon.
- (hh) "**Ersatzrate-Anpassungen**" bezeichnet solche Anpassungen der Anleihebedingungen, die als folgerichtig festgelegt werden, um die Funktion der Ersatzrate zu ermöglichen (wovon unter anderem Anpassungen an der anwendbaren Geschäftstagekonvention, der Definition von Geschäftstag, am Zinsfestlegungstag, am Zinstagequotient oder jeder Methode oder Definition, um die Ersatzrate zu erhalten oder zu berechnen, erfasst sein können). Bei der Festlegung der Ersatzrate-Anpassungen sind die Relevanten Leitlinien (wie vorstehend definiert) zu berücksichtigen.
- (c) *Kündigung. Können* eine Ersatzrate, eine etwaige Anpassungsspanne oder die Ersatzrate-Anpassungen nicht gemäß § 3[(9)](a) und (b) bestimmt werden, ist der Referenzsatz in Bezug auf den relevanten Zinsfestlegungstag der für die zuletzt vorangehende Zinsperiode bestimmte Referenzsatz. Die Emittentin wird die Berechnungsstelle entsprechend informieren. Infolgedessen kann die Emittentin die Schuldverschreibungen an jedem Geschäftstag vor dem jeweiligen nachfolgenden Zinsfestlegungstag jederzeit

insgesamt, jedoch nicht teilweise, mit einer Kündigungsfrist von nicht weniger als 15 Tagen gemäß § 13 gegenüber den Gläubigern vorzeitig kündigen und zu ihrem Rückzahlungsbetrag zuzüglich bis zum für die Rückzahlung festgesetzten Tag aufgelaufener Zinsen zurückzahlen.

#### § 4 ZÄHLUNGEN

(1)(a) *Zahlungen auf Kapital.* Zahlungen auf Kapital in Bezug auf die Schuldverschreibungen erfolgen nach Maßgabe des nachstehenden Absatzes 2 an das Clearing System oder dessen Order zur Gutschrift auf den Konten der jeweiligen Kontoinhaber des Clearing Systems.

(b) *Zahlung von Zinsen.* Die Zahlung von Zinsen auf Schuldverschreibungen erfolgt nach Maßgabe von Absatz 2 an das Clearing System oder dessen Order zur Gutschrift auf den Konten der jeweiligen Kontoinhaber des Clearing Systems.

Im Falle von  
Zinszahlungen auf eine  
vorläufige  
Globalurkunde ist  
folgendes anwendbar

[Die Zahlung von Zinsen auf Schuldverschreibungen, die durch die vorläufige Globalurkunde verbrieft sind, erfolgt nach Maßgabe von Absatz 2 an das Clearing System oder dessen Order zur Gutschrift auf den Konten der jeweiligen Kontoinhaber des Clearing Systems, und zwar nach ordnungsgemäßer Bescheinigung gemäß § 1 Absatz 3(b).]

(2) *Zahlungsweise.* Vorbehaltlich (i) geltender steuerlicher und sonstiger gesetzlicher Regelungen und Vorschriften und (ii) eines Einbehalts oder Abzugs aufgrund eines Vertrags wie in Section 1471(b) des U.S. Internal Revenue Code von 1986 (der "**Code**") beschrieben bzw. anderweit gemäß Section 1471 bis Section 1474 des Code auferlegt, etwaigen aufgrund dessen getroffener Regelungen oder geschlossener Abkommen, etwaiger offizieller Auslegungen davon, oder von Gesetzen zur Umsetzung einer Regierungszusammenarbeit dazu erfolgen zu leistende Zahlungen auf die Schuldverschreibungen in der festgelegten Währung **[Im Fall von Schuldverschreibungen, die der Umstellung unterliegen, ist folgendes anwendbar:** oder – falls der WWU Tag eingetreten ist – und die Schuldverschreibungen in **[festgelegte Währung]** denominiert sind, Zahlungen auf die Schuldverschreibungen nach Wahl der Emittentin in Euro oder in **[festgelegte Währung]** erfolgen können].

(3) *Erfüllung.* Die Emittentin wird durch Leistung der Zahlung an das Clearing System oder dessen Order von ihrer Zahlungspflicht befreit.

(4) *Zahltag.* Fällt der Fälligkeitstag einer Zahlung in Bezug auf eine Schuldverschreibung auf einen Tag, der kein Zahltag ist, dann hat der Gläubiger keinen Anspruch auf Zahlung vor dem nächsten Zahltag am jeweiligen Geschäftsort. Der Gläubiger ist nicht berechtigt, weitere Zinsen oder sonstige Zahlungen aufgrund dieser Verspätung zu verlangen.

Für diese Zwecke bezeichnet "**Zahltag**" einen Tag, der ein Geschäftstag ist.

(5) *Bezugnahmen auf Kapital und Zinsen.* Bezugnahmen in diesen Anleihebedingungen auf Kapital der Schuldverschreibungen schließen, soweit anwendbar, die folgenden Beträge ein: den Rückzahlungsbetrag der Schuldverschreibungen; **[Falls die Emittentin das Wahlrecht hat, die Schuldverschreibungen aus anderen als steuerlichen Gründen vorzeitig zurückzahlen, ist folgendes anwendbar:** den Wahl-Rückzahlungsbetrag (Call) der Schuldverschreibungen;] sowie jeden Aufschlag sowie sonstige auf oder in Bezug auf die Schuldverschreibungen zahlbaren Beträge. Bezugnahmen in diesen Anleihebedingungen auf Zinsen auf die Schuldverschreibungen sollen, soweit anwendbar, sämtliche gemäß § 7 zahlbaren zusätzlichen Beträge einschließen.

(6) *Hinterlegung von Kapital und Zinsen.* Die Emittentin ist berechtigt, beim Amtsgericht Frankfurt am Main Zins- oder Kapitalbeträge zu hinterlegen, die von den Gläubigern nicht innerhalb von zwölf Monaten nach dem Fälligkeitstag beansprucht worden sind, auch wenn die Gläubiger sich nicht in Annahmeverzug befinden. Soweit eine solche Hinterlegung erfolgt, und auf das Recht der Rücknahme verzichtet wird, erlöschen die diesbezüglichen Ansprüche der Gläubiger gegen die Emittentin.

## § 5 RÜCKZAHLUNG

(1) *Rückzahlung bei Endfälligkeit.* Soweit nicht zuvor bereits ganz oder teilweise zurückgezahlt oder angekauft und entwertet, werden die Schuldverschreibungen zu ihrem Rückzahlungsbetrag am in den **[Rückzahlungsmonat]** fallenden Zinszahlungstag (der "**Fälligkeitstag**") zurückgezahlt. Der "**Rückzahlungsbetrag**" in Bezug auf jede Schuldverschreibung entspricht dem Nennbetrag der Schuldverschreibungen.

(2) *Vorzeitige Rückzahlung aus steuerlichen Gründen.* Die Schuldverschreibungen können insgesamt, jedoch nicht teilweise, nach Wahl der Emittentin mit einer Kündigungsfrist von nicht weniger als 30 und nicht mehr als 60 Tagen gegenüber dem Fiscal Agent und gemäß § 13 gegenüber den Gläubigern vorzeitig gekündigt und zu ihrem Rückzahlungsbetrag zuzüglich bis zum für die Rückzahlung festgesetzten Tag aufgelaufener Zinsen zurückgezahlt werden, falls die Emittentin als Folge einer Änderung oder Ergänzung der Steuer- oder Abgabengesetze und -vorschriften der Bundesrepublik Deutschland oder deren politischen Untergliederungen oder Steuerbehörden oder als Folge einer Änderung oder Ergänzung der Anwendung oder der offiziellen Auslegung dieser Gesetze und Vorschriften (vorausgesetzt, diese Änderung oder Ergänzung wird am oder nach dem Tag, an dem die letzte Tranche dieser Serie von Schuldverschreibungen begeben wird, wirksam) am nächstfolgenden Zinszahlungstag (wie in § 3 Absatz 1 definiert) zur Zahlung von zusätzlichen Beträgen (wie in § 7 definiert) verpflichtet sein wird und diese Verpflichtung nicht durch das Ergreifen vernünftiger, der Emittentin zur Verfügung stehender Maßnahmen vermieden werden kann.

Eine solche Kündigung darf allerdings nicht (i) früher als 90 Tage vor dem frühestmöglichen Termin erfolgen, an dem die Emittentin verpflichtet wäre, solche zusätzlichen Beträge zu zahlen, falls eine Zahlung auf die Schuldverschreibungen dann fällig sein würde, oder (ii) erfolgen, wenn zu dem Zeitpunkt, in dem die Kündigungsmittelteilung erfolgt, die Verpflichtung zur Zahlung von zusätzlichen Beträgen nicht mehr wirksam ist. Der für die Rückzahlung festgelegte Termin muss ein Zinszahlungstag sein.

Eine solche Kündigung hat gemäß § 13 zu erfolgen. Sie ist unwiderruflich, muss den für die Rückzahlung festgelegten Termin nennen und eine zusammenfassende Erklärung enthalten, welche die das Rückzahlungsrecht der Emittentin begründenden Umstände darlegt.

[(3) *Vorzeitige Rückzahlung nach Wahl der Emittentin.*

(a) Die Emittentin kann, nachdem sie gemäß Absatz (b) gekündigt hat, die Schuldverschreibungen insgesamt oder teilweise am **[Zahl]** Jahre nach dem Verzinsungsbeginn folgenden Zinszahlungstag und danach an jedem darauf folgenden Zinszahlungstag (jeder ein "**Wahl-Rückzahlungstag (Call)**") zum Rückzahlungsbetrag nebst etwaigen bis zum Wahl-Rückzahlungstag (Call) (ausschließlich) aufgelaufenen Zinsen zurückzahlen.

(b) Die Kündigung ist den Gläubigern der Schuldverschreibungen durch die Emittentin gemäß § 13 bekannt zu geben. Sie beinhaltet die folgenden Angaben:

(i) die zurückzuzahlende Serie von Schuldverschreibungen;

(ii) eine Erklärung, ob diese Serie ganz oder teilweise zurückgezahlt wird und im letzteren Fall den Gesamtnennbetrag der zurückzuzahlenden Schuldverschreibungen; und

(iii) den Wahl-Rückzahlungstag (Call), der nicht weniger als **[Mindestkündigungsfrist]** und nicht mehr als **[Höchstkündigungsfrist]** Tage nach dem Tag der Kündigung durch die Emittentin gegenüber den Gläubigern liegen darf;

(c) Wenn die Schuldverschreibungen nur teilweise zurückgezahlt werden, werden die zurückzuzahlenden Schuldverschreibungen in Übereinstimmung mit den

Falls die Emittentin das Wahlrecht hat, die Schuldverschreibungen vorzeitig zum Rückzahlungsbetrag zurückzahlen, ist folgendes anwendbar:

Regeln des betreffenden Clearing Systems ausgewählt.] **[Falls die Schuldverschreibungen in Form einer NGN begeben werden, ist folgendes anwendbar:** Die teilweise Rückzahlung wird in den Registern von CBL und Euroclear nach deren Ermessen entweder als Pool-Faktor oder als Reduzierung des Gesamtnennbetrags wiedergegeben.]]

Falls der Gläubiger ein Wahlrecht hat, die Schuldverschreibungen vorzeitig aufgrund eines Kontrollwechsels zu kündigen, ist folgendes anwendbar

**[[4)] Vorzeitige Rückzahlung aufgrund eines Kontrollwechsels.**

- (a) Für den Fall, dass ein Kontrollwechsel (wie nachstehend definiert) stattfindet und innerhalb des Kontrollwechselzeitraums eine Ratingherabstufung (wie nachstehend definiert) aufgrund des Kontrollwechsels oder dessen Ankündigung erfolgt (ein "**Vorzeitiger Rückzahlungsgrund**"):
- (i) erhält jeder Gläubiger das Recht, von der Emittentin durch Erklärung eines Rückzahlungsverlangens (das "**Vorzeitige Rückzahlungsverlangen**") zum Stichtag (wie nachstehend unter Absatz (a)(ii)(B) definiert) die Rückzahlung seiner Schuldverschreibungen, deren vorzeitige Rückzahlung nicht bereits auf andere Weise erklärt worden ist, ganz oder teilweise, zu deren Nennbetrag einschließlich Zinsen bis zum Stichtag (ausschließlich) zu verlangen. Jedes Vorzeitige Rückzahlungsverlangen muss dem Fiscal Agent oder dem Clearing System über die Depotbank (wie in § 14 Absatz 3 definiert) nicht weniger als 30 Tage vor dem Stichtag zugehen; und
- (ii) wird die Emittentin (A) unmittelbar nachdem sie von dem Vorzeitigen Rückzahlungsgrund Kenntnis erlangt hat, dies gemäß § 13 unverzüglich bekannt machen, und (B) einen Zeitpunkt für die Zwecke des Vorzeitigen Rückzahlungsverlangens (der "**Stichtag**") bestimmen und diesen gemäß § 13 bekannt machen. Der Stichtag muss ein Geschäftstag sein und darf nicht weniger als 60 und nicht mehr als 90 Tage nach der gemäß Absatz (a)(ii)(A) erfolgten Bekanntmachung des Vorzeitigen Rückzahlungsgrundes liegen.
- (b) Das Vorzeitige Rückzahlungsverlangen ist in Textform (z.B. eMail oder Fax) oder in schriftlicher Form in deutscher oder englischer Sprache gegenüber dem Fiscal Agent zu erklären und an dessen bezeichnete Geschäftsstelle zu schicken. Dem Vorzeitigen Rückzahlungsverlangen ist ein Nachweis beizufügen, aus dem sich ergibt, dass der betreffende Gläubiger zum Zeitpunkt der Abgabe des Vorzeitigen Rückzahlungsverlangens Inhaber der betreffenden Schuldverschreibung ist. Der Nachweis kann durch eine Bescheinigung der Depotbank oder auf andere geeignete Weise erbracht werden. Ein Vorzeitiges Rückzahlungsverlangen ist unwiderruflich.
- (c) Ein "**Kontrollwechsel**" tritt ein, wenn eine Person oder mehrere Personen, die gemeinsam handeln, die Kontrolle über die RWE Aktiengesellschaft erlangen.
- (d) "**Kontrolle**" bezeichnet das unmittelbare oder mittelbare rechtliche oder wirtschaftliche Eigentum in jedweder Form bzw. die unmittelbare oder mittelbare rechtliche oder wirtschaftliche Verfügungsbefugnis in jedweder Form (wie in § 34 Wertpapierhandelsgesetz beschrieben) an insgesamt mehr als 50% der stimmberechtigten Aktien der RWE Aktiengesellschaft.
- (e) Der "**Kontrollwechselzeitraum**" beginnt am Tag der Ankündigung des Kontrollwechsels, spätestens aber am Tag des Kontrollwechsels und endet 180 Tage nach dem Kontrollwechsel.
- (f) "**Ankündigung des Kontrollwechsels**" bedeutet die öffentliche Ankündigung des Kontrollwechsels oder eine Stellungnahme der RWE Aktiengesellschaft oder eines aktuellen oder möglichen Bieters in Bezug auf einen Kontrollwechsel.
- (g) Eine "**Ratingherabstufung**" tritt ein, wenn ein angefordertes Credit Rating für langfristige unbesicherte Finanzverbindlichkeiten der RWE Aktiengesellschaft unter Investment Grade fallen oder alle Ratingagenturen die Abgabe eines Credit Ratings in Bezug auf die RWE Aktiengesellschaft nicht nur vorübergehend einstellen. Ein Credit Rating unter Investment Grade bezeichnet in Bezug auf Moody's ein Rating von Ba1 oder schlechter und in Bezug auf Fitch ein Rating von Ba1 und, soweit eine andere Ratingagentur von der RWE Aktiengesellschaft

benannt worden ist, ein vergleichbares Rating.

- (h) "**Ratingagenturen**" bezeichnet jede Ratingagentur von Moody's Investors Service Ltd. ("**Moody's**") oder von Fitch Ratings Limited ("**Fitch**") oder jede andere Ratingagentur, die von der RWE Aktiengesellschaft benannt wird.

In diesem Absatz bezeichnet "**Geschäftstag**" einen Tag, an dem das Clearing System sowie alle betroffenen Bereiche des Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross Settlement Express Transfer System 2 (TARGET) betriebsbereit sind, um die betreffenden Zahlungen weiterzuleiten.]

[[**(5)**] *Vorzeitige Rückzahlung nach Wahl der Emittentin bei geringem ausstehendem Nennbetrag.* Wenn zu irgendeinem Zeitpunkt der Gesamtnennbetrag der ausstehenden und nicht von der Emittentin und ihren Tochtergesellschaften gehaltenen Schuldverschreibungen auf 20 % oder weniger des Gesamtnennbetrags der Schuldverschreibungen, die ursprünglich ausgegeben wurden (einschließlich Schuldverschreibungen, die gemäß § 12 Absatz (1) zusätzlich begeben worden sind), fällt, kann die Emittentin die verbleibenden Schuldverschreibungen (insgesamt, jedoch nicht teilweise) kündigen und zum Nennbetrag zuzüglich bis zu dem für die Rückzahlung festgesetzten Tag aufgelaufener Zinsen zurückzahlen.

## § 6

### DER FISCAL AGENT UND DIE ZAHLSTELLE UND DIE BERECHNUNGSSTELLE

(1) *Bestellung; bezeichnete Geschäftsstelle.* Der anfänglich bestellte Fiscal Agent, die anfänglich bestellte Zahlstelle und die anfänglich bestellte Berechnungsstelle und deren bezeichneten Geschäftsstellen lauten wie folgt:

Fiscal Agent und	Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft
Zahlstelle:	Trust & Agency Services
	Taunusanlage 12
	60325Frankfurt am Main
	Bundesrepublik Deutschland

Berechnungsstelle: **[Namen und bezeichnete Geschäftsstelle]**

Der Fiscal Agent und die Zahlstelle und die Berechnungsstelle behalten sich das Recht vor, jederzeit ihre bezeichneten Geschäftsstellen durch eine andere bezeichnete Geschäftsstelle in demselben Land zu ersetzen.

(2) *Änderung der Bestellung oder Abberufung.* Die Emittentin behält sich das Recht vor, jederzeit die Bestellung des Fiscal Agent oder einer Zahlstelle oder der Berechnungsstelle zu ändern oder zu beenden und einen anderen Fiscal Agent oder zusätzliche oder andere Zahlstellen oder eine andere Berechnungsstelle zu bestellen. Die Emittentin wird zu jedem Zeitpunkt (i) einen Fiscal Agent unterhalten **[Im Fall von Zahlungen in US-Dollar ist folgendes anwendbar: [,] [und] [(ii)] falls Zahlungen bei den oder durch die Geschäftsstellen aller Zahlstellen außerhalb der Vereinigten Staaten (wie unten definiert) aufgrund der Einführung von Devisenbeschränkungen oder ähnlichen Beschränkungen hinsichtlich der vollständigen Zahlung oder des Empfangs der entsprechenden Beträge in US-Dollar widerrechtlich oder tatsächlich ausgeschlossen werden, eine Zahlstelle mit bezeichneter Geschäftsstelle in New York City unterhalten]** und **[(iii)] eine Berechnungsstelle [Falls die Berechnungsstelle eine bezeichnete Geschäftsstelle an einem vorgeschriebenen Ort zu unterhalten hat, ist folgendes anwendbar: mit bezeichneter Geschäftsstelle in [vorgeschriebener Ort ]]** unterhalten]. Eine Änderung, Abberufung, Bestellung oder ein sonstiger Wechsel wird nur wirksam (außer im Insolvenzfall, in dem eine solche Änderung sofort wirksam wird), sofern die Gläubiger hierüber gemäß § 13 vorab unter Einhaltung einer Frist von mindestens 30 und nicht mehr als 45 Tagen informiert wurden. Für die Zwecke dieser Anleihebedingungen bezeichnet "**Vereinigte Staaten**" die Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika (einschließlich deren Bundesstaaten und des District of Columbia) sowie deren Territorien (einschließlich Puerto Ricos, der U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, Wake Island und Northern Mariana Islands).

(3) *Erfüllungsgehilfe(n) der Emittentin.* Der Fiscal Agent, die Zahlstelle und die Berechnungsstelle handeln ausschließlich als Erfüllungsgehilfen der Emittentin und übernehmen keinerlei Verpflichtungen gegenüber den Gläubigern und es wird kein Auftrags- oder Treuhandverhältnis zwischen ihnen und den Gläubigern begründet.

## § 7 STEUERN

Sämtliche auf die Schuldverschreibungen zu zahlenden Beträge sind ohne Einbehalt oder Abzug von oder aufgrund von gegenwärtigen oder zukünftigen Steuern oder sonstigen Abgaben gleich welcher Art zu leisten, die von oder in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland oder für deren Rechnung oder von oder für Rechnung einer politischen Untergliederung oder Steuerbehörde der oder in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland auferlegt oder erhoben werden, es sei denn, ein solcher Einbehalt oder Abzug ist gesetzlich vorgeschrieben. In diesem Fall wird die Emittentin diejenigen zusätzlichen Beträge (die "**zusätzlichen Beträge**") zahlen, die erforderlich sind, damit die den Gläubigern zufließenden Nettobeträge nach diesem Einbehalt oder Abzug jeweils den Beträgen entsprechen, die ohne einen solchen Einbehalt oder Abzug von den Gläubigern empfangen worden wären; die Verpflichtung zur Zahlung solcher zusätzlicher Beträge besteht jedoch nicht im Hinblick auf Steuern und Abgaben, die:

- (a) von einer als Depotbank oder Inkassobeauftragter des Gläubigers handelnden Person oder sonst auf andere Weise zu entrichten sind als dadurch, dass die Emittentin aus den von ihr zu leistenden Zahlungen von Kapital oder Zinsen einen Abzug oder Einbehalt vornimmt; oder
- (b) wegen einer gegenwärtigen oder früheren persönlichen oder geschäftlichen Beziehung des Gläubigers zu der Bundesrepublik Deutschland zu zahlen sind, und nicht allein deshalb, weil Zahlungen auf die Schuldverschreibungen aus Quellen in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland stammen (oder für Zwecke der Besteuerung so behandelt werden) oder dort besichert sind; oder
- (c) aufgrund (i) einer Richtlinie oder Verordnung der Europäischen Union betreffend die Besteuerung von Zinserträgen oder (ii) einer zwischenstaatlichen Vereinbarung über deren Besteuerung, an der die Bundesrepublik Deutschland oder die Europäische Union beteiligt ist, oder (iii) einer gesetzlichen Vorschrift, die diese Richtlinie, Verordnung oder Vereinbarung umsetzt oder befolgt, abzuziehen oder einzubehalten sind; oder
- (d) aufgrund einer Rechtsänderung zu zahlen sind, welche später als 30 Tage nach Fälligkeit der betreffenden Zahlung von Kapital oder Zinsen oder, wenn dies später erfolgt, ordnungsgemäßer Bereitstellung aller fälligen Beträge und einer diesbezüglichen Bekanntmachung gemäß § 13 wirksam wird; oder
- (e) von einer Zahlstelle abgezogen oder einbehalten werden, wenn eine andere Zahlstelle die Zahlung ohne einen solchen Abzug oder Einbehalt hätte leisten können.

## § 8 VORLEGUNGSFRIST

Die in § 801 Absatz 1 Satz 1 BGB (Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch) bestimmte Vorlegungsfrist wird für die Schuldverschreibungen auf zehn Jahre verkürzt.

## § 9 KÜNDIGUNG

(1) *Kündigungsgründe.* Jeder Gläubiger ist berechtigt, seine Schuldverschreibung zu kündigen und deren sofortige Rückzahlung zu ihrem Rückzahlungsbetrag (wie in § 5 Absatz 1 definiert), zuzüglich etwaiger bis zum Tage der Rückzahlung aufgelaufener Zinsen zu verlangen, falls:

- (a) die Emittentin Kapital oder Zinsen nicht innerhalb von 30 Tagen nach dem betreffenden Fälligkeitstag zahlt; oder
- (b) die Emittentin die ordnungsgemäße Erfüllung einer anderen Verpflichtung aus

den Schuldverschreibungen unterlässt und diese Unterlassung nicht geheilt werden kann oder, falls sie geheilt werden kann, länger als 60 Tage fort dauert, nachdem der Fiscal Agent hierüber eine Benachrichtigung von einem Gläubiger erhalten hat; oder

- (c) die Emittentin oder eine wesentliche Tochtergesellschaft (wie in § 2 Absatz 3 definiert) Kapitalmarktverbindlichkeiten (wie in § 2 Absatz 3 definiert) ohne Rechtsgrund nicht binnen 30 Tagen nach dem Fälligkeitstag erfüllt oder ein Gläubiger infolge Vorliegens eines außerordentlichen Kündigungsgrundes (wie immer beschrieben) berechtigt ist, eine solche Kapitalmarktverbindlichkeit der Emittentin oder einer wesentlichen Tochtergesellschaft vorzeitig fällig zu stellen, es sei denn, der Gesamtbetrag solcher Kapitalmarktverbindlichkeiten beträgt weniger als € 50.000.000 (oder deren Gegenwert in anderer Währung); oder
- (d) die Emittentin ihre Zahlungsunfähigkeit bekannt gibt oder ihre Zahlungen einstellt; oder
- (e) ein Gericht ein Insolvenzverfahren gegen die Emittentin eröffnet, oder die Emittentin ein solches Verfahren einleitet oder beantragt oder ein Dritter ein Insolvenzverfahren gegen die Emittentin beantragt und ein solches Verfahren nicht innerhalb einer Frist von 60 Tagen aufgehoben oder ausgesetzt worden ist; oder
- (f) die Emittentin in Liquidation tritt, es sei denn, dies geschieht im Zusammenhang mit einer Verschmelzung oder einer anderen Form des Zusammenschlusses mit einer anderen Gesellschaft und diese Gesellschaft übernimmt alle Verpflichtungen, die die Emittentin im Zusammenhang mit diesen Schuldverschreibungen eingegangen ist; oder
- (g) in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland ein Gesetz, eine Verordnung oder behördliche Anordnung Geltung erlangt, durch welche die Emittentin rechtlich gehindert ist, die von ihr gemäß diesen Anleihebedingungen übernommenen Verpflichtungen zu erfüllen und diese Lage nicht binnen 90 Tagen behoben ist.

Das Kündigungsrecht erlischt, falls der Kündigungsgrund vor Ausübung des Rechts geheilt wurde.

(2) *Quorum*. In den Fällen des Absatz (1)(b) oder (1)(c) wird eine Kündigung, sofern nicht bei deren Eingang zugleich einer der in Absatz (1)(a), (1)(d), (1)(e) oder (1)(f) bezeichneten Kündigungsgründe vorliegt, erst wirksam, wenn bei dem Fiscal Agent Kündigungserklärungen von Gläubigern von Schuldverschreibungen im Nennbetrag von mindestens 1/10 der dann ausstehenden Schuldverschreibungen eingegangen sind.

(3) *Benachrichtigung*. Eine Benachrichtigung, einschließlich einer Kündigung der Schuldverschreibungen gemäß Absatz 1 ist in Textform (z.B. eMail oder Fax) oder schriftlich in deutscher oder englischer Sprache gegenüber dem Fiscal Agent zu erklären und an dessen bezeichnete Geschäftsstelle zu schicken. Der Benachrichtigung ist ein Nachweis beizufügen, aus dem sich ergibt, dass der betreffende Gläubiger zum Zeitpunkt der Abgabe der Benachrichtigung Inhaber der betreffenden Schuldverschreibung ist. Der Nachweis kann durch eine Bescheinigung der Depotbank (wie in § 14 Absatz 3 definiert) oder auf andere geeignete Weise erbracht werden.

## § 10 ERSETZUNG

(1) *Ersetzung*. Die Emittentin ist jederzeit berechtigt, sofern sie sich nicht mit einer Zahlung von Kapital oder Zinsen auf die Schuldverschreibungen in Verzug befindet, ohne Zustimmung der Gläubiger ein mit ihr verbundenes Unternehmen (wie unten definiert) an ihrer Stelle als Hauptschuldnerin (die "**Nachfolgeschuldnerin**") für alle Verpflichtungen aus und im Zusammenhang mit diesen Schuldverschreibungen einzusetzen, vorausgesetzt, dass:

- (a) die Nachfolgeschuldnerin alle Verpflichtungen der Emittentin in Bezug auf die Schuldverschreibungen übernimmt;



- (b) die Nachfolgeschuldnerin alle erforderlichen Genehmigungen erhalten hat und berechtigt ist, an den Fiscal Agent die zur Erfüllung der Zahlungsverpflichtungen aus den Schuldverschreibungen zahlbaren Beträge in der festgelegten Währung zu zahlen, ohne verpflichtet zu sein, jeweils in dem Land, in dem die Nachfolgeschuldnerin oder die Emittentin ihren Sitz oder Steuersitz haben, erhobene Steuern oder andere Abgaben jeder Art abzuziehen oder einzubehalten;
- (c) die Nachfolgeschuldnerin sich verpflichtet hat, jeden Gläubiger hinsichtlich solcher Steuern, Abgaben oder behördlichen Lasten freizustellen, die einem Gläubiger bezüglich der Ersetzung auferlegt werden;
- (d) die Emittentin unwiderruflich und unbedingt gegenüber den Gläubigern die Zahlung aller von der Nachfolgeschuldnerin auf die Schuldverschreibungen zahlbaren Beträge zu Bedingungen garantiert, die den Bedingungen des Musters der Garantie der Emittentin hinsichtlich der Schuldverschreibungen, das im Agency Agreement enthalten ist, entsprechen; und
- (e) dem Fiscal Agent jeweils eine Bestätigung bezüglich der betroffenen Rechtsordnungen von anerkannten Rechtsanwälten vorgelegt wird, dass die Bestimmungen in den vorstehenden Unterabsätzen (a), (b), (c) und (d) erfüllt wurden.

Für die Zwecke dieses § 10 bedeutet "**verbundenes Unternehmen**" ein verbundenes Unternehmen im Sinne von § 15 Aktiengesetz.

(2) *Bekanntmachung.* Jede Ersetzung ist gemäß § 13 bekannt zu machen.

(3) *Ermächtigung der Emittentin.* Im Falle einer solchen Ersetzung ist die Emittentin ermächtigt, die die Schuldverschreibungen verbriefende Globalurkunde und diese Anleihebedingungen ohne Zustimmung der Gläubiger in dem notwendigen Umfang zu ändern, um die sich aus der Ersetzung ergebenden Änderungen widerzuspiegeln. Eine entsprechend angepaßte, die Schuldverschreibungen verbriefende Globalurkunde und Anleihebedingungen werden beim Clearing System hinterlegt.

## § 11

### ÄNDERUNG DER ANLEIHEBEDINGUNGEN, GEMEINSAMER VERTRETER

(1) *Änderung der Anleihebedingungen.* Die Gläubiger können entsprechend den Bestimmungen des Gesetzes über Schuldverschreibungen aus Gesamtemissionen (Schuldverschreibungsgesetz – "**SchVG**") durch einen Beschluss mit der in Absatz 2 bestimmten Mehrheit über einen im SchVG zugelassenen Gegenstand eine Änderung der Anleihebedingungen mit der Emittentin vereinbaren. Die Mehrheitsbeschlüsse der Gläubiger sind für alle Gläubiger gleichermaßen verbindlich. Ein Mehrheitsbeschluss der Gläubiger, der nicht gleiche Bedingungen für alle Gläubiger vorsieht, ist unwirksam, es sei denn die benachteiligten Gläubiger stimmen ihrer Benachteiligung ausdrücklich zu.

(2) *Mehrheitserfordernisse.* Die Gläubiger entscheiden mit einer Mehrheit von mindestens 75% der an der Abstimmung teilnehmenden Stimmrechte, wobei Beschlüsse, durch welche der wesentliche Inhalt der Anleihebedingungen nicht geändert wird und die keinen Gegenstand der § 5 Absatz 3 Nr. 1 bis Nr. 8 des SchVG betreffen, zu ihrer Wirksamkeit einer einfachen Mehrheit der an der Abstimmung teilnehmenden Stimmrechte bedürfen.

(3) *Beschlüsse der Gläubiger.* Beschlüsse der Gläubiger werden nach Wahl der Emittentin im Wege der Abstimmung ohne Versammlung nach § 18 und §§ 5 ff. SchVG oder einer Gläubigerversammlung nach §§ 5 ff. SchVG gefasst.

(4) *Leitung der Abstimmung ohne Versammlung.* Die Abstimmung wird von einem von der Emittentin beauftragten Notar oder, falls der gemeinsame Vertreter zur Abstimmung aufgefordert hat, von dem gemeinsamen Vertreter der Gläubiger geleitet.

(5) *Stimmrecht.* An Abstimmungen der Gläubiger nimmt jeder Gläubiger nach Maßgabe des Nennwerts oder des rechnerischen Anteils seiner Berechtigung an

den ausstehenden Schuldverschreibungen teil.

(6) *Gemeinsamer Vertreter.*

Falls kein gemeinsamer Vertreter in den Anleihebedingungen bestellt wird, ist folgendes anwendbar

[Die Gläubiger können durch Mehrheitsbeschluss zur Wahrnehmung ihrer Rechte einen gemeinsamen Vertreter für alle Gläubiger bestellen.]

Im Fall der Bestellung des gemeinsamen Vertreters in den Anleihebedingungen ist folgendes anwendbar

[Gemeinsamer Vertreter ist **[Gemeinsamer Vertreter]**. Die Haftung des gemeinsamen Vertreters ist auf das Zehnfache seiner jährlichen Vergütung beschränkt, es sei denn, dem gemeinsamen Vertreter fällt Vorsatz oder grobe Fahrlässigkeit zur Last.]

Der gemeinsame Vertreter hat die Aufgaben und Befugnisse, welche ihm durch Gesetz oder von den Gläubigern durch Mehrheitsbeschluss eingeräumt wurden. Er hat die Weisungen der Gläubiger zu befolgen. Soweit er zur Geltendmachung von Rechten der Gläubiger ermächtigt ist, sind die einzelnen Gläubiger zur selbständigen Geltendmachung dieser Rechte nicht befugt, es sei denn der Mehrheitsbeschluss sieht dies ausdrücklich vor. Über seine Tätigkeit hat der gemeinsame Vertreter den Gläubigern zu berichten. Für die Abberufung und die sonstigen Rechte und Pflichten des gemeinsamen Vertreters gelten die Vorschriften des SchVG.

(7) *Verfahrensrechtliche Bestimmungen über Gläubigerbeschlüsse in einer Gläubigerversammlung.*

(a) *Frist, Anmeldung, Nachweis.*

- (i) Die Gläubigerversammlung ist mindestens 14 Tage vor dem Tag der Versammlung einzuberufen.
- (ii) Sieht die Einberufung vor, dass die Teilnahme an der Gläubigerversammlung oder die Ausübung der Stimmrechte davon abhängig ist, dass sich die Gläubiger vor der Versammlung anmelden, so tritt für die Berechnung der Einberufungsfrist gemäß Unterabsatz (i) an die Stelle des Tages der Versammlung der Tag, bis zu dessen Ablauf sich die Gläubiger vor der Versammlung anmelden müssen. Die Anmeldung muss unter der in der Bekanntmachung der Einberufung mitgeteilten Adresse spätestens am dritten Tag vor der Gläubigerversammlung zugehen.
- (iii) Die Einberufung kann vorsehen, wie die Berechtigung zur Teilnahme an der Gläubigerversammlung nachzuweisen ist. Sofern die Einberufung nichts anderes bestimmt, berechtigt ein von einem durch die Emittentin zu ernennenden Beauftragten ausgestellter Stimmzettel seinen Inhaber zur Teilnahme an und zur Stimmabgabe in der Gläubigerversammlung. Der Stimmzettel kann vom Gläubiger bezogen werden, indem er mindestens sechs Tage vor der für die Gläubigerversammlung bestimmten Zeit (a) seine Schuldverschreibungen bei einem durch die Emittentin zu ernennenden Beauftragten oder gemäß einer Weisung dieses Beauftragten hinterlegt hat oder (b) seine Schuldverschreibungen bei einer Depotbank in Übereinstimmung mit deren Verfahrensregeln gesperrt sowie einen Nachweis über die Inhaberschaft und Sperrung der Schuldverschreibungen an den Beauftragten der Emittentin geliefert hat. Die Einberufung kann auch die Erbringung eines Identitätsnachweises der ein Stimmrecht ausübenden Person vorsehen.

(b) *Inhalt der Einberufung, Bekanntmachung.*

- (i) In der Einberufung (die "**Einberufung**") müssen die Firma, der Sitz der Emittentin, die Zeit und der Ort der Gläubigerversammlung sowie die Bedingungen angegeben werden, von denen die Teilnahme an der Gläubigerversammlung und die Ausübung des Stimmrechts abhängen, einschließlich der in Absatz (a)(ii) und (iii) genannten Voraussetzungen.
- (ii) Die Einberufung ist unverzüglich im Bundesanzeiger sowie zusätzlich gemäß § 13 öffentlich bekannt zu machen. Die Kosten der Bekanntmachung hat die Emittentin zu tragen.

- (iii) Von dem Tag an, an dem die Gläubigerversammlung einberufen wurde, bis zum Tag der Gläubigerversammlung wird die Emittentin auf ihrer Internetseite den Gläubigern die Einberufung und die exakten Bedingungen für die Teilnahme an der Gläubigerversammlung und die Ausübung von Stimmrechten zur Verfügung stellen.

(c) *Auskunftspflicht, Abstimmung.*

- (i) Die Emittentin hat jedem Gläubiger auf Verlangen in der Gläubigerversammlung Auskunft zu erteilen, soweit sie zur sachgemäßen Beurteilung eines Gegenstands der Tagesordnung oder eines Vorschlags zur Beschlussfassung erforderlich ist.
- (ii) Auf die Abgabe und die Auszählung der Stimmen sind die Vorschriften des Aktiengesetzes über die Abstimmung der Aktionäre in der Hauptversammlung entsprechend anzuwenden, soweit nicht in der Einberufung etwas anderes vorgesehen ist.

(d) *Bekanntmachung von Beschlüssen.*

- (i) Die Emittentin hat die Beschlüsse der Gläubiger auf ihre Kosten in geeigneter Form öffentlich bekannt zu machen. Hat die Emittentin ihren Sitz in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland, so sind die Beschlüsse unverzüglich im Bundesanzeiger sowie zusätzlich gemäß § 13 zu veröffentlichen; die nach § 50 Absatz 1 des Wertpapierhandelsgesetzes vorgeschriebene Veröffentlichung ist jedoch ausreichend.
- (ii) Außerdem hat die Emittentin die Beschlüsse der Gläubiger sowie, wenn ein Gläubigerbeschluss die Anleihebedingungen ändert, den Wortlaut der ursprünglichen Anleihebedingungen vom Tag nach der Gläubigerversammlung an für die Dauer von mindestens einem Monat im Internet unter ihrer Adresse der Öffentlichkeit zugänglich zu machen.

(e) *Abstimmung ohne Versammlung.*

In der Aufforderung zur Stimmabgabe ist der Zeitraum anzugeben, innerhalb dessen die Stimmen abgegeben werden können. Er beträgt mindestens 72 Stunden. Während des Abstimmungszeitraums können die Gläubiger ihre Stimme gegenüber dem Abstimmungsleiter in Textform abgeben. In der Aufforderung können auch andere Formen der Stimmabgabe vorgesehen werden. In der Aufforderung muss im Einzelnen angegeben werden, welche Voraussetzungen erfüllt sein müssen, damit die Stimmen gezählt werden.

## § 12

### BEGEBUNG WEITERER SCHULDVERSCHREIBUNGEN,

**[Im Fall von Schuldverschreibungen, die der Umstellung unterliegen, ist folgendes anwendbar: KONSOLIDIERUNG,] ANKAUF UND ENTWERTUNG**

(1) *Begebung weiterer Schuldverschreibungen.* Die Emittentin ist berechtigt, jederzeit ohne Zustimmung der Gläubiger weitere Schuldverschreibungen mit gleicher Ausstattung (gegebenenfalls mit Ausnahme des Tags der Begebung, des Verzinsungsbeginns und/oder des Ausgabepreises) in der Weise zu begeben, dass sie mit diesen Schuldverschreibungen eine einheitliche Serie bilden.

[(2) *Konsolidierung.* Die Emittentin ist berechtigt, **[Im Fall von Schuldverschreibungen, die in Euro denominiert sind, ist folgendes anwendbar: die Schuldverschreibungen] [Im Fall von Schuldverschreibungen, die ursprünglich in Währungen denominiert sind, die an der WWU teilnehmen und die der Umstellung unterliegen, ist folgendes anwendbar: die Schuldverschreibungen nach deren Umstellung auf Euro nach Maßgabe von § 1 Absatz 1] jederzeit ohne Zustimmung der Gläubiger mit einer oder mehreren von ihr begebenen Emissionen anderer Schuldverschreibungen, die ursprünglich in Euro denominiert waren oder auf Euro umgestellt worden sind ("andere Schuldverschreibungen") zu konsolidieren, vorausgesetzt dass:**

- (a) für diese anderen Schuldverschreibungen im Wesentlichen die gleichen Bedingungen gelten wie für die Schuldverschreibungen (mit Ausnahme der Bedingungen, die die Währung, Stückelung, oder verwaltungstechnischer Natur

Im Falle von Schuldverschreibungen, die der Umstellung unterliegen, ist folgendes anwendbar

betreffen) und

- (b) das Clearing und die Abwicklung (*Settlement*) der konsolidierten anderen Schuldverschreibungen und Schuldverschreibungen auf austauschbarer Grundlage mit derselben *International Securities Identification Number* (Internationale Wertpapier-Kenn-Nummer) über jedes relevante, international anerkannte Clearing System (das nicht mit dem Clearing System übereinstimmen muss, über das das Clearing und die Abwicklung der anderen Schuldverschreibungen oder der Schuldverschreibungen ursprünglich erfolgte) erfolgen kann und
- (c) die konsolidierten anderen Schuldverschreibungen und Schuldverschreibungen zumindest an einer europäischen Börse notiert werden, an der im internationalen Kapitalmarkt begebene Schuldverschreibungen dann üblicherweise notiert sind und an der die Schuldverschreibungen oder zumindest eine Emission der mit diesen konsolidierten anderen Schuldverschreibungen unmittelbar vor der Konsolidierung notiert war.

Die Emittentin ist berechtigt, die Emissionsbedingungen mit der Wirkung zu ändern, dass die Schuldverschreibungen und die mit diesen konsolidierten anderen Schuldverschreibungen nach der Konsolidierung den gleichen Bedingungen unterliegen und eine einheitliche Emission bilden können, vorausgesetzt, dass derartige Änderungen die Interessen der Gläubiger nicht wesentlich nachteilig betreffen. Der Ausdruck "Schuldverschreibungen" umfasst im Fall einer Konsolidierung auch die konsolidierten anderen Schuldverschreibungen. Die Emittentin ist berechtigt, die Änderung vorzunehmen, indem sie den Gläubigern davon mit einer Frist von mindestens 30 Tagen nach Maßgabe von § 13 Mitteilung macht und, soweit erforderlich, indem sie die Globalurkunde durch eine Globalurkunde ersetzt, die die geänderten Bedingungen enthält oder einen Zusatz zu der Globalurkunde mit den Änderungen bei dem Clearing System einliefert, über das die Schuldverschreibungen nach der Konsolidierung gehalten werden sollen. Die Art und Weise der Umsetzung der Konsolidierung ist in der Mitteilung darzulegen.

Im Fall einer Konsolidierung mit anderen Emissionen von Schuldverschreibungen, bei denen die bindende Fassung der Emissionsbedingungen in einer anderen Sprache abgefasst ist als die bindende Fassung dieser Emissionsbedingungen, ist die Emittentin berechtigt, die unverbindliche Übersetzung dieser Emissionsbedingungen (§ 15) für rechtlich bindend und die verbindliche Fassung dieser Emissionsbedingungen zur unverbindlichen Übersetzung zu erklären, wenn dies zum Zeitpunkt der Konsolidierung möglich und praktisch umsetzbar sein wird, um den Anforderungen der Clearing Systeme, über die die Schuldverschreibungen nach der Konsolidierung gehalten werden sollen, und/oder der Börsen, an denen die Schuldverschreibungen nach der Konsolidierung notiert werden sollen, zu genügen.]

[(3)] *Ankauf*. Die Emittentin ist berechtigt, jederzeit Schuldverschreibungen im Markt oder anderweitig zu jedem beliebigen Preis zu kaufen. Die von der Emittentin erworbenen Schuldverschreibungen können nach Wahl der Emittentin von ihr gehalten, weiterverkauft oder bei dem Fiscal Agent zwecks Entwertung eingereicht werden.

[(4)] *Entwertung*. Sämtliche vollständig zurückgezahlten Schuldverschreibungen sind unverzüglich zu entwerten und können nicht wiederbegeben oder wiederverkauft werden.

### § 13 MITTEILUNGEN

Im Fall von Schuldverschreibungen, die auf der offiziellen Liste der Luxemburger Börse notiert werden, ist folgendes anwendbar

[(1)] *Bekanntmachung*. Alle die Schuldverschreibungen betreffenden Mitteilungen erfolgen durch elektronische Publikation auf der Website der Luxemburger Börse ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)). Jede Mitteilung gilt am dritten Tag nach dem Tag der Veröffentlichung als wirksam erfolgt.

(2) *Mitteilungen an das Clearing System*.

Solange Schuldverschreibungen auf der offiziellen Liste der Luxemburger Börse notiert sind, findet Absatz 1 Anwendung. Soweit die Mitteilung den Zinssatz von variabel verzinslichen Schuldverschreibungen betrifft oder die Regeln der Luxemburger Börse dies sonst zulassen, kann die Emittentin eine Veröffentlichung nach Absatz 1 durch eine Mitteilung an das Clearing System zur Weiterleitung an die Gläubiger ersetzen; jede derartige Mitteilung gilt am siebten Tag nach dem Tag der Mitteilung an das Clearing System als den Gläubigern mitgeteilt.]

**Im Fall von Schuldverschreibungen, die an der Frankfurter Wertpapierbörse notiert werden, ist folgendes anwendbar**

[(1) *Bekanntmachung.* Alle die Schuldverschreibungen betreffenden Mitteilungen sind im elektronischen Bundesanzeiger zu veröffentlichen. Jede Mitteilung gilt am dritten Tag nach dem Tag der Veröffentlichung (oder bei mehreren Veröffentlichungen am dritten Tag nach dem Tag der ersten solchen Veröffentlichung) als wirksam erfolgt.]

**Im Fall von Schuldverschreibungen, die nicht an einer Börse notiert sind, ist folgendes anwendbar**

[(1) *Mitteilungen an das Clearing System.* Die Emittentin wird alle die Schuldverschreibungen betreffenden Mitteilungen an das Clearing System zur Weiterleitung an die Gläubiger übermitteln. Jede derartige Mitteilung gilt am siebten Tag nach dem Tag der Mitteilung an das Clearing System als den Gläubigern mitgeteilt.]

[(2)][(3)] *Form der Mitteilung der Gläubiger.* Mitteilungen, die von einem Gläubiger gemacht werden, müssen in Textform (z.B. eMail oder Fax) oder schriftlich erfolgen und zusammen mit dem Nachweis seiner Inhaberschaft gemäß § 14 Absatz 3 an den Fiscal Agent geschickt werden. Eine solche Mitteilung kann über das Clearing System in der von dem Fiscal Agent und dem Clearing System dafür vorgesehenen Weise erfolgen.

## § 14

### ANWENDBARES RECHT, GERICHTSSTAND UND GERICHTLICHE GELTENDMACHUNG

(1) *Anwendbares Recht.* Form und Inhalt der Schuldverschreibungen sowie die Rechte und Pflichten der Gläubiger und der Emittentin bestimmen sich in jeder Hinsicht nach deutschem Recht.

(2) *Gerichtsstand.* Nicht ausschließlich zuständig für sämtliche im Zusammenhang mit den Schuldverschreibungen entstehenden Klagen oder sonstige Verfahren ("**Rechtsstreitigkeiten**") ist das Landgericht Frankfurt am Main.

(3) *Gerichtliche Geltendmachung.* Jeder Gläubiger von Schuldverschreibungen ist berechtigt, in jedem Rechtsstreit gegen die Emittentin oder in jedem Rechtsstreit, in dem der Gläubiger und die Emittentin Partei sind, seine Rechte aus diesen Schuldverschreibungen im eigenen Namen auf der folgenden Grundlage zu schützen oder geltend zu machen: (i) er bringt eine Bescheinigung der Depotbank bei, bei der er für die Schuldverschreibungen ein Wertpapierdepot unterhält, welche (a) den vollständigen Namen und die vollständige Adresse des Gläubigers enthält, (b) den Gesamtnennbetrag der Schuldverschreibungen bezeichnet, die unter dem Datum der Bestätigung auf dem Wertpapierdepot verbucht sind und (c) bestätigt, dass die Depotbank gegenüber dem Clearing System eine schriftliche Erklärung abgegeben hat, die die vorstehend unter (a) und (b) bezeichneten Informationen enthält; und (ii) er legt eine Kopie der die betreffenden Schuldverschreibungen verbriefenden Globalurkunde vor, deren Übereinstimmung mit dem Original eine vertretungsberechtigte Person des Clearing Systems oder des Verwahrers des Clearing Systems bestätigt hat, ohne dass eine Vorlage der Originalbelege oder der die Schuldverschreibungen verbriefenden Globalurkunde in einem solchen Verfahren erforderlich wäre. Für die Zwecke des Vorstehenden bezeichnet "**Depotbank**" jede Bank oder ein sonstiges anerkanntes Finanzinstitut, das berechtigt ist, das Wertpapierverwahrungsgeschäft zu betreiben und bei der/dem der Gläubiger ein Wertpapierdepot für die Schuldverschreibungen unterhält, einschließlich des Clearing Systems. Unbeschadet des Vorstehenden kann jeder Gläubiger seine Rechte aus den Schuldverschreibungen auch auf jede andere

Weise schützen oder geltend machen, die im Land des Rechtsstreits prozessual zulässig ist.

### **§ 15 SPRACHE**

**Falls die Anleihebedingungen in deutscher Sprache mit einer Übersetzung in die englische Sprache abgefasst sind, ist folgendes anwendbar**

[Diese Anleihebedingungen sind in deutscher Sprache abgefasst. Eine Übersetzung in die englische Sprache ist beigefügt. Der deutsche Text ist bindend und maßgeblich. Die Übersetzung in die englische Sprache ist unverbindlich.]

**Falls die Anleihebedingungen in englischer Sprache mit einer Übersetzung in die deutsche Sprache abgefasst sind, ist folgendes anwendbar**

[Diese Anleihebedingungen sind in englischer Sprache abgefasst. Eine Übersetzung in die deutsche Sprache ist beigefügt. Der englische Text ist bindend und maßgeblich. Die Übersetzung in die deutsche Sprache ist unverbindlich.]

**Falls die Anleihebedingungen ausschließlich in deutscher Sprache abgefasst sind, ist folgendes anwendbar**

[Diese Anleihebedingungen sind ausschließlich in deutscher Sprache abgefasst.]

<sup>(1)</sup>**[MiFID II Product Governance – Solely for the purposes of [the/each] manufacturer's product approval process, the target market assessment in respect of the Notes has led to the conclusion that: (i) the target market for the Notes is eligible counterparties[,]and] professional clients [and retail clients], each as defined in Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended, "MiFID II") [and [•]]; [EITHER<sup>(2)</sup>: and (ii) all channels for distribution of the Notes are appropriate, including investment advice, portfolio management, non-advised sales and pure execution services] [OR<sup>(3)</sup>: (ii) all channels for distribution to eligible counterparties and professional clients are appropriate; and (iii) the following channels for distribution of the Notes to retail clients are appropriate - investment advice[,]and] portfolio management[,]and] [non-advised sales] [and pure execution services]], subject to the distributor's suitability and appropriateness obligations under MiFID II, as applicable]]. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Notes (a "distributor") should take into consideration the manufacturer[']s['] target market assessment; however, a distributor subject to MiFID II is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Notes (by either adopting or refining the manufacturer[']s['] target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels[, subject to the distributor's suitability and appropriateness obligations under MiFID II, as applicable]<sup>(4)</sup>.]**

<sup>(5)</sup> **[UK MiFIR product governance / [Retail investors,] Professional investors and Eligible Counterparties target market – Solely for the purposes of [the/each] manufacturer's product approval process, the target market assessment in respect of the Notes has led to the conclusion that: (i) the target market for the Notes is [retail clients, as defined in point (8) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 2017/565 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 ("EUWA"), and] [only] eligible counterparties, as defined in the FCA Handbook Conduct of Business Sourcebook ("COBS") and professional clients, as defined in Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the [EUWA] [European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018] ("UK MiFIR"); [EITHER<sup>(6)</sup> and (ii) all channels for distribution of the Notes are appropriate[, including investment advice, portfolio management, non-advised sales and pure execution services] [OR<sup>(7)</sup> (ii) all channels for distribution to eligible counterparties and professional clients are appropriate; and (iii) the following channels for distribution of the Notes to retail clients are appropriate - investment advice[,/ and] portfolio management[,/ and]] [non-advised sales] [and pure execution services]], subject to the distributor's suitability and appropriateness obligations under COBS, as applicable]]. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Notes (a "distributor") should take into consideration the manufacturer[']s['] target market assessment; however, a distributor subject to the FCA Handbook Product Intervention and Product Governance Sourcebook (the "UK MiFIR Product Governance Rules") is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Notes (by either adopting or refining the manufacturer[']s['] target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels[, subject to the distributor's suitability and appropriateness obligations under COBS, as applicable]<sup>(8)</sup>.]**

**[PROHIBITION OF SALES TO EEA RETAIL INVESTORS – The Notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the European Economic Area ("EEA"). For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive**

<sup>(1)</sup> To be included if parties have determined a target market.

*Einzufügen, wenn die Parteien einen Zielmarkt bestimmt haben.*

<sup>(2)</sup> Include for notes that are not ESMA complex pursuant to the Guidelines on complex debt instruments and structured deposits (ESMA/2015/1787) (the "ESMA Guidelines") (i.e. Notes the Terms and Conditions of which do not provide for a put and/or call right).

*Einfügen für Schuldverschreibungen, die nicht nach den Leitlinien zu komplexen Schuldtiteln und strukturierten Einlagen (ESMA/2015/1787) (die "ESMA Leitlinien") ESMA komplex sind (also, Schuldverschreiben deren Anleihebedingungen keine Kündigungsrechte seitens der Emittentin und/oder der Anleihegläubiger enthalten).*

<sup>(3)</sup> Include for notes that are ESMA complex pursuant to the ESMA Guidelines. This list may need to be amended, for example, if advised sales are deemed necessary. If there are advised sales, a determination of suitability and appropriateness will be necessary. In addition, if the Notes constitute "complex" products, pure execution services to retail clients are not permitted without the need to make the determination of appropriateness required under Article 25(3) of MiFID II.

*Einfügen im Fall von Schuldverschreibungen, die nach den ESMA Leitlinien ESMA komplex sind. Diese Liste muss gegebenenfalls angepasst werden, z.B. wenn Anlageberatung für erforderlich gehalten wird. Im Fall der Anlageberatung ist die Bestimmung der Geeignetheit und Angemessenheit notwendig. Wenn die Schuldverschreibungen "komplexe" Produkte sind, ist außerdem die bloße Ausführung von Kundenaufträgen von Privatanlegern ohne Bestimmung der Angemessenheit nach Art. 25(3) MiFID II nicht zulässig.*

<sup>(4)</sup> If there are advised sales, a determination of suitability will be necessary.

*Im Fall von Beratungsverkäufen ist eine Angemessenheitsprüfung erforderlich.*

<sup>(5)</sup> To be included if parties have determined a target market and if the managers in relation to the Notes are subject to UK MiFIR, i.e. there are UK MiFIR manufacturers.

*Einzufügen, wenn die Parteien einen Zielmarkt bestimmt haben und wenn die Platzeure in Bezug auf die Schuldverschreibungen der UK MiFIR unterliegen, d.h. wenn es UK MiFIR-Hersteller gibt.*

<sup>(6)</sup> Include for notes that are not ESMA complex (in the UK context, as reflected in COBS).

*Einfügen für Schuldverschreibungen, die nicht ESMA komplex sind (in Bezug auf UK, wie in COBS dargestellt).*

<sup>(7)</sup> Include for notes that are ESMA complex (in the UK context, as reflected in COBS).

*Einfügen für Schuldverschreibungen, die ESMA komplex sind (in Bezug auf UK, wie in COBS dargestellt).*

<sup>(8)</sup> If there are advised sales, a determination of suitability will be necessary.

*Im Fall von Beratungsverkäufen ist eine Angemessenheitsprüfung erforderlich.*

2016/97/EU, as amended, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 (as amended, the "**Prospectus Regulation**"). Consequently no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 (as amended, the "**PRIIPs Regulation**") for offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the EEA has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the EEA may be unlawful under the PRIIPs Regulation.](<sup>9</sup>)

**[PROHIBITION OF SALES TO UK RETAIL INVESTORS** – The Notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ("**UK**"). For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 2017/565 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 ("**EUWA**"); (ii) a customer within the meaning of the provisions of the FSMA and any rules or regulations made under the FSMA to implement Directive (EU) 2016/97, as amended, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the EUWA; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Article 2 of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the EUWA. Consequently no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the EUWA (the "**UK PRIIPs Regulation**") for offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the UK has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the UK may be unlawful under the UK PRIIPs Regulation.](<sup>10</sup>)

In case of Notes listed on the official list of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange or publicly offered in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the Final Terms will be displayed on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)). In the case of Notes listed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange or offered to the public in one or more member states of the European Economic Area other than the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the Final Terms will be displayed on the website of RWE Group (<https://www.group.rwe/en/investor-relations/bonds-and-rating/rwe-bonds-at-a-glance>).

## **FORM OF FINAL TERMS (MUSTER – ENDGÜLTIGE BEDINGUNGEN)**

[Date]  
[Datum]

### **Final Terms Endgültige Bedingungen**

**RWE Aktiengesellschaft**

[Title of relevant Tranche of Notes]

[Bezeichnung der betreffenden Tranche der Schuldverschreibungen]

Series No.: [     ] / Tranche No.: [     ]  
Serien Nr.: [     ] / Tranche Nr.: [     ]

Issue Date: [     ](<sup>11</sup>)  
Tag der Begebung: [     ]

issued pursuant to the € 10,000,000,000 Debt Issuance Programme dated 6 May 2022  
begeben aufgrund des € 10.000.000.000 Debt Issuance Programme vom 6. Mai 2022

(<sup>9</sup>) Include this legend if "Applicable" is specified in Part II. C.4 of the Final Terms regarding item "Prohibition of Sales to EEA Retail Investors".

*Diese Erklärung einfügen, wenn "Anwendbar" im Teil II. C.4 der Endgültigen Bedingungen im Hinblick auf den Punkt "Verbot des Verkaufs an EWR-Privatanleger" ausgewählt wurde.*

(<sup>10</sup>) Include this legend if "Applicable" is specified in Part II. C.4 of the Final Terms regarding item "Prohibition of Sales to UK Retail Investors".

*Diese Erklärung einfügen, wenn "Anwendbar" im Teil II. C.4 der Endgültigen Bedingungen im Hinblick auf den Punkt "Verbot des Verkaufs an UK Privatanleger" ausgewählt wurde.*

(<sup>11</sup>) The Issue Date is the date of payment and issue of the Notes. In the case of free delivery, the Issue Date is the delivery date. *Der Tag der Begebung ist der Tag, an dem die Schuldverschreibungen begeben und bezahlt werden. Bei freier Lieferung ist der Tag der Begebung der Tag der Lieferung.*



### **Important Notice**

These Final Terms have been prepared for the purpose of Article 8(5) in conjunction with Article 25(4) of the Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2017, as amended, and must be read in conjunction with the Debt Issuance Programme Prospectus pertaining to the Programme dated 6 May 2022 (the "**Prospectus**") [and the supplement(s) dated **[•]**]. The Prospectus and any supplement thereto are available for viewing in electronic form on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)) and on the website of RWE Group (<https://www.group.rwe/en/investor-relations/bonds-and-rating>) and copies may be obtained from RWE Aktiengesellschaft, Group Treasury, RWE Platz 1, 45141 Essen, Federal Republic of Germany. Full information is only available on the basis of the combination of the Prospectus, any supplement and these Final Terms. [A summary of the individual issue of the Notes is annexed to these Final Terms.]<sup>(12)</sup>

### **Wichtiger Hinweis**

*Diese Endgültigen Bedingungen wurden für Zwecke von Artikel 8 Abs. 5 i.V.m. Artikel 25 Abs. 4 der Verordnung (EU) 2017/1129 des Europäischen Parlaments und des Rates vom 14. Juni 2017, in der jeweils geänderten Fassung, abgefasst und sind in Verbindung mit dem Debt Issuance Programme Prospekt vom 6. Mai 2022 über das Programm (der "**Prospekt**") [und dem(den) Nachtrag(Nachträgen) dazu vom **[•]**] zu lesen. Der Prospekt sowie etwaige Nachträge können in elektronischer Form auf der Internetseite der Luxemburger Börse ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)) und der Internetseite des RWE-Konzerns (<https://www.group.rwe/investor-relations/anleihen-und-rating/?>) eingesehen werden. Kopien sind erhältlich unter RWE Aktiengesellschaft, Group Treasury, RWE Platz 1, 45141 Essen, Bundesrepublik Deutschland. Um sämtliche Angaben zu erhalten, sind die Endgültigen Bedingungen, der Prospekt und etwaige Nachträge im Zusammenhang zu lesen. [Eine Zusammenfassung der einzelnen Emission der Schuldverschreibungen ist diesen Endgültigen Bedingungen angefügt.]<sup>(12)</sup>*

## **Part I.: TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **Teil I.: ANLEIHEBEDINGUNGEN**

**[A. In the case the options applicable to the relevant Tranche of Notes are to be determined by replicating the relevant provisions set forth in the Prospectus as Option I or Option II including certain further options contained therein, respectively, and completing the relevant placeholders, insert:<sup>(13)</sup>**

**A. Falls die für die betreffende Tranche von Schuldverschreibungen geltenden Optionen durch Wiederholung der betreffenden im Prospekt als Option I oder Option II aufgeführten Angaben (einschließlich der jeweils enthaltenen bestimmten weiteren Optionen) bestimmt und die betreffenden Leerstellen vervollständigt werden, einfügen:**

The Terms and Conditions applicable to the Notes (the "**Conditions**") [and the [German] [English] language translation thereof,] are as set out below.

*Die für die Schuldverschreibungen geltenden Anleihebedingungen (die "**Bedingungen**") [sowie die [deutschsprachige][englischsprachige] Übersetzung] sind wie nachfolgend aufgeführt.*

[In the case of Notes with fixed interest rates replicate here the relevant provisions of Option I including relevant further options contained therein, and complete relevant placeholders]

**[Im Fall von Schuldverschreibungen mit fester Verzinsung hier die betreffenden Angaben der Option I (einschließlich der betreffenden weiteren Optionen) wiederholen und betreffende Leerstellen vervollständigen]**

[In the case of Notes with floating interest rates replicate here the relevant provisions of Option II including relevant further options contained therein, and complete relevant placeholders]

**[Im Fall von Schuldverschreibungen mit variabler Verzinsung hier die betreffenden Angaben der Option II (einschließlich der betreffenden weiteren Optionen) wiederholen und betreffende Leerstellen vervollständigen]]**

<sup>(12)</sup> Not applicable in the case of an issue of Notes with a minimum denomination of at least € 100,000.

*Nicht anwendbar im Fall einer Emission von Schuldverschreibungen mit einer Mindeststückelung in Höhe von mindestens € 100.000.*

<sup>(13)</sup> To be determined in consultation with the Issuer. It is anticipated that this type of documenting the Conditions will be required where the Notes are to be publicly offered, in whole or in part, or to be initially distributed, in whole or in part, to non-qualified investors. Delete all references to B. Part I of the Final Terms including numbered paragraphs and subparagraphs of the Terms and Conditions.

*In Abstimmung mit der Emittentin festzulegen. Es ist vorgesehen, dass diese Form der Dokumentation der Bedingungen erforderlich ist, wenn die Schuldverschreibungen insgesamt oder teilweise anfänglich an nicht qualifizierte Anleger verkauft oder öffentlich angeboten werden. Alle Bezugnahmen auf B. Teil I der Endgültigen Bedingungen einschließlich der Paragraphen und Absätze der Anleihebedingungen entfernen.*

**[B. In the case the options applicable to the relevant Tranche of Notes are to be determined by referring to the relevant provisions set forth in the Prospectus as Option I or Option II including certain further options contained therein, respectively, insert: <sup>(13)</sup>**

***B. Falls die für die betreffende Tranche von Schuldverschreibungen geltenden Optionen durch Verweisung auf die betreffenden im Prospekt als Option I oder Option II aufgeführten Angaben (einschließlich der jeweils enthaltenen bestimmten weiteren Optionen) bestimmt werden, einfügen:***

This Part I. of the Final Terms is to be read in conjunction with the set of Terms and Conditions that apply to Notes with [fixed] [floating] interest rates (the "**Terms and Conditions**") set forth in the Prospectus as [Option I] [Option II]. Capitalised terms shall have the meanings specified in the set of Terms and Conditions. *Dieser Teil I. der Endgültigen Bedingungen ist in Verbindung mit dem Satz der Anleihebedingungen, der auf Schuldverschreibungen mit [fester] [variabler] Verzinsung Anwendung findet (die "Anleihebedingungen") zu lesen, der als [Option I] [Option II] im Prospekt enthalten ist. Begriffe, die in dem Satz der Anleihebedingungen definiert sind, haben die gleiche Bedeutung, wenn sie in diesen Endgültigen Bedingungen verwendet werden.*

All references in this Part I. of the Final Terms to numbered paragraphs and subparagraphs are to paragraphs and subparagraphs of the Terms and Conditions.

*Bezugnahmen in diesem Teil I. der Endgültigen Bedingungen auf Paragraphen und Absätze beziehen sich auf die Paragraphen und Absätze der Anleihebedingungen.*

The blanks in the provisions of the Terms and Conditions, which are applicable to the Notes shall be deemed to be completed by the information contained in the Final Terms as if such information were inserted in the blanks of such provisions. All provisions in the Terms and Conditions corresponding to items in these Final Terms which are either not selected or not completed or which are deleted shall be deemed to be deleted from the terms and conditions applicable to the Notes (the "**Conditions**").

*Die Leerstellen in den auf die Schuldverschreibungen anwendbaren Bestimmungen der Anleihebedingungen gelten als durch die in den Endgültigen Bedingungen enthaltenen Angaben ausgefüllt, als ob die Leerstellen in den betreffenden Bestimmungen durch diese Angaben ausgefüllt wären. Sämtliche Bestimmungen der Anleihebedingungen, die sich auf Variable dieser Endgültigen Bedingungen beziehen und die weder angekreuzt noch ausgefüllt werden oder die gestrichen werden, gelten als in den auf die Schuldverschreibungen anwendbaren Anleihebedingungen (die "**Bedingungen**") gestrichen.*

## **CURRENCY, DENOMINATION, [REDEMOMINATION,] FORM, CERTAIN DEFINITIONS (§ 1) WÄHRUNG, STÜCKELUNG, [UMSTELLUNG,] FORM, DEFINITIONEN (§ 1)**

### **Currency and Denomination<sup>(14)</sup>**

#### ***Währung und Stückelung***

Specified Currency <i>Festgelegte Währung</i>	[ ]
Aggregate Principal Amount <i>Gesamtnennbetrag</i>	[ ]
Aggregate Principal Amount in words <i>Gesamtnennbetrag in Worten</i>	[ ]
Specified Denomination <i>Festgelegte Stückelung</i>	[ ]

#### **Redenomination**

[Yes/No]

#### ***Umstellung***

[Ja/Nein]

- Permissible only with effect from an Interest Payment Date  
*Zulässig nur mit Wirkung zu einem Zinszahlungstag*

#### **Clearing System**

#### ***Clearing System***

- Clearstream Banking AG  
 Clearstream Banking S.A. (CBL)

<sup>(14)</sup> The minimum denomination of the Notes will be, if in euro, € 1,000, and, if in any currency other than euro, an amount in such other currency nearly equivalent to € 1,000 at the time of the issue of the Notes.  
*Die Mindeststückelung der Schuldverschreibungen beträgt € 1.000, bzw., falls die Schuldverschreibungen in einer anderen Währung als Euro begeben werden, einem Betrag in dieser anderen Währung, der zur Zeit der Begebung der Schuldverschreibungen annähernd dem Gegenwert von € 1.000 entspricht.*

Euroclear Bank SA/NV (Euroclear)

**Global Note<sup>(15)</sup>**

**Globalurkunde**

New Global Note

Classical Global Note

**Form of Notes**

**Form der Schuldverschreibungen**

Permanent Global Note

*Dauerglobalurkunde*

Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Permanent Global Note  
*Vorläufige Globalurkunde austauschbar gegen Dauerglobalurkunde*

**INTEREST (§ 3)**

**ZINSEN (§ 3)**

**Fixed Rate Notes (Option I)**

**Festverzinsliche Schuldverschreibungen (Option I)**

**Rate of Interest and Interest Payment Dates**

**Zinssatz und Zinszahlungstage**

single Rate of Interest during term  
*einheitlicher Zinssatz während der Laufzeit*

Rate of Interest

*Zinssatz*

[     ] per cent. *per annum*

[     ]% *per annum*

different Rates of Interest during term  
*verschiedene Zinssätze während der Laufzeit*

from (and including)  
*vom (einschließlich)*

to (but excluding)  
*bis (ausschließlich)*

per cent. *per annum*  
% *per annum*

**[specified dates]**  
**[Daten]**

**[specified dates]**  
**[Daten]**

**[specified rates]**  
**[Zinssätze]**

Interest Commencement Date  
*Verzinsungsbeginn*

[     ]

Fixed Interest Date(s)  
*Festzinstermine*

[     ]

First Interest Payment Date  
*Erster Zinszahlungstag*

[     ]

Initial Broken Amount( for the Specified Denomination)  
*Anfänglicher Bruchteilzinsbetrag (für die festgelegte Stückelung)*

[     ]

Fixed Interest Date preceding the Maturity Date  
*Festzinstermine, die dem Fälligkeitstag vorangehen*

[     ]

Final Broken Amount (for the Specified Denomination)  
*Abschließender Bruchteilzinsbetrag (für die festgelegte Stückelung)*

[     ]

**Floating Rate Notes (Option II)**

**Variabel verzinsliche Schuldverschreibungen (Option II)**

**Interest Payment Dates**

**Zinszahlungstage**

Interest Commencement Date  
*Verzinsungsbeginn*

[     ]

<sup>(15)</sup> Complete for Notes kept in custody on behalf of the ICSDs.  
*Im Fall von Schuldverschreibungen, die im Namen der ICSDs verwahrt werden, ausfüllen.*

- Specified Interest Payment Dates [   ]  
*Festgelegte Zinszahlungstage*
- Specified Interest Period(s) [number][weeks][months]  
*Festgelegte Zinsperiode(n)* [Zahl][Wochen][Monate]

**Business Day Convention**  
**Geschäftstagskonvention**

- Modified Following Business Day Convention [number][months]  
*Modifizierte-Folgender-Geschäftstag-Konvention* [Zahl][Monate]
- FRN Convention (specify period(s)) [number][months]  
*FRN (Floating Rate Note) Konvention (Zeitraum angeben)* [Zahl][Monate]
- Following Business Day Convention
- Folgender-Geschäftstag-Konvention*
- Preceding Business Day Convention
- Vorangegangener-Geschäftstag-Konvention*
- Adjustment of interest [Yes/No]  
*Anpassung der Zinsen* [Ja/Nein]

**Business Day**  
**Geschäftstag**

- relevant financial centre(s) [   ]  
*relevante(s) Finanzzentrum(en)*
- TARGET  
 TARGET

**Rate of Interest**  
**Zinssatz**

EURIBOR  
 EURIBOR

Margin [   ]% per annum  
*Marge* [   ]% per annum

- plus  
*plus*
- minus  
*minus*

**Minimum and Maximum Rate of Interest**  
**Mindest- und Höchstzinssatz**

- Minimum Rate of Interest [   ]% per annum  
*Mindestzinssatz* [   ]% per annum
- Maximum Rate of Interest [   ]% per annum  
*Höchstzinssatz* [   ]% per annum

**Day Count Fraction<sup>(16)</sup>**  
**Zinstagequotient**

- Actual/Actual (ICMA Rule 251)  
*Actual/Actual (ICMA Regel 251)*
- annual interest payment (excluding the case of short or long coupons)  
*jährliche Zinszahlung (ausschließlich des Falls von kurzen oder langen Kupons)*
- annual interest payment (including the case of short coupons)

<sup>(16)</sup> Complete for all Notes.  
 Für alle Schuldverschreibungen auszufüllen.

*jährliche Zinszahlung (einschließlich des Falls von kurzen Kupons)*

two or more constant interest periods within an interest year (including the case of short coupons)  
*zwei oder mehr gleichbleibende Zinsperioden (einschließlich des Falls von kurzen Kupons)*

calculation period is longer than one reference period (long coupon)  
*Zinsberechnungszeitraum ist länger als eine Bezugsperiode (langer Kupon)*

reference period  
*Bezugsperiode*

Deemed Interest Payment Date [ ]  
*Fiktiver Zinszahlungstag*

Actual/365 (Fixed)

Actual/360

30/360 or 360/360 (Bond Basis)

30E/360 (Eurobond Basis)

#### **PAYMENTS (§ 4)<sup>(17)</sup>**

#### **ZAHLUNGEN (§ 4)**

##### **Payment Business Day**

##### **Zahlungstag**

Relevant Financial Centre(s) (specify all) [ ]  
*Relevante(s) Finanzzentrum(en) (alle angeben)*

TARGET  
*TARGET*

#### **REDEMPTION (§ 5)**

#### **RÜCKZAHLUNG (§ 5)**

##### **Redemption at Maturity**

##### **Rückzahlung bei Endfälligkeit**

Maturity Date<sup>(18)</sup> [ ]  
*Fälligkeitstag*

Redemption Month<sup>(19)</sup> [ ]  
*Rückzahlungsmonat*

##### **Early Redemption**

##### **Vorzeitige Rückzahlung**

##### **Early Redemption at the Option of the Issuer at**

##### **Specified Call Redemption Amount(s)<sup>(20)</sup>**

[Yes/No]

##### **Vorzeitige Rückzahlung nach Wahl der Emittentin zu festgelegtem(n) Wahrrückzahlungsbetrag/-beträgen (Call)**

[Ja/Nein]

Call Redemption Date(s) [ ]  
*Wahrückzahlungstag(e) (Call)*

Call Redemption Amount(s) [ ]  
*Wahrückzahlungsbetrag/-beträge (Call)*

<sup>(17)</sup> Complete for fixed rate Notes.  
*Für fest verzinsliche Schuldverschreibungen auszufüllen.*

<sup>(18)</sup> Complete for fixed rate Notes.  
*Für fest verzinsliche Schuldverschreibungen auszufüllen.*

<sup>(19)</sup> Complete for floating rate Notes.  
*Für variabel verzinsliche Schuldverschreibungen auszufüllen.*

<sup>(20)</sup> Complete for fixed rate Notes.  
*Für fest verzinsliche Schuldverschreibungen auszufüllen.*

Minimum Notice to Holders <sup>(21)</sup> <i>Mindestkündigungsfrist</i>	[ ]
Maximum Notice to Holders <i>Höchstkündigungsfrist</i>	[ ]
<b>Early Redemption at the Option of the Issuer at Final Redemption Amount<sup>(22)</sup></b> <b><i>Vorzeitige Rückzahlung nach Wahl der Emittentin zum Rückzahlungsbetrag</i></b>	[Yes/No] [Ja/Nein]
Interest payment date [number] years after the Interest Commencement Date and each Interest Payment Date thereafter <i>Zinszahlungstag [Zahl] Jahre nach dem Verzinsungsbeginn und an jedem</i>	
<b>Early Redemption at the Option of a Holder at Specified Put Redemption Amount(s)<sup>(23)</sup></b> <b><i>Vorzeitige Rückzahlung nach Wahl des Gläubigers zu festgelegtem(n) Wahlrückzahlungsbetrag/-beträgen (Put)</i></b>	[Yes/No] [Ja/Nein]
Put Redemption Date(s) <i>Wahlrückzahlungstag(e) (Put)</i>	[ ]
Put Redemption Amount(s) <i>Wahlrückzahlungsbetrag/-beträge (Put)</i>	[ ]
Minimum Notice to Issuer <sup>(21)</sup> <i>Mindestkündigungsfrist</i>	[ ] days [ ] Tage
Maximum Notice to Issuer (never more than 60 days) <i>Höchstkündigungsfrist (nie mehr als 60 Tage)</i>	[ ] days [ ] Tage
<b>Early Redemption for Reasons of a Change of Control</b> <b><i>Vorzeitige Rückzahlung aufgrund eines Kontrollwechsels</i></b>	[Yes/No] [Ja/Nein]
<b>THE FISCAL AGENT AND THE PAYING AGENT [AND THE CALCULATION AGENT] (§ 6)</b> <b><i>DER FISCAL AGENT UND DIE ZAHLSTELLE [UND DIE BERECHNUNGSSTELLE] (§ 6)</i></b>	
Calculation Agent/specified office <sup>(24)</sup> <i>Berechnungsstelle/bezeichnete Geschäftsstelle</i>	[ ]
Required location of Calculation Agent (specify) <i>Vorgeschriebener Ort für Berechnungsstelle (angeben)</i>	[ ]
<b>AMENDMENT OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS; HOLDERS' REPRESENTATIVE (§ 11)</b> <b><i>ÄNDERUNG DER ANLEIHEBEDINGUNGEN, GEMEINSAMER VERTRETER (§ 11)</i></b>	
<b>Appointment of Holders' Representative</b> <b><i>Bestellung eines Gemeinsamen Vertreters der Gläubiger</i></b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment of a Holders' Representative by resolution passed by Holders and not in the Terms and Conditions <i>Bestellung eines gemeinsamen Vertreters der Gläubiger durch Beschluss der Gläubiger und nicht in den Anleihebedingungen</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment of a Holders' Representative in the Terms and Conditions <i>Bestellung eines gemeinsamen Vertreters der Gläubiger in den Anleihebedingungen</i>	
Name and address of the Holders' Representative <i>Name und Anschrift des Gemeinsamen Vertreters</i>	[specify details] [Einzelheiten einfügen]

<sup>(21)</sup> Euroclear requires a minimum notice period of five days.  
*Euroclear verlangt eine Mindestkündigungsfrist von fünf Tagen.*

<sup>(22)</sup> Complete for floating rate Notes.  
*Für variabel verzinsliche Schuldverschreibungen auszufüllen.*

<sup>(23)</sup> Complete for fixed rate Notes.  
*Für fest verzinsliche Schuldverschreibungen auszufüllen.*

<sup>(24)</sup> Not to be completed if Fiscal Agent is to be appointed as Calculation Agent.  
*Nicht auszufüllen, falls Fiscal Agent als Berechnungsstelle bestellt werden soll.*

**FURTHER ISSUES, [CONSOLIDATION,] PURCHASES AND CANCELLATION (§ 12)**  
**WEITERE EMISSIONEN, [KONSOLIDIERUNG,] RÜCKKAUF, ENTWERTUNG (§ 12)**

Consolidation  
*Konsolidierung*

[Yes/No]  
 [Ja/Nein]

**NOTICES (§ 13)**  
**MITTEILUNGEN (§ 13)**

**Place and medium of publication**  
**Ort und Medium der Bekanntmachung**

- Website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (www.bourse.lu)  
*Internetseite der Luxemburger Wertpapierbörse (www.bourse.lu)*
- German Federal Gazette  
*Bundesanzeiger*
- Clearing System  
*Clearing System*

**LANGUAGE OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS (§ 15)<sup>(25)</sup>**  
**SPRACHE DER ANLEIHEBEDINGUNGEN (§ 15)**

- German and English (German binding)  
*Deutsch und Englisch (deutscher Text maßgeblich)*
- English and German (English binding)  
*Englisch und Deutsch (englischer Text maßgeblich)*
- English only  
*ausschließlich Englisch*
- German only<sup>(26)</sup>  
*ausschließlich Deutsch]*

**Part II.: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION<sup>(27)</sup>**  
**Teil II.: ZUSÄTZLICHE INFORMATIONEN**

**A. Essential information**  
**Grundlegende Angaben**

**Interests of Natural and Legal Persons involved in the Issue/Offer**  
**Interessen von Seiten natürlicher und juristischer Personen,  
 die an der Emission/dem Angebot beteiligt sind**

<sup>(25)</sup> To be determined in consultation with the Issuer. In the case of Notes in bearer form offered to the public, in whole or in part, in the Federal Republic of Germany, or distributed, in whole or in part, to non-qualified investors in the Federal Republic of Germany, German will be the controlling language. If, in the event of such offer to the public or distribution to non-qualified investors, however, English is chosen as the controlling language, a German language translation of the Conditions will be available from the principal office of RWE AG.

*In Abstimmung mit der Emittentin festzulegen. Falls Inhaberschuldverschreibungen insgesamt oder teilweise öffentlich zum Verkauf in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland angeboten oder an nicht qualifizierte Investoren in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland verkauft werden, wird die deutsche Sprache maßgeblich sein. Falls bei einem solchen öffentlichen Verkaufsangebot oder Verkauf an nicht qualifizierte Investoren die englische Sprache als maßgeblich bestimmt wird, wird eine deutschsprachige Übersetzung der Bedingungen bei der Hauptgeschäftsstelle der RWE AG erhältlich sein.*

<sup>(26)</sup> Use only in the case of Notes not publicly offered and/or not intended to be listed on any regulated market within the European Economic Area.

*Nur im Fall Schuldverschreibungen zu nutzen, die nicht öffentlich angeboten und nicht am geregelten Markt innerhalb des Europäischen Wirtschaftsraums zum Handel zugelassen werden sollen.*

<sup>(27)</sup> There is no obligation to complete Part II. of the Final Terms in its entirety in case of Notes with a Specified Denomination of at least € 100,000 or its equivalent in any other currency, provided that such Notes will not be listed on any regulated market within the European Economic Area. To be completed in consultation with the Issuer.

*Es besteht keine Verpflichtung, Teil II. der Endgültigen Bedingungen bei Schuldverschreibungen mit einer festgelegten Stückelung von mindestens € 100.000 oder dem Gegenwert in einer anderen Währung vollständig auszufüllen, sofern diese Schuldverschreibungen nicht an einem geregelten Markt innerhalb des Europäischen Wirtschaftsraums zum Handel zugelassen werden. In Absprache mit der Emittentin auszufüllen.*

- As far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the offer of the Notes has an interest material to the offer, except that certain Dealers and their affiliates may be customers of, and borrowers from the Issuer and its affiliates. In addition, certain Dealers and their affiliates have engaged, and may in the future engage, in investment banking and/or commercial banking transactions with, and may perform services for the Issuer and its affiliates in the ordinary course of business.

*Nach Kenntnis der Emittentin bestehen bei den an der Emission beteiligten Personen keine Interessen, die für das Angebot bedeutsam sind, außer, dass bestimmte Platzeure und mit ihnen verbundene Unternehmen Kunden von und Kreditnehmer der Emittentin und mit ihr verbundener Unternehmen sein können. Außerdem sind bestimmte Platzeure an Investment Banking Transaktionen und/oder Commercial Banking Transaktionen mit der Emittentin beteiligt, oder könnten sich in Zukunft daran beteiligen, und könnten im gewöhnlichen Geschäftsverkehr Dienstleistungen für die Emittentin und mit ihr verbundene Unternehmen erbringen.*

- Other interest (specify)  
*Andere Interessen (angeben)*

[Specify details]  
[Einzelheiten einfügen]

**Reasons for the offer and use of proceeds**  
**Gründe für das Angebot und Verwendung der Erträge**

[Specify details]  
[Einzelheiten einfügen]

Reasons for the offer to the public or for the admission to trading and use of proceeds<sup>(28)</sup>

*Gründe für das Angebot oder die Zulassung zum Handel und Zweckbestimmung der Erlöse*

[Specify details]

[Einzelheiten einfügen]

Estimated net proceeds<sup>(29)</sup>

*Geschätzter Nettobetrag der Erträge*

[ ]

Estimated total expenses of the issue<sup>(30)</sup>

*Geschätzte Gesamtkosten der Emission*

[ ]

**B. Information concerning the securities to be offered/admitted to trading**  
**Informationen über die anzubietenden bzw. zum Handel zuzulassenden Wertpapiere**

**Securities Identification Numbers**  
**Wertpapier-Kenn-Nummern**

Common Code

*Common Code*

[ ]

ISIN Code

*ISIN Code*

[ ]

German Securities Code

*Deutsche Wertpapier-Kenn-Nummer (WKN)*

[ ]

Any other securities number

*Sonstige Wertpapier-Kenn-Nummer*

[ ]

<sup>(28)</sup> If reasons for the offer are different from making profit and/or hedging certain risks include those reasons here. The reasons for the offer do not have to be completed in case of Notes with a Specified Denomination of at least € 100,000.

*Sofern die Gründe für das Angebot nicht in der Gewinnerzielung und/oder Absicherung bestimmter Risiken bestehen, sind die Gründe hier anzugeben. Die Gründe für das Angebot müssen bei Schuldverschreibungen mit einer festgelegten Stückelung von mindestens € 100.000 nicht ausgefüllt werden.*

<sup>(29)</sup> If proceeds are intended for more than one use will need to split out and present in order of priority.

*Sofern die Erträge für verschiedene Verwendungszwecke bestimmt sind, sind diese aufzuschlüsseln und nach der Priorität der Verwendungszwecke darzustellen.*

<sup>(30)</sup> Not to be completed in case of Notes with a Specified Denomination of at least EUR 100,000.

*Nicht auszufüllen bei Schuldverschreibungen mit einer festgelegten Stückelung von mindestens EUR 100.000.*



**Eurosystem eligibility<sup>(31)</sup>****EZB-Fähigkeit**

Intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility  
*Soll in EZB-fähiger Weise gehalten werden*

[Yes/No]  
 [Ja/Nein]

[Note that the designation "yes" in the case of an NGN means that the Notes are intended upon issue to be deposited with one of the ICSDs as common safekeeper and does not necessarily mean that the Notes will be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra-day credit operations by the Eurosystem either upon issue or at any or all times during their life. Such recognition will depend upon satisfaction of the Eurosystem eligibility criteria.]

[Whilst the designation is specified as "no" at the date of these Final Terms, should the Eurosystem eligibility criteria be amended in the future such that the Notes are capable of meeting them the Notes in the case of an NGN may then be deposited with one of the ICSDs as common safekeeper. Note that this does not necessarily mean that the Notes will then be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra day credit operations by the Eurosystem at any time during their life. Such recognition will depend upon the ECB being satisfied that Eurosystem eligibility criteria have been met.]

[Es wird darauf hingewiesen, dass "ja" im Fall einer NGN hier lediglich bedeutet, dass die Schuldverschreibungen nach ihrer Begebung bei einem der ICSDs als gemeinsamen Verwahrer verwahrt werden; es bedeutet nicht notwendigerweise, dass die Schuldverschreibungen bei ihrer Begebung, zu irgendeinem Zeitpunkt während ihrer Laufzeit oder während ihrer gesamten Laufzeit als zulässige Sicherheiten für die Zwecke der Geldpolitik oder für Innertageskredite des Eurosystems anerkannt werden. Eine solche Anerkennung ist abhängig davon, ob die Zulassungskriterien des Eurosystems erfüllt sind.]

[Auch wenn die Bezeichnung mit Datum dieser Endgültigen Bedingungen "nein" lautet, sollten die Zulassungskriterien des Eurosystems sich zukünftig dergestalt ändern, dass die Schuldverschreibungen diese erfüllen können, könnten die Schuldverschreibungen im Fall einer NGN dann bei einem der ICSDs als gemeinsamen Verwahrer verwahrt werden. Es wird darauf hingewiesen, dass dies jedoch nicht notwendigerweise bedeutet, dass die Schuldverschreibungen dann zu irgendeinem Zeitpunkt während ihrer Laufzeit als zulässige Sicherheiten für die Zwecke der Geldpolitik oder für Innertageskredite des Eurosystems anerkannt werden. Eine solche Anerkennung ist abhängig davon, ob die Zulassungskriterien des Eurosystems erfüllt sind.]

**Historic Interest Rates and further performance as well as volatility<sup>(32)</sup>****Zinssätze der Vergangenheit und künftige Entwicklungen sowie ihre Volatilität**

Details of historic EURIBOR rates  
 and the future performance as well as their volatility  
 can be obtained (not free of charge) by electronic  
 means from

[Not applicable] [Reuters EURIBOR01]

*Einzelheiten zu vergangenen EURIBOR-Sätzen  
 und Informationen über künftige Wertentwicklungen  
 sowie ihre Volatilität können (nicht kostenfrei) auf  
 elektronischem Weg abgerufen werden  
 unter*

[Nicht anwendbar] [Reuters EURIBOR01]

Description of any market disruption or settlement disruption events  
 that effect the EURIBOR rates

[Not applicable][see  
 § 3 of the Terms and Conditions]

*Beschreibung etwaiger Ereignisse, die eine Störung des Marktes oder  
 der Abrechnung bewirken und die EURIBOR Sätze beeinflussen*

[Nicht anwendbar][siehe  
 § 3 der Anleihebedingungen]

**Yield to final Maturity<sup>(33)</sup>****Rendite bei Endfälligkeit**

[ ]% per annum  
 [ ]% per annum

**Resolutions, authorisations and approvals by virtue  
of which the Notes will be created**

[Specify details]

<sup>(31)</sup> Select "Yes" if the Notes are in NGN form and are to be kept in custody by an ICSD as common safekeeper or if the Notes are in CGN form and to be kept in custody by Clearstream Banking AG, Frankfurt. Select "No" if the Notes are in NGN form and are to be kept in custody by the common service provider as common safekeeper.

*"Ja" wählen, falls die Schuldverschreibungen in Form einer NGN begeben und von einem ICSD als common safekeeper gehalten werden sollen oder falls die Schuldverschreibungen in Form einer CGN begeben und von Clearstream Banking AG, Frankfurt gehalten werden sollen. "Nein" wählen, falls die Schuldverschreibungen in Form einer NGN begeben und vom common service provider als common safekeeper gehalten werden sollen.*

<sup>(32)</sup> Only applicable for Floating Rate Notes. Not required for Notes with a Specified Denomination of at least € 100,000. *Nur bei variabel verzinslichen Schuldverschreibungen anwendbar. Nicht anwendbar auf Schuldverschreibungen mit einer festgelegten Stückelung von mindestens € 100.000.*

<sup>(33)</sup> Only applicable for Fixed Rate Notes. *Nur für festverzinsliche Schuldverschreibungen anwendbar.*

<b>Beschlüsse, Ermächtigungen und Genehmigungen, welche die Grundlage für die Schaffung der Schuldverschreibungen bilden</b>	[Einzelheiten einfügen]
If different from the issuer, the identity and contact details of the offeror of the Notes and/or the person asking for admission to trading, including the legal entity identifier (LEI), if any	[Specify details]
<b>Sofern Anbieter und Emittent nicht identisch sind, Angabe der Identität, der Kontaktdaten des Anbieters der Schuldtitel und/oder der die Zulassung zum Handel beantragenden Person einschließlich der Rechtsträgerkennung (LEI), wenn vorhanden.</b>	[Einzelheiten einfügen]
<b>C. Terms and conditions of the offer of Notes to the public<sup>(34)</sup></b>	
<b>Bedingungen und Konditionen des öffentlichen Angebots von Schuldverschreibungen</b>	
<b>C.1 Conditions, offer statistics, expected timetable and actions required to apply for the offer</b>	[Not applicable]
<b>Bedingungen, Angebotsstatistiken, erwarteter Zeitplan und erforderliche Maßnahmen für die Antragstellung</b>	[Nicht anwendbar]
Conditions to which the offer is subject	[Specify details]
<i>Bedingungen, denen das Angebot unterliegt</i>	[Einzelheiten einfügen]
Time period, including any possible amendments, during which the offer will be open and description of the application process	[Specify details]
<i>Frist – einschließlich etwaiger Änderungen – innerhalb derer das Angebot gilt und Beschreibung des Antragsverfahrens</i>	[Einzelheiten einfügen]
A description of the possibility to reduce subscriptions and the manner for refunding amounts paid in excess by applicants	[Specify details]
<i>Beschreibung der Möglichkeit zur Reduzierung der Zeichnungen und der Art und Weise der Erstattung des zu viel gezahlten Betrags an die Zeichner</i>	[Einzelheiten einfügen]
Details of the minimum and/or maximum amount of the application (whether in number of notes or aggregate amount to invest)	[Specify details]
<i>Einzelheiten zum Mindest- und/oder Höchstbetrag der Zeichnung entweder in Form der Anzahl der Schuldverschreibungen oder des aggregierten zu investierenden Betrags)</i>	[Einzelheiten einfügen]
Method and time limits for paying up the notes and for delivery of the notes	[Specify details]
<i>Methode und Fristen für die Bedienung der Wertpapiere und ihre Lieferung</i>	[Einzelheiten einfügen]
Manner and date in which results of the offer are to be made public	[Specify details]
<i>Art und Weise und Termin, auf die bzw. an dem die Ergebnisse des Angebots offen zu legen sind</i>	[Einzelheiten einfügen]
The procedure for the exercise of any right of pre-emption, the negotiability of subscription rights and the treatment of subscription rights not exercised.	[Specify details]
<i>Verfahren für die Ausübung eines etwaigen Vorzugsrechts, die Marktfähigkeit der Zeichnungsrechte und die Behandlung der nicht ausgeübten Zeichnungsrechte</i>	[Einzelheiten einfügen]
<b>C.2 Plan of distribution and allotment</b>	[Not applicable]
<b>Plan für die Aufteilung der Wertpapiere und deren Zuteilung</b>	[Nicht anwendbar]
If the Offer is being made simultaneously in the markets of two or more countries and if a tranche has been or is being reserved for certain of these, indicate such tranche	[Specify details]
<i>Erfolgt das Angebot gleichzeitig auf den Märkten zweier oder mehrerer Länder und wurde/ wird eine bestimmte Tranche einigen dieser Märkte vorbehalten, Angabe dieser Tranche</i>	[Einzelheiten einfügen]
Process for notifying applicants of the amount allotted and indication whether dealing may begin before notification is made	[Specify details]
<i>Verfahren zur Meldung gegenüber den Zeichnern über den zugeteilten Betrag und Angabe, ob eine Aufnahme des Handels vor der Meldung möglich ist</i>	[Einzelheiten einfügen]

<sup>(34)</sup> Complete with respect to an offer of Notes to the public or admission of Notes to trading on a regulated market, in each case with a Specified Denomination of less than € 100,000.  
*Bei öffentlichem Angebot von Schuldverschreibungen oder der Zulassung von Wertpapieren zum Handel an einem geregelten Markt, jeweils mit einer festgelegten Stückelung von weniger als € 100.000 auszufüllen.*

<b>C.3 Pricing</b> <b>Kursfeststellung</b>	<b>[Not applicable]</b> <b>[Nicht anwendbar]</b>
Expected price at which the Notes will be offered <i>Kurs, zu dem die Schuldverschreibungen angeboten werden</i>	[ ]
Amount of expenses and taxes charged to the subscriber / purchaser <i>Kosten/Steuern, die dem Zeichner/Käufer in Rechnung gestellt werden</i>	[Specify details] [Einzelheiten einfügen]
<b>C.4 Placing and underwriting</b> <b>Platzierung und Emission</b>	<b>[Not applicable]</b> <b>[Nicht anwendbar]</b>
Name and address of the co-ordinator(s) of the global offer and of single parts of the offer and, to the extent known to the Issuer or the offeror, or the placers in the various countries where the offer takes place <i>Name und Anschrift des Koordinator/der Koordinatoren des globalen Angebots oder einzelner Teile des Angebots – sofern der Emittentin oder dem Anbieter bekannt – in den einzelnen Ländern des Angebots</i>	[ ]
<b>Method of distribution</b> <b>Vertriebsmethode</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-syndicated <i>Nicht syndiziert</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Syndicated <i>Syndiziert</i>	
<b>Subscription Agreement</b> <b>Übernahmevertrag</b>	
Date of Subscription Agreement <i>Datum des Übernahmevertrags</i>	[ ]
Material features of the Subscription Agreement <i>Hauptmerkmale des Übernahmevertrages</i>	[ ]
<b>Management Details including form of commitment<sup>(35)</sup></b> <b>Einzelheiten bezüglich des Bankenkonsortiums einschließlich der Art der Übernahme</b>	
Dealer / Management Group (specify) <i>Plazeur / Bankenkonsortium (angeben)</i>	[ ]
<input type="checkbox"/> Firm commitment <i>Feste Zusage</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> No firm commitment / best efforts arrangements <i>Ohne feste Zusage / zu den bestmöglichen Bedingungen</i>	
<b>Commissions<sup>(36)</sup></b> <b>Provisionen</b>	
Management/Underwriting Commission (specify) <i>Management- und Übernahmeprovision (angeben)</i>	[ ]
Selling Concession (specify) <i>Verkaufsprovision (angeben)</i>	[ ]
<b>Prohibition of Sales to EEA Retail Investors<sup>(37)</sup></b> <b>Verbot des Verkaufs an EWR-Privatanlager</b>	<b>[Applicable] [Not Applicable]</b> <b>[Anwendbar] [Nicht anwendbar]</b>

<sup>(35)</sup> Not required for Notes with a Specified Denomination of at least € 100,000.  
*Nicht erforderlich bei Schuldverschreibungen mit einer festgelegten Stückelung von mindestens € 100.000.*

<sup>(36)</sup> To be completed in consultation with the Issuer.  
*In Abstimmung mit der Emittentin auszuführen.*

<sup>(37)</sup> Specify "Applicable" if the Notes may constitute "packaged" products pursuant to PRIIPs Regulation and no key information document will be prepared in the EEA.  
*"Anwendbar" wählen, wenn die Schuldverschreibungen als "verpackte Produkte" nach der PRIIPs Verordnung einzuordnen sein könnten und kein Basisinformationsblatt im EWR erstellt wird.*

**Prohibition of Sales to UK Retail Investors<sup>(38)</sup>**  
**Verbot des Verkaufs an UK-Privatanleger**

**[Applicable] [Not Applicable]**  
**[Anwendbar] [Nicht anwendbar]**

**Stabilising Dealer(s)/Manager(s)**  
**Kursstabilisierender Dealer/Manager**

**[insert details][None]**  
**[Einzelheiten einfügen][Keiner]**

**D. Listing and admission to trading**  
**Börsenzulassung und Notierungsaufnahme**

**[Yes/No]**  
**[Ja/Nein]**

- Regulated Market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange  
*Geregelter Markt der Luxemburger Wertpapierbörse*
- Professional segment of the Regulated Market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange  
*Professionelles Segment des Geregelten Marktes der Luxemburger Wertpapierbörse*
- Regulated Market of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange  
*Geregelter Markt der Frankfurter Wertpapierbörse*

**Date of admission**  
**Datum der Zulassung**

**[ ]**

Estimate of the total expenses related to admission to trading<sup>(39)</sup>  
*Geschätzte Gesamtkosten für die Zulassung zum Handel*

**[ ]**

All regulated markets or third-country markets, SME Growth Market or MTFs on which, to the knowledge of the Issuer, notes of the same class of the notes to be offered to the public or admitted to trading are already admitted to trading<sup>(40)</sup>

*Angabe sämtlicher geregelter Märkte oder Märkte in Drittstaaten, KMU-Wachstumsmärkte oder MTFs, auf denen nach Kenntnis der Emittentin Schuldverschreibungen der gleichen Wertpapierkategorie, die öffentlich angeboten oder zum Handel zugelassen werden sollen, bereits zum Handel zugelassen sind*

- Regulated Market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange  
*Geregelter Markt der Luxemburger Wertpapierbörse*
- Professional segment of the Regulated Market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange  
*Professionelles Segment des Geregelten Marktes der Luxemburger Wertpapierbörse*
- Regulated Market of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange  
*Geregelter Markt der Frankfurter Wertpapierbörse*

**Issue Price**  
**Ausgabepreis**

**[ ]%**  
**[ ]%**

Name and address of the entities which have a firm commitment to act as intermediaries in secondary trading, providing liquidity through bid and offer rates and description of the main terms of their commitment

**[Not applicable] [Specify details]**

*Name und Anschrift der Institute, die aufgrund einer festen Zusage als Intermediäre im Sekundärhandel tätig sind und Liquidität mittels Geld- und Briefkursen erwirtschaften, und Beschreibung der Hauptbedingungen der Zusagevereinbarung*

**[Nicht anwendbar] [Einzelheiten einfügen]**

<sup>(38)</sup> Specify "Applicable" if the Notes may constitute "packaged" products pursuant to the PRIIPs Regulation and no key information document will be prepared in the UK.

*"Anwendbar" wählen, wenn die Schuldverschreibungen als "verpackte Produkte" nach der PRIIPs Verordnung einzuordnen sein könnten und kein Basisinformationsblatt in UK erstellt wird.*

<sup>(39)</sup> Not required for Notes with a Specified Denomination of less than € 100,000.

*Nicht erforderlich bei Schuldverschreibungen mit einer festgelegten Stückelung von weniger als € 100.000.*

<sup>(40)</sup> In case of a fungible issue, need to indicate that the original notes are already admitted to trading. Not required for Notes with a Specified Denomination of at least € 100,000.

*Im Falle einer Aufstockung, die mit einer vorangegangenen Emission fungibel ist, ist die Angabe erforderlich, dass die ursprünglichen Schuldverschreibungen bereits zum Handel zugelassen sind. Nicht erforderlich bei Schuldverschreibungen mit einer festgelegten Stückelung von mindestens € 100.000.*

**E. Additional Information**  
**Zusätzliche Informationen**

**Rating<sup>(41)</sup>**

[ ]

**Rating**

Specify whether the relevant rating agency is established in the European Community and is registered or has applied for registration pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009 on credit rating agencies, as amended, (the "**CRA Regulation**"). [The European Securities and Markets Authority publishes on its website (<http://www.esma.europa.eu>) a list of credit rating agencies registered in accordance with the CRA Regulation. That list is updated within five working days following the adoption of a decision under Article 16, 17 or 20 CRA Regulation. The European Commission shall publish that updated list in the Official Journal of the European Union within 30 days following such update.]]

*[Einzelheiten einfügen, ob die jeweilige Ratingagentur ihren Sitz in der Europäischen Gemeinschaft hat und gemäß Verordnung (EG) Nr. 1060/2009 des Europäischen Parlaments und des Rates vom 16. September 2009 über Ratingagenturen, in der jeweils geltenden Fassung, (die "**Ratingagentur-Verordnung**") registriert ist oder die Registrierung beantragt hat. [Die Europäische Wertpapier und Marktaufsichtsbehörde veröffentlicht auf ihrer Webseite (<http://www.esma.europa.eu>) ein Verzeichnis der nach der Ratingagentur-Verordnung registrierten Ratingagenturen. Dieses Verzeichnis wird innerhalb von fünf Werktagen nach Annahme eines Beschlusses gemäß Artikel 16, 17 oder 20 der Ratingagentur-Verordnung aktualisiert. Die Europäische Kommission veröffentlicht das aktualisierte Verzeichnis im Amtsblatt der Europäischen Union innerhalb von 30 Tagen nach der Aktualisierung.]]*

**F. Information to be provided regarding the consent by the Issuer or person responsible for drawing up the Prospectus**

**Zur Verfügung zu stellende Informationen über die Zustimmung des Emittenten oder der für die Erstellung des Prospekts zuständigen Person**

Offer period during which subsequent resale or final placement of the Notes by Dealers and/or further financial intermediaries can be made<sup>(42)</sup>

[Not applicable] [Specify details]

*Angebotsfrist, während derer die spätere Weiterveräußerung oder endgültige Platzierung von Wertpapieren durch die Platzeure oder weitere Finanzintermediäre erfolgen kann*

*[Nicht anwendbar] [Einzelheiten einfügen]*

**RWE Aktiengesellschaft**

(as Issuer)

(als Emittentin)

<sup>(41)</sup> Do not complete, if the Notes are not rated on an individual basis. Include a brief explanation of the meaning of the ratings if this has been previously published by the rating provider.

*Nicht auszufüllen, wenn kein Einzelrating für die Schuldverschreibungen vorliegt. Kurze Erläuterung der Bedeutung des Ratings einfügen, wenn dieses unlängst von der Ratingagentur erstellt wurde.*

<sup>(42)</sup> Not to be completed in case of Notes with a Specified Denomination of at least EUR 100,000.

*Nicht auszufüllen bei Schuldverschreibungen mit einer festgelegten Stückelung von mindestens EUR 100.000.*

**USE OF PROCEEDS**

The net proceeds from each issue of Notes by RWE will be used for general corporate purposes unless stated otherwise in the applicable Final Terms.

## DESCRIPTION OF RULES REGARDING RESOLUTIONS OF HOLDERS

The Terms and Conditions pertaining to a certain issue of Notes provide that the Holders may agree to amendments or decide on other matters relating to the Notes by way of resolution to be passed in a meeting (*Gläubigerversammlung*) or by taking votes without a meeting. Any such resolution duly adopted by resolution of the Holders shall be binding on each Holder of the respective issue of Notes, irrespective of whether such Holder took part in the vote and whether such Holder voted in favour of or against such resolution.

If the Notes are for their life represented by Global Notes, the Terms and Conditions of such Notes fully refer to the rules pertaining to resolutions of Holders. Under the German Act on Debt Securities (*Schuldverschreibungsgesetz aus Gesamtemissionen – "SchVG"*), these rules are largely mandatory, although they permit in limited circumstances supplementary provisions set out in or incorporated into the Terms and Conditions.

Resolutions of the Holders with respect to the Notes can be passed in a meeting (*Gläubigerversammlung*) in accordance with § 5 et seqq. SchVG or by way of a vote without a meeting pursuant to § 18 and § 9 et seqq. SchVG (*Abstimmung ohne Versammlung*).

The following is a brief summary of some of the statutory rules regarding the convening and conduct of meetings of Holders and the taking of votes without meetings, the passing and publication of resolutions as well as their implementation and challenge before German courts.

### **Rules regarding Holders' Meetings**

Meetings of Holders may be convened by the Issuer or the Holders' Representative, if any. Meetings of Holders must be convened if one or more Holders holding 5% or more of the outstanding Notes so require for specified reasons permitted by statute.

Meetings may be convened not less than 14 days prior to the date of the meeting. The Terms and Conditions may provide that attendance and exercise of voting rights at the meeting may be made subject to prior registration of Holders. The Terms and Conditions will indicate what proof will be required for attendance and voting at the meeting. The place of the meeting in respect of a German issuer is the place of the Issuer's registered office, provided, however, that where the relevant Notes are listed on a stock exchange within the European Union or the European Economic Area, the meeting may be held at the place of such stock exchange.

The convening notice shall be made publicly available together with the agenda of the meeting setting out the proposals for resolution.

Each Holder may be represented by proxy. A quorum exists if Holders' representing by value not less than 50% of the outstanding Notes. If the quorum is not reached, a second meeting may be called at which no quorum will be required, provided that where a resolution may only be adopted by a qualified majority, a quorum requires the presence of at least 25% of the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Notes.

All resolutions adopted must be properly published. In the case of Notes represented by one or more Global Notes, resolutions which amend or supplement the Terms and Conditions have to be implemented by supplementing or amending the relevant Global Note(s).

In insolvency proceedings instituted in Germany against an issuer, a Holders' Representative, if appointed, is obliged and exclusively entitled to assert the Holders' rights under the Notes. Any resolutions passed by the Holders are subject to the provisions of the Insolvency Code (*Insolvenzordnung*).

If a resolution constitutes a breach of the statute or the Terms and Conditions, Holders may bring an action to set aside such resolution. Such action must be filed with the competent court within one month following the publication of the resolution.

### **Specific Rules regarding Votes without Meeting**

In the case of resolutions to be passed by Holders without a meeting, the rules applicable to Holders' Meetings apply *mutatis mutandis* to any taking of votes by Holders without a meeting, subject to certain special provisions. The following summarises such special rules.

The voting shall be conducted by the person presiding over the taking of votes. Such person shall be (i) a notary public appointed by the Issuer, (ii) where a common representative of the Holders (the "**Holdings' Representative**") has been appointed, the Holders' Representative if the vote was solicited by the Holders' Representative, or (iii) a person appointed by the competent court.

The notice soliciting the Holders' votes shall set out the period within which votes may be cast. During such voting period, the Holders may cast their votes to the person presiding over the taking of votes. Such notice shall also set out in detail the conditions to be met for the votes to be valid.

The person presiding over the taking of votes shall ascertain each Holder's entitlement to cast a vote based on evidence provided by such Holder and shall prepare a list of the Holders entitled to vote. If it is established that no quorum exists, the person presiding over the taking of votes may convene a meeting of the Holders. Within one year following the end of the voting period, each Holder participating in the vote may request a copy of the minutes of such vote and any annexes thereto from the Issuer.

Each Holder participating in the vote may object in writing to the result of the vote within two weeks following the publication of the resolutions passed. The objection shall be decided upon by the person presiding over the taking of votes. If he remedies the objection, the person presiding over the taking of votes shall promptly publish the result. If the person presiding over the taking of votes does not remedy the objection, he shall promptly inform the objecting Holder in writing.

The Issuer shall bear the costs of the vote and, if the court has convened a meeting, also the costs of such proceedings.



**TAXATION WARNING**

THE TAX LEGISLATION OF THE STATE OF RESIDENCE OF A PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER OF NOTES OR OF A JURISDICTION WHERE A PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER IS SUBJECT TO TAXATION AND THE TAX LEGISLATION OF THE ISSUER'S COUNTRY OF INCORPORATION MAY HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE INCOME RECEIVED FROM THE NOTES. PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS OF NOTES ARE ADVISED TO CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISORS AS TO THE TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE PURCHASE, OWNERSHIP AND DISPOSITION OF NOTES INCLUDING THE EFFECT OF ANY STATE OR LOCAL TAXES, UNDER THE TAX LAWS APPLICABLE IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE NETHERLANDS, THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG, THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND, THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA AND EACH COUNTRY OF WHICH THEY ARE RESIDENTS OR OTHERWISE SUBJECT TO TAXATION.

## SELLING RESTRICTIONS

The Dealers have entered into a dealer agreement dated 23 March 2001 which has last been amended and restated on 6 May 2022 (the "**Dealer Agreement**") as a basis upon which they or any of them may from time to time agree to purchase Notes.

### 1. General

Each Dealer has represented and agreed that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations in force in any jurisdiction in which it purchases, offers, sells or delivers Notes or possesses or distributes the Prospectus and will obtain any consent, approval or permission required by it for the purchase, offer, sale or delivery by it of Notes under the laws and regulations in force in any jurisdiction to which it is subject or in which it makes such purchases, offers, sales or deliveries and neither the Issuer nor any other Dealer shall have any responsibility therefor.

### 2. United States of America (the "United States")

(a) Each Dealer has acknowledged that the Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and may not be offered or sold within the United States except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Each Dealer has represented and agreed that it has not offered or sold, and will not offer or sell, any Note constituting part of its allotment within the United States except in accordance with Rule 903 of Regulation S under the Securities Act. Accordingly, each Dealer further has represented and agreed that neither it, its affiliates nor any persons acting on its or their behalf have engaged or will engage in any directed selling efforts with respect to a Note.

(b) From and after the time that the Issuer notifies the Dealers in writing that it is no longer able to make the representation set forth in clause 4(1)(n)(i) of the Dealer Agreement, each Dealer (i) acknowledges that the Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U. S. persons except in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act or pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act; (ii) has represented and agreed that it has not offered and sold any Notes, and will not offer and sell any Notes, (x) as part of its distribution at any time and (y) otherwise until 40 days after the later of the commencement of the offering and closing date, only in accordance with Rule 903 of Regulation S under the Securities Act; and accordingly, (iii) has further represented and agreed that neither it, its affiliates nor any persons acting on its or their behalf have engaged or will engage in any directed selling efforts with respect to any Note, and it and they have complied and will comply with the offering restrictions requirements of Regulation S; and (iv) has also agreed that, at or prior to confirmation of any sale of Notes, it will have sent to each distributor, dealer or person receiving a selling concession, fee or other remuneration that purchases Notes from it during the distribution compliance period a confirmation or notice to substantially the following effect:

"The Securities covered hereby have not been registered under the U. S. Securities Act of 1933 (the "**Securities Act**") and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U. S. persons by any person referred to in Rule 903 (b)(2)(iii) (i) as part of its distribution at any time or (ii) otherwise until 40 days after the later of the commencement of the offering and the closing date, except in either case in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act. Terms used above have the meanings given to them by Regulation S."

(c) Each Dealer who has purchased Notes of a Tranche hereunder (or in the case of a sale of a Tranche of Notes issued to or through more than one Dealer, each of such Dealers as to the Notes of such Tranche purchased by or through it or, in the case of a syndicated issue, the relevant Lead Manager) shall determine and notify to the Fiscal Agent the completion of the distribution of the Notes of such Tranche. On the basis of such notification or notifications, the Fiscal Agent agrees to notify such Dealer/Lead Manager of the end of the distribution compliance period with respect to such Tranche.

Terms used in this paragraph 2 have the meanings given to them by Regulation S.

(d) Each Dealer has represented and agreed that it has not entered and will not enter into any contractual arrangement with respect to the distribution or delivery of Notes, except with its affiliates or with the prior written consent of the Issuer.

(e) Notes, will be issued in accordance with the provisions of United States Treasury Regulation § 1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(C) (the "**C Rules**"), or in accordance with the provisions of United States Treasury Regulation § 1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D) (the "**D Rules**"), or any successor rules in substantially the same form as the C Rules

or D Rules, as applicable, for purposes of Section 4701 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

Where the C Rules are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable to any Tranche of Notes, Notes must be issued and delivered outside the United States and its possessions in connection with their original issuance. Each Dealer has represented and agreed that it has not offered sold or delivered and will not offer, sell or deliver, directly or indirectly, Notes within the United States or its possessions in connection with their original issuance. Further, each Dealer has represented and agreed in connection with the original issuance of Notes, that it has not communicated, and will not communicate, directly or indirectly, with a prospective purchaser if either such Dealer or purchaser is within the United States or its possessions and will not otherwise involve its U. S. office in the offer or sale of Notes. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by the U. S. Internal Revenue Code and regulations thereunder, including the C Rules.

In addition, each Dealer has represented and agreed that:

- (i) except to the extent permitted under the D Rules, (i) it has not offered or sold, and during the restricted period will not offer or sell, Notes to a person who is within the United States or its possessions or to a United States person, and (ii) such Dealer has not delivered and will not deliver within the United States or its possessions Notes that are sold during the restricted period;
- (ii) it has and throughout the restricted period will have in effect procedures reasonably designed to ensure that its employees or agents who are directly engaged in selling Notes are aware that such Notes may not be offered or sold during the restricted period to a person who is within the United States or its possessions or to a United States person, except as permitted by the D Rules;
- (iii) if such Dealer is a United States person, it represents that it is acquiring the Notes for purposes of resale in connection with their original issuance and if such Dealer retains Notes for its own account, it will only do so in accordance with the requirements of the D Rules; and
- (iv) with respect to each affiliate that acquires from such Dealer Notes in bearer form for the purposes of offering or selling such Notes during the restricted period, such Dealer either (x) repeats and confirms the representations and agreements contained in sub-clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) on such affiliate's behalf or (y) agrees that it will obtain from such affiliate for the benefit of the Issuer the representations and agreements contained in sub-clauses (i), (ii) and (iii).

Terms used in this paragraph (e) have the meanings given to them by the U. S. Internal Revenue Code and regulations thereunder, including the D Rules.

### 3. European Economic Area

Unless the Final Terms in respect of any Notes specify the "*Prohibition of Sales to EEA Retail Investors*" as "*Not Applicable*", each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not offered, sold or otherwise made available and will not offer, sell or otherwise make available any Notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by the Prospectus as completed by the Final Terms in relation thereto to any retail investor in the European Economic Area. For the purposes of this provision:

- (a) the expression "**retail investor**" means a person who is one (or more) of the following:
  - (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended, "**MiFID II**"); or
  - (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive 2016/97/EU, as amended, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or
  - (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Regulation; and
- (b) the expression an "**offer**" includes the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the Notes.

If the Final Terms in respect of any Notes specify "*Prohibition of Sales to EEA Retail Investors*" as "*Not Applicable*", each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, in relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area (each a "**Member State**"), that it has not made and will not make an offer of Notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by the Prospectus as completed by the Final Terms in relation thereto to the public in that Member State, except that it may make an offer of such Notes to the public in that Member State:

- (a) if the Final Terms in relation to the Notes specify an offer of those Notes other than pursuant to Article 1(4) of the Prospectus Regulation in that Member State (a "**Non-exempt Offer**"), following the date of publication of a prospectus in relation to such Notes which has been approved by the competent authority in that Member State or, where appropriate, approved in another Member State and notified to the competent authority in that Member State, provided that any such prospectus has subsequently been completed by the Final Terms contemplating such Non-exempt Offer, in accordance with the Prospectus Regulation, in the period beginning and ending on the dates specified in such prospectus or Final Terms, as applicable and the Issuer has consented in writing to its use for the purpose of that Non-exempt Offer;
  - (b) at any time to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Regulation;
  - (c) at any time to fewer than 150 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Regulation) subject to obtaining the prior consent of the relevant Dealer or Dealers nominated by the Issuer for any such offer; or
  - (d) at any time in any other circumstances falling within Article 1(4) of the Prospectus Regulation,
- provided that no such offer of Notes referred to in (b) to (d) above shall require the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Regulation, or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 23 of the Prospectus Regulation.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an "**offer of Notes to the public**" in relation to any Notes in any Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the Notes, and the expression "**Prospectus Regulation**" means Regulation (EU) 2017/1129, as amended.

#### **4. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ("United Kingdom" or "UK")**

##### ***Prohibition of Sales to UK Retail Investors***

Unless the Final Terms in respect of any Notes specifies "*Prohibition of Sales to UK Retail Investors*" as "*Not Applicable*", each Dealer has represented and agreed, that it has not offered, sold or otherwise made available and will not offer, sell or otherwise make available any Notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Prospectus as completed by the Final Terms in relation thereto to any retail investor in the United Kingdom. For the purposes of this provision:

- (a) the expression "**retail investor**" means a person who is one (or more) of the following:
  - (i) a retail client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 2017/565 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 ("**EUWA**"); or
  - (ii) a customer within the meaning of the provisions of the FSMA and any rules or regulations made under the FSMA to implement Directive (EU) 2016/97, as amended, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the EUWA; or
  - (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Article 2 of the UK Prospectus Regulation; and
- (b) the expression an "**offer**" includes the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the Notes.

If the Final Terms in respect of any Notes specifies "*Prohibition of Sales to UK Retail Investors*" as "*Not Applicable*", each Dealer has represented and agreed, that it has not made and will not make an offer of Notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Prospectus as completed by the Final Terms in relation thereto to the public in the United Kingdom except that it may make an offer of such Notes to the public in the United Kingdom:

- (A) if the final terms in relation to the Notes specify that an offer of those Notes may be made other than pursuant to section 86 of the FSMA (a "**Public Offer**"), following the date of publication of a prospectus in relation to such Notes which either (i) has been approved by the Financial Conduct Authority, or (ii) is to be treated as if it had been approved by the Financial Conduct Authority in accordance with the transitional provision in Regulation 74 of the Prospectus (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, provided that any such prospectus has subsequently been completed by final terms contemplating such Public Offer, in the period beginning and ending on the dates specified in such prospectus or final terms, as applicable, and the Issuer has consented in writing to its use for the purpose of that Public Offer;
- (B) at any time to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in Article 2 of the UK Prospectus Regulation;

- (C) at any time to fewer than 150 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in Article 2 of the UK Prospectus Regulation) in the United Kingdom subject to obtaining the prior consent of the relevant Dealer or Dealers nominated by the Issuer for any such offer; or
- (D) at any time in any other circumstances falling within section 86 of the FSMA,

provided that no such offer of Notes referred to in (B) to (D) above shall require the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to section 85 of the FSMA or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 23 of the UK Prospectus Regulation.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression "**an offer of Notes to the public**" in relation to any Notes means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the Notes and the expression "**UK Prospectus Regulation**" means Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the EUWA.

#### **Other regulatory restrictions**

Each Dealer has represented and agreed that:

- (a) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of section 21 FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of any Notes in circumstances in which section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to the Issuer; and
- (b) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to any Notes in, from or otherwise involving the UK.

#### **5. Japan**

Each Dealer has acknowledged that the Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan (Law No. 25 of 1948, as amended) (the "**Financial Instruments and Exchange Law**"). Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree that it will not offer or sell any Notes, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan (which term as used herein means any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organised under the laws of Japan), or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to a resident of Japan except only pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law and any applicable laws, regulations and guidelines of Japan.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Interests of Natural and Legal Persons involved in the Issue/Offer

Except as otherwise described in the Final Term certain of the Dealers and their affiliates may be customers of, borrowers from or creditors of the Issuer and its affiliates. In addition, certain Dealers and their affiliates have engaged, and may in the future engage, in investment banking and/or commercial banking transactions with, and may perform services for the Issuer and its affiliates in the ordinary course of business. In addition, in the ordinary course of their business activities, the Dealers and their affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers. Such investments and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of the Issuer or its affiliates. Certain of the Dealers or their affiliates that have a lending relationship with the Issuer routinely hedge its credit exposure to the Issuer consistent with its customary risk management policies. Typically, such Dealers and their affiliates would hedge such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in securities, including potentially the Notes issued under the Programme. Any such short positions could adversely affect future trading prices of Notes issued under the Programme. The Dealers and their affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or financial instruments and may hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

### Authorisation

The establishment of the Programme and the issue of Notes have been duly authorised by resolutions of the Executive Board of RWE dated 7 November 2000 and approved by the Supervisory Board of RWE on 23 November 2000. The increase in the Programme amount to € 15,000,000,000 and the issue of Notes has been duly authorised by resolutions of the Executive Board of RWE dated 19 February 2002 and approved by the Supervisory Board of RWE on 20 March 2002. The increase in the Programme amount to € 20,000,000,000 and the issue of the Notes has been duly authorised by resolutions of the Executive Board of RWE dated 11 February 2003 and approved by the Supervisory Board of RWE on 13 March 2003. The increase in the Programme amount to € 30,000,000,000 and the issue of the Notes has been duly authorised by resolutions of the Executive Board of RWE dated 12 February 2009 and approved by the Supervisory Board of RWE on 18 December 2008. The update of the Programme (including the decrease of the Programme amount from € 30,000,000,000 to € 10,000,000,000) and the issue of the Notes has been duly authorised by resolutions of the Executive Board of RWE dated 18 April 2018. The update of the Programme and the issue of the Notes has been duly authorised by resolutions of the Executive Board of RWE dated 6 April 2022.

### Listing and Admission to Trading

Application has been made to list Notes issued under the Programme on the official list of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and trade on the Regulated Market or on the professional segment of the Regulated Market "*Bourse de Luxembourg*".

### Clearing Systems

The Notes have been accepted for clearance through Clearstream Banking AG, Neue Börsenstr. 1, 60487 Frankfurt am Main, Federal Republic of Germany ("**CBF**"), Clearstream Banking S.A., 42 Avenue JF Kennedy, 1855 Luxembourg, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg ("**CBL**") and Euroclear Bank SA/NV, Boulevard du Roi Albert II, 1210 Brussels, Belgium ("**Euroclear**"). The appropriate German securities number (*WKN*) (if any), Common Code and ISIN for each Tranche of Notes allocated by CBF, CBL and Euroclear will be specified in the applicable Final Terms.

### Documents Available

(Copies of) the following documents will, when published, be available free of charge on the homepage of RWE group ([www.rwe.com](http://www.rwe.com)) and during normal business hours from the registered office of the Issuer and from the specified office of the Paying Agent for the time being in Frankfurt am Main:

- (i) the constitutional documents (with an English translation where applicable) of the Issuer;
- (ii) the audited consolidated financial statements of RWE Group as at and for the financial years ended 31 December 2020 and 2021;
- (iii) a copy of this Prospectus; and
- (iv) any supplement to this Prospectus.

In the case of Notes listed on the official list of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange or publicly offered in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the Final Terms will be displayed on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)). In the case of Notes listed on any other stock exchange or publicly offered in one or more member states of the European Economic Area other than the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the Final Terms will be displayed on the website of RWE group (<https://www.group.rwe/en/investor-relations/bonds-and-rating/rwe-bonds-at-a-glance>).

## DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

### Documents Incorporated by Reference

The following documents which have been published or which are published simultaneously with this Prospectus and filed with the Commission shall be incorporated by reference in, and form part of, this Prospectus:

the published audited consolidated financial statements of RWE AG as at and for the financial year ended 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2020, in each case including the independent auditor's report thereon.

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Any information contained in the documents incorporated by reference that is not specifically set out in the above comparative table of documents incorporated by reference is not incorporated by reference into the Prospectus and is either not relevant for investors of the Notes or is covered elsewhere in the Prospectus.

### Availability of Incorporated Documents

Any document incorporated herein by reference can be obtained without charge at the offices of RWE as set out at the end of this Prospectus. In addition, such documents will be available free of charge from the principal office in Luxembourg of Deutsche Bank Luxembourg S.A. (the "**Luxembourg Listing Agent**") for Notes listed on the official list of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and for Notes listed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange from the offices of Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft, Taunusanlage 12, 60325 Frankfurt am Main, Germany and will be published on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)).



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