



## SEVERN TRENT PLC

*(incorporated with limited liability in England and Wales with registered number 2366619)*

as an Issuer

## SEVERN TRENT WATER UTILITIES FINANCE PLC

*(incorporated with limited liability in England and Wales with registered number 2914860)*

as an Issuer

**€2,500,000,000**

**Euro Medium Term Note Programme**

## SEVERN TRENT WATER LIMITED

*(incorporated with limited liability in England and Wales with registered number 2366686)*

**as Guarantor of Notes issued by Severn Trent Water Utilities Finance Plc**

On 18 December 2000, Severn Trent Plc and Severn Trent Water Utilities Finance Plc (each an "Issuer" and together the "Issuers") established a Euro Medium Term Note Programme (the "Programme") and issued an offering circular on that date describing the Programme. This Offering Circular supersedes any offering circular with respect to the Programme issued prior to the date hereof. Any Notes (as defined below) issued under the Programme on or after the date of this Offering Circular are issued subject to the provisions described herein, but this Offering Circular does not affect the terms of any Notes issued prior to the date hereof.

Under the Programme the Issuers may from time to time issue notes (the "Notes") denominated in any currency agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer (as defined herein).

The payments of all amounts payable in respect of Notes issued by Severn Trent Water Utilities Finance Plc ("STWUF") will be unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by Severn Trent Water Limited (the "Guarantor").

The maximum aggregate nominal amount of all Notes from time to time outstanding under the Programme will not exceed €2,500,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies calculated as described herein), subject to increase as described herein.

The Notes may be issued on a continuing basis to one or more of the Dealers specified under "Summary of the Programme" and any additional Dealer appointed under the Programme from time to time by the Issuer (each a "Dealer" and together the "Dealers"), which appointment may be for a specific issue or on an ongoing basis. References in this Offering Circular to the "relevant Dealer" shall, in the case of an issue of Notes being (or intended to be) subscribed by more than one Dealer, be to all Dealers agreeing to subscribe for such Notes.

Application has been made to the Financial Services Authority in its capacity as competent authority under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the "UK Listing Authority") for Notes issued under the Programme during the period of 12 months from the date of this Offering Circular to be admitted to the official list of the UK Listing Authority (the "Official List") and to the London Stock Exchange plc (the "London Stock Exchange") for such Notes to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's market for listed securities. Admission to the Official List together with admission to trading on the London Stock Exchange's market for listed securities constitute official listing on the London Stock Exchange. Notice of the aggregate nominal amount of Notes, interest (if any) payable in respect of Notes, the issue price of Notes and any other terms and conditions not contained herein which are applicable to each Tranche (as defined under "Terms and Conditions of the Notes") of Notes will be set out in a pricing supplement (the "Pricing Supplement") which, with respect to Notes to be admitted to the Official List and admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's market for listed securities, will be delivered to the UK Listing Authority and the London Stock Exchange on or before the date of issue of the Notes of such Tranche.

The Programme provides that Notes may be listed on such other or further stock exchange(s) as may be agreed between the relevant Issuer and (where the relevant Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor and the relevant Dealer. The Issuers may also issue unlisted Notes.

The relevant Issuer and (where the relevant Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor may agree with any Dealer and the Trustee (as defined herein) that Notes may be issued in a form not contemplated by the Terms and Conditions of the Notes herein, in which event (in the case of Notes admitted to the Official List only) supplementary listing particulars or new listing particulars, as appropriate, will be made available which will describe the effect of the agreement reached in relation to such Notes.

*Arranger*

**Deutsche Bank**

*Dealers*

**Barclays Capital  
Deutsche Bank**

**The Royal Bank of Scotland**

**Citigroup  
HSBC**

*The Issuers and the Guarantor accept responsibility for the information contained in this Offering Circular. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Issuers and the Guarantor (each having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Offering Circular is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.*

*A copy of this Offering Circular, which comprises the listing particulars approved by the UK Listing Authority as required by the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the "Listing Particulars") in relation to Notes admitted to the Official List and admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's market for listed securities and issued during the period of 12 months from the date of this Offering Circular, has been delivered for registration to the Registrar of Companies in England and Wales as required by section 83 of that Act. Copies of each Pricing Supplement (in the case of Notes to be admitted to the Official List) will be available from FT Business Research Centre, operated by FT Interactive Data at Fitzroy House, 13-17 Epworth Street, London EC2A 4DL, and from the specified office set out herein of each of the Paying Agents (as defined herein).*

*This Offering Circular is to be read in conjunction with all documents which are deemed to be incorporated herein by reference (see "Documents Incorporated by Reference"). This Offering Circular shall, save as specified herein, be read and construed on the basis that such documents are so incorporated and form part of this Offering Circular but do not form part of the Listing Particulars.*

*The Issuers have confirmed that any information incorporated by reference, including any such information to which readers of this document are expressly referred, has not been and does not need to be included in the Listing Particulars to satisfy the requirements of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 or the listing rules of the UK Listing Authority. The Issuers believe that none of the information incorporated in the Offering Circular by reference conflicts in any material respect with the information included in the Listing Particulars.*

*Neither the Dealers nor the Trustee have independently verified the information contained herein. Accordingly, no representation, warranty or undertaking, express or implied, is made and no responsibility or liability is accepted by the Dealers or the Trustee as to the accuracy or completeness of the information contained or incorporated in this Offering Circular or any other information provided by the Issuers or the Guarantor in connection with the Programme. None of Dealers or the Trustee accepts any liability in relation to the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Offering Circular or any other information provided by the Issuers or the Guarantor in connection with the Programme.*

*No person is or has been authorised by the Issuers, the Guarantor or the Trustee to give any information or to make any representation not contained in or not consistent with this Offering Circular or any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or the Notes and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Issuers, the Guarantor, the Trustee or any of the Dealers.*

*Neither this Offering Circular nor any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or any Notes (i) is intended to provide the basis of any credit or other evaluation or (ii) should be considered as a recommendation by the Issuers, the Guarantor, the Trustee or any of the Dealers that any recipient of this Offering Circular or any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or any Notes should subscribe for or purchase any Notes. Each investor contemplating purchasing any Notes should make its own independent investigation of the financial condition and affairs, and its own appraisal of the creditworthiness, of the relevant Issuer and/or the Guarantor. Neither this Offering Circular nor any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or the issue of any Notes constitutes an offer or invitation by or on behalf of the Issuers, the Guarantor, the Trustee or any of the Dealers to any person to subscribe for or to purchase any Notes.*

*Neither the delivery of this Offering Circular nor the offering, sale or delivery of any Notes shall in any circumstances imply that the information contained herein concerning the Issuers and/or the Guarantor is correct at any time subsequent to the date hereof or that any other information supplied in connection with the Programme is correct as of any time subsequent to the date indicated in the document containing the same. The Dealers and the Trustee expressly do not undertake to review the financial condition or affairs of the Issuers or the Guarantor during the life of the Programme or to advise any investor in the Notes of any information coming to their attention. Investors should review, inter alia, the most recently published documents incorporated by reference into this Offering Circular when deciding whether or not to purchase any Notes.*

*The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, (the "Securities Act") and are subject to US tax law requirements. Subject to certain exceptions,*

*Notes may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or to United States persons (see "Subscription and Sale").*

*This Offering Circular does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any Notes in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make the offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. The distribution of this Offering Circular and the offer or sale of Notes may be restricted by law in certain jurisdictions. The Issuers, the Guarantor, the Trustee and the Dealers do not represent that this Offering Circular may be lawfully distributed, or that any Notes may be lawfully offered, in compliance with any applicable registration or other requirements in any such jurisdiction, or pursuant to an exemption available thereunder, or assume any responsibility for facilitating any such distribution or offering. In particular, no action has been taken by the Issuers, the Guarantor, the Trustee or the Dealers (save for the approval of this document as listing particulars by the UK Listing Authority and delivery of copies of this document to the Registrar of Companies in England and Wales) which would permit a public offering of any Notes or distribution of this document in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. Accordingly, no Notes may be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, and neither this Offering Circular nor any advertisement or other offering material may be distributed or published in any jurisdiction, except under circumstances that will result in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations. Persons into whose possession this Offering Circular or any Notes may come must inform themselves about, and observe, any such restrictions on the distribution of this Offering Circular and the offering and sale of Notes. In particular, there are restrictions on the distribution of this Offering Circular and the offer or sale of Notes in the United States, the United Kingdom, Japan, France, The Netherlands and Germany – see "Subscription and Sale".*

*All references in this Offering Circular to "US dollars", "US\$" and "\$" are to United States dollars, all references to "Sterling" and "£" are to pounds sterling and all references to "euro" and "€" are to the currency introduced at the start of the third stage of European economic and monetary union pursuant to the Treaty establishing the European Community, as amended.*

**In connection with the issue and distribution of any Tranche of Notes, the Dealer (if any) disclosed as the stabilising manager in the applicable Pricing Supplement or any person acting for it may over-allot or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the Notes of the Series (as defined herein) of which such Tranche forms part at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail for a limited period after the issue date. However, there may be no obligation on the stabilising manager or its agent to do this. Such stabilising, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time and must be brought to an end after a limited period.**

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## DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The following documents shall be deemed to be incorporated in, and to form part of, this Offering Circular (provided, however, that such incorporated documents do not form a part of the Listing Particulars):

- (a) as applicable, the most recently published audited consolidated and/or audited non-consolidated annual financial statements and, if published later, the most recently published consolidated and/or non-consolidated interim financial statements (if any) of each of the Issuers and the Guarantor – see “General Information” for a description of the financial statements currently published by each of the Issuers and the Guarantor; and
- (b) all supplements or amendments to this Offering Circular circulated by the Issuers and/or the Guarantor from time to time,

save that any statement contained herein or in a document which is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for the purpose of this Offering Circular (but not the Listing Particulars) to the extent that a statement contained in any such subsequent document which is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such earlier statement (whether expressly, by implication or otherwise). Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Offering Circular.

The Issuers and the Guarantor will provide, without charge, to each person to whom a copy of this Offering Circular has been delivered, upon the request of such person, a copy of any or all of the documents deemed to be incorporated herein by reference unless such documents have been modified or superseded as specified above. Requests for such documents should be directed to the Issuers or the Guarantor at their registered offices set out at the end of this Offering Circular. In addition, such documents will be available from the specified office of the Agent in England for Notes admitted to the Official List.

The Issuers and the Guarantor have undertaken to the Dealers in the Programme Agreement (as defined in “Subscription and Sale”) to comply with sections 81 and 83 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.

If the terms of the Programme are modified or amended in a manner which would make this Offering Circular inaccurate or misleading, a new offering circular will be prepared.

## SUMMARY OF THE PROGRAMME

*The following summary does not purport to be complete and is taken from, and is qualified in its entirety by, the remainder of this Offering Circular and, in relation to the terms and conditions of any particular Tranche of Notes, the applicable Pricing Supplement. Words and expressions defined in "Form of the Notes" and "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" shall have the same meanings in this summary.*

Issuers: Severn Trent Plc  
Severn Trent Water Utilities Finance Plc

Guarantor of Notes issued by  
STWUF: Severn Trent Water Limited

Description: Euro Medium Term Note Programme

Arranger: Deutsche Bank AG London

Dealers: Barclays Bank PLC  
Citigroup Global Markets Limited  
Deutsche Bank AG London  
HSBC Bank plc  
The Royal Bank of Scotland plc

and any other Dealers appointed in accordance with the Programme Agreement.

Certain Restrictions: Each issue of Notes denominated in a currency in respect of which particular laws, guidelines, regulations, restrictions or reporting requirements apply will only be issued in circumstances which comply with such laws, guidelines, regulations, restrictions or reporting requirements from time to time (see "Subscription and Sale") including the following restrictions applicable at the date of this Offering Circular.

Issues of Notes denominated in Swiss francs or carrying a Swiss franc-related element with a maturity of more than one year (other than Notes privately placed with a single investor with no publicity) will be effected in compliance with the relevant regulations of the Swiss National Bank based on article 7 of the Federal Law on Banks and Savings Banks of 8 November 1934 (as amended) and article 15 of the Federal Law on Stock Exchanges and Securities Trading of 24 March 1995 in connection with article 2, paragraph 2 of the Ordinance of the Federal Banking Commission on Stock Exchanges and Securities Trading of 2 December 1996. Under the said regulations, the relevant Dealer or, in the case of a syndicated issue, the lead manager (the "Swiss Dealer"), must be a bank domiciled in Switzerland (which includes branches or subsidiaries of a foreign bank located in Switzerland) or a securities dealer duly licensed by the Swiss Federal Banking Commission pursuant to the Federal Law on Stock Exchanges and Securities Trading of 24 March 1995. The Swiss Dealer must report certain details of the relevant transaction to the Swiss National Bank no later than the Issue Date of the relevant Notes.

Notes having a maturity of less than one year will, if the proceeds of the issue are accepted in the United Kingdom, constitute deposits for the purposes of the prohibition on accepting deposits contained in section 19 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 unless they are issued to a limited class of professional investors and have a redemption value of at least £100,000 or its equivalent, see "Subscription and Sale".

Agent: HSBC Bank plc

Trustee:	The Law Debenture Trust Corporation p.l.c.
Programme Size:	Up to €2,500,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies calculated as described in the Programme Agreement) outstanding at any time. The Issuers and the Guarantor may increase the amount of the Programme in accordance with the terms of the Programme Agreement.
Distribution:	Notes may be distributed by way of private or public placement and in each case on a syndicated or non-syndicated basis.
Currencies:	Subject to any applicable legal or regulatory restrictions, any currency agreed between the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer.
Redenomination:	The applicable Pricing Supplement may provide that certain Notes may be redenominated in euro.
Maturities:	Such maturities as may be agreed between the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer, subject to such minimum or maximum maturities as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant central bank (or equivalent body) or any laws or regulations applicable to the relevant Issuer or the relevant Specified Currency.
Issue Price:	Notes may be issued on a fully-paid or a partly-paid basis and at an issue price which is at par or at a discount to, or premium over, par.
Form of Notes:	The Notes will be issued in bearer form as described in "Form of the Notes".
Fixed Rate Notes:	Fixed interest will be payable on such date or dates as may be agreed between the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer and on redemption, and will be calculated on the basis of such Day Count Fraction as may be agreed between the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer (and indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement).
Floating Rate Notes:	<p>Floating Rate Notes will bear interest at a rate determined:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) on the same basis as the floating rate under a notional interest rate swap transaction in the relevant Specified Currency governed by an agreement incorporating the 2000 ISDA Definitions (as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc., and as amended and updated as at the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes of the relevant Series); or</li> <li>(ii) on the basis of a reference rate appearing on the agreed screen page of a commercial quotation service; or</li> <li>(iii) on such other basis as may be agreed between the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer (and indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement).</li> </ul> <p>The margin (if any) relating to such floating rate will be agreed between the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer for each Series of Floating Rate Notes.</p>
Index Linked Notes:	<p>Payments of principal in respect of Index Linked Redemption Notes or of interest in respect of Index Linked Interest Notes will be calculated by reference to such index and/or formula or to changes in the prices of securities or commodities or to such other factors as the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer may agree (and indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement).</p> <p>Index Linked Notes which are issued as an <i>appel public à l'épargne</i> in France must be issued in compliance with the <i>Principes Généraux</i> from</p>

time to time set by the *Commission des Opérations de Bourse* and the *Conseil des Bourses de Valeurs* or any successor body thereto.

Other provisions in relation to Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes:

Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes may also have a maximum interest rate, a minimum interest rate or both.

Interest on Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes in respect of each Interest Period, as agreed prior to issue by the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer, will be payable on such Interest Payment Dates, and will be calculated on the basis of such Day Count Fraction, as may be agreed between the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer (and indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement).

Dual Currency Notes:

Payments (whether in respect of principal or interest and whether at maturity or otherwise) in respect of Dual Currency Notes will be made in such currencies, and based on such rates of exchange, as may be agreed between the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer (and indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement).

Zero Coupon Notes:

Zero Coupon Notes will be offered and sold at a discount to their nominal amount and will not bear interest.

Redemption:

The applicable Pricing Supplement will indicate either that the relevant Notes cannot be redeemed prior to their stated maturity (other than in specified instalments, if applicable, or for taxation reasons or following an Event of Default) or that such Notes will be redeemable at the option of the relevant Issuer and/or the Noteholders upon giving notice to the Noteholders or the relevant Issuer, as the case may be, on a date or dates specified prior to such stated maturity and at a price or prices and on such other terms as may be agreed between the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer.

The applicable Pricing Supplement may provide that Notes may be redeemable in two or more instalments of such amounts and on such dates as are indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

Notes having a maturity of less than one year are subject to restrictions on their redemption value and distribution, see "Certain Restrictions" above.

Put Event:

Notes with a maturity of more than 20 years will be subject to a Put Event. If, at any time while any such Note remains outstanding, a Put Event occurs, then (other than in certain circumstances described in Condition 6(e)) the holder of such Note will, upon the giving of a Put Event Notice (as defined in Condition 6(e)), have the option to require the relevant Issuer to redeem the Note on the Put Date (as defined in Condition 6(e)) at the Event Put Amount (as indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement), together with interest accrued up to (but excluding) the Put Date.

A Put Event occurs if (i) the appointment of Severn Trent Water Limited as in effect on the date of this document as the water undertaker and sewerage undertaker for the areas described in the Instrument of Appointment dated August 1989 made by the Secretary of State under sections 11 and 14 of the Water Act 1989 (now section 6 of the Water Industry Act 1991) is terminated other than in respect of such part of its area as is the subject of an appointment or variation by virtue of section 7(4)(b) or (bb) of the Water Industry Act 1991 or (ii) a Restructuring Event (as defined in Condition 6(e)) occurs and, within the Restructuring Period (as defined in Condition 6(e)), certain other conditions described in Condition 6(e) occur or (iii) in the case of



Notes issued by Severn Trent Plc, Severn Trent Water Limited ceases to be a Subsidiary of Severn Trent Plc.

- Denomination of Notes: Notes will be issued in such denominations as may be agreed between the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer save that the minimum denomination of each Note will be such as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant central bank (or equivalent body) or any laws or regulations applicable to the relevant Specified Currency, see "Certain Restrictions" above.
- Taxation: All payments in respect of the Notes will be made without deduction for or on account of withholding taxes imposed by the United Kingdom or any political subdivision of, or any authority in, or of, the United Kingdom having power to tax, subject as provided in Condition 7. In the event that any such deduction is made, the relevant Issuer or, as the case may be, (where the relevant Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor will, save in certain customary circumstances provided in Condition 7, be required to pay additional amounts to cover the amounts so deducted.
- Negative Pledge: The terms of the Notes will contain a negative pledge provision as further described in Condition 3.
- Cross Default: The terms of the Notes will contain a cross default provision as further described in Condition 9.
- Status of the Notes: The Notes will constitute direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and (subject to the provisions of Condition 3) unsecured obligations of the relevant Issuer and will rank *pari passu* among themselves and (subject as aforesaid and save for certain obligations required to be preferred by law) equally with all other unsecured obligations (other than subordinated obligations, if any) of the relevant Issuer, from time to time outstanding.
- Guarantee of Notes issued by STWUF: Notes issued by STWUF will be unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by the Guarantor. The obligations of the Guarantor under such guarantee will be direct, unconditional and (subject to the provisions of Condition 3) unsecured obligations of the Guarantor and will rank *pari passu* and (subject as aforesaid and save for certain obligations required to be preferred by law) equally with all other unsecured obligations (other than subordinated obligations, if any) of the Guarantor, from time to time outstanding.
- Listing: Application has been made for Notes issued under the Programme during the period of 12 months from the date of this Offering Circular to be admitted to the Official List and to trading on the London Stock Exchange's market for listed securities. The Notes may also be listed on such other or further stock exchange(s) as may be agreed between the relevant Issuer and (where the Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor and the relevant Dealer in relation to each Series.
- Unlisted Notes may also be issued.
- The applicable Pricing Supplement will state whether or not the relevant Notes are to be listed and, if so, on which stock exchange(s).

**Governing Law:** The Notes will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, English law.

**Selling Restrictions:** There are restrictions on the offer, sale and transfer of the Notes in the United States, the United Kingdom, Japan, France, The Netherlands and Germany and such other restrictions as may be required in connection with the offering and sale of a particular Tranche of Notes – see “Subscription and Sale”.

## FORM OF THE NOTES

Each Tranche of Notes will be in bearer form and will initially be represented by a temporary global note (a "Temporary Global Note") or, if so specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, a permanent Global Note (a "Permanent Global Note") which will be delivered on or prior to the original issue date of the Tranche to a common depository (the "Common Depository") for Euroclear Bank, S.A./N.V. as operator of the Euroclear System ("Euroclear") and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme ("Clearstream, Luxembourg"). Whilst any Note is represented by a Temporary Global Note, payments of principal, interest (if any) and any other amount payable in respect of the Notes due prior to the Exchange Date (as defined below) will be made against presentation of the Temporary Global Note only to the extent that certification (in a form to be provided) to the effect that the beneficial owners of interests in such Note are not United States persons or persons who have purchased for resale to any United States person, as required by US Treasury regulations, has been received by Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable, has given a like certification (based on the certifications it has received) to the Agent.

On and after the date (the "Exchange Date") which, in respect of each Tranche in respect of which a Temporary Global Note is issued, is 40 days after the Temporary Global Note is issued, interests in such Temporary Global Note will be exchangeable (free of charge), upon a request as described therein, for either (i) interests in a Permanent Global Note of the same Series or (ii) definitive Notes of the same Series with, where applicable, Receipts, Coupons and Talons attached (each as defined in "Terms and Conditions of the Notes") (as indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement and subject, in the case of definitive Notes, to such notice period as is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement), in each case against certification of beneficial ownership as described above unless such certification has already been given. The holder of a Temporary Global Note will not be entitled to collect any payment of interest, principal or other amount due on or after the Exchange Date unless, upon due certification, exchange of the Temporary Global Note for an interest in a Permanent Global Note or for definitive Notes is improperly withheld or refused.

Payments of principal, interest (if any) or any other amounts on a Permanent Global Note will be made through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg against presentation or surrender (as the case may be) of the Permanent Global Note without any requirement for certification.

The applicable Pricing Supplement will specify that a Permanent Global Note will be exchangeable (free of charge), in whole but not in part, for definitive Notes with, where applicable, Receipts, Coupons and Talons attached upon either (i) not less than 60 days' written notice from Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (acting on the instructions of any holder of an interest in such Permanent Global Note) to the Agent as described therein or (ii) only upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event. For these purposes, "Exchange Event" means that (i) an Event of Default (as defined in Condition 9) has occurred and is continuing, (ii) the relevant Issuer has been notified that both Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg have been closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of holiday, statutory or otherwise) or have announced an intention permanently to cease business or have in fact done so and, in any such case, no successor clearing system satisfactory to the Trustee is available or (iii) the relevant Issuer or, as the case may be, (where the relevant Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor has or will become subject to adverse tax consequences which would not be suffered were the Notes in definitive form and a certificate to such effect is given by two Directors of the relevant Issuer or, as the case may be, (where the relevant Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor to the Trustee. The relevant Issuer will promptly give notice to Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13 if an Exchange Event occurs. In the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (acting on the instructions of any holder of an interest in such Permanent Global Note) or the Trustee may give notice to the Agent requesting exchange and, in the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event as described in (iii) above, the relevant Issuer may also give notice to the Agent requesting exchange. Any such exchange shall occur not later than 60 days after the date of receipt of the first relevant notice by the Agent.

The following legend will appear on all Notes which have an original maturity of more than 365 days and on all Receipts and Coupons relating to such Notes:

"ANY UNITED STATES PERSON WHO HOLDS THIS OBLIGATION WILL BE SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS UNDER THE UNITED STATES INCOME TAX LAWS, INCLUDING THE LIMITATIONS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 165(j) AND 1287(a) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE."

The sections referred to provide that United States holders, with certain exceptions, will not be entitled to deduct any loss on Notes, Receipts or Coupons and will not be entitled to capital gains treatment of any gain on any sale, disposition, redemption or payment of principal in respect of such Notes or Receipts or Coupons.

Notes which are represented by a Global Note will only be transferable in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be.

Pursuant to the Agency Agreement (as defined under "Terms and Conditions of the Notes"), the Agent shall arrange that, where a further Tranche of Notes is issued which is intended to form a single Series with an existing Tranche of Notes, the Notes of such further Tranche shall be assigned a common code and ISIN which are different from the common code and ISIN assigned to Notes of any other Tranche of the same Series until at least the expiry of the distribution compliance period (as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act) applicable to the Notes of such Tranche.

Any reference herein to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any additional or alternative clearing system specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement or as may otherwise be approved by the relevant Issuer, the Agent and the Trustee.

## FORM OF PRICING SUPPLEMENT

Set out below is the form of Pricing Supplement which will be completed for each Tranche of Notes issued under the Programme.

[Date]

### [Severn Trent Plc/Severn Trent Water Utilities Finance Plc]

Issue of [Aggregate Nominal Amount of Tranche] [Title of Notes]  
[Guaranteed by Severn Trent Water Limited]  
under the €2,500,000,000  
Euro Medium Term Note Programme

This document constitutes the Pricing Supplement relating to the issue of Notes described herein. Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Terms and Conditions set forth in the Offering Circular dated [ ]. This Pricing Supplement is supplemental to and must be read in conjunction with such Offering Circular.

*[Include whichever of the following apply or specify as "Not Applicable" (N/A). Note that the numbering should remain as set out below, even if "Not Applicable" is indicated for individual paragraphs or sub-paragraphs.]*

*[If the Notes have a maturity of less than one year from the date of their issue, the minimum redemption value must be £100,000 or its equivalent in any other currency.]*

1. [(i)] Issuer: [Severn Trent Plc/Severn Trent Water Utilities Finance Plc]  
[(ii)] Guarantor: [Severn Trent Water Limited]
2. (i) Series Number: [ ]  
(ii) Tranche Number: [ ]  
*(If fungible with an existing Series, details of that Series, including the date on which the Notes become fungible)*
3. Specified Currency or Currencies: [ ]
4. Aggregate Nominal Amount:  
(i) Series: [ ]  
(ii) Tranche: [ ]
5. (i) Issue Price: [ ] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount of the Tranche [plus accrued interest from [insert date] *(in the case of fungible issues only, if applicable)*  
(ii) Net proceeds: [ ] *(Required only for listed issues)*
6. Specified Denominations: [ ]  
[ ]
7. [(i)] Issue Date [and Interest Commencement Date]: [ ]  
[(ii)] Interest Commencement Date (if different from the Issue Date): [ ]
8. Maturity Date: *[Fixed rate – specify date/Floating rate – Interest Payment Date falling in or nearest to [specify month]]*
9. Interest Basis: [[ ] per cent. Fixed Rate]  
[[LIBOR/EURIBOR] +/- [ ] per cent. Floating Rate]  
[Zero Coupon]  
[Index Linked Interest]  
[Dual Currency Interest]  
*[specify other]*  
*(further particulars specified below)*

10. Redemption/Payment Basis: [Redemption at par]  
[Index Linked Redemption]  
[Dual Currency Redemption]  
[Partly Paid]  
[Instalment]  
[specify other]
11. Change of Interest Basis or Redemption/Payment Basis: [Specify details of any provision for change of Notes into another Interest Basis or Redemption/ Payment Basis]
12. Put/Call Options: [Investor Put]  
[Issuer Call]  
[(further particulars specified below)]
13. [(i)] Status of the Notes: [Senior]  
[(ii) Status of the Guarantee: [Senior]]
14. Listing: [London/specify other/None]
15. Method of distribution: [Syndicated/Non-syndicated]

### PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE

16. **Fixed Rate Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*
- (i) Rate(s) of Interest: [ ] per cent. per annum [payable [annually/semi-annually/quarterly] in arrear]  
*(If payable other than annually, consider amending Condition 4)*
- (ii) Interest Payment Date(s): [[ ] in each year up to and including the Maturity Date]/  
[specify other]  
*(NB: This will need to be amended in the case of long or short coupons)*
- (iii) Fixed Coupon Amount(s): [ ] per [ ] in nominal amount
- (iv) Broken Amount(s): [Insert particulars of any initial or final broken interest amounts which do not correspond with the Fixed Coupon Amount]
- (v) Day Count Fraction: [30/360 or Actual/Actual (ISMA) or specify other]  
*(NB: Actual/Actual (ISMA) is normally only appropriate for Fixed Rate Notes denominated in euros)*
- (vi) Determination Date(s): [ ] in each year  
[Insert regular interest payment dates, ignoring issue date or maturity date in the case of a long or short first or last coupon]  
*(NB: This will need to be amended in the case of regular interest payment dates which are not of equal duration and is only relevant where Day Count Fraction is Actual/Actual (ISMA))*
- (vii) Other terms relating to the method of calculating interest for Fixed Rate Notes: [None/Give details]
17. **Floating Rate Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*
- (i) Specified Period(s)/Specified Interest Payment Dates: [ ]
- (ii) Business Day Convention: [Floating Rate Convention/Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention/[specify other]]
- (iii) Additional Business Centre(s): [ ]

- (iv) Manner in which the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount is to be determined: [Screen Rate Determination/ISDA Determination/*specify other*]
- (v) Party responsible for calculating the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount (if not the Agent): [ ]
- (vi) Screen Rate Determination:
- Reference Rate: [ ]  
(Either LIBOR, EURIBOR or other, although additional information is required if other – including fallback provisions in the Agency Agreement)
  - Interest Determination Date(s): [ ]  
(Second London business day prior to the start of each Interest Period if LIBOR (other than Sterling or euro LIBOR), first day of each Interest Period if Sterling LIBOR and the second day on which the TARGET System is open prior to the start of each Interest Period if EURIBOR or euro LIBOR)
  - Relevant Screen Page: [ ]  
(In the case of EURIBOR, if not Moneyline Telerate Page 248 ensure it is a page which shows a composite rate or amend the fallback provisions appropriately)
- (vii) ISDA Determination:
- Floating Rate Option: [ ]
  - Designated Maturity: [ ]
  - Reset Date: [ ]
- (viii) Margin(s): [+/-] [ ] per cent. per annum
- (ix) Minimum Rate of Interest: [ ] per cent. per annum
- (x) Maximum Rate of Interest: [ ] per cent. per annum
- (xi) Day Count Fraction: [Actual/365  
Actual/365 (Fixed)  
Actual/365 (Sterling)  
Actual/360  
30/360  
30E/360  
Other]  
(See Condition 4 for alternatives)
- (xii) Fall back provisions, rounding provisions and any other terms relating to the method of calculating interest on Floating Rate Notes, if different from those set out in the Terms and Conditions: [ ]
- 18. Zero Coupon Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)
- (i) Accrual Yield: [ ] per cent. per annum
  - (ii) Reference Price: [ ]
  - (iii) Any other formula/basis of determining amount payable: [ ]  
(Consider applicable day count fraction if euro denominated)

(iv) Day Count Fraction in relation to Early Redemption Amounts and late payment: [Conditions 6(f) (iii) and (k) apply/specify other]

**19. Index Linked Interest Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)

(i) Index/Formula: [give or annex details]

(ii) Calculation Agent responsible for calculating the principal and/or interest due: [ ]

(iii) Provisions for determining coupon where calculation by reference to Index and/or Formula is impossible or impracticable: [ ]

(iv) Specified Period(s)/Specified Interest Payment Dates: [ ]

(v) Business Day Convention: [Floating Rate Convention/Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention/specify other]

(vi) Additional Business Centre(s): [ ]

(vii) Minimum Rate of Interest: [ ] per cent. per annum

(viii) Maximum Rate of Interest: [ ] per cent. per annum

(ix) Day Count Fraction: [ ]

**20. Dual Currency Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)

(i) Rate of Exchange/method of calculating Rate of Exchange: [give details]

(ii) Calculation Agent, if any, responsible for calculating the principal and/or interest payable: [ ]

(iii) Provisions applicable where calculation by reference to Rate of Exchange impossible or impracticable: [ ]

(iv) Person at whose option Specified Currency(ies) is/are payable: [ ]

## PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION

**21. Issuer Call:** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)

(i) Optional Redemption Date(s): [ ]

(ii) Optional Redemption Amount of each Note and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s): [ ]



- (iii) If redeemable in part:
- (a) Minimum Redemption Amount: [ ]
- (b) Higher Redemption Amount: [ ]
- (iv) Notice period (if other than as set out in the Terms and Conditions): [ ]
22. Investor Put: [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*
- (i) Optional Redemption Date(s): [ ]
- (ii) Optional Redemption Amount of each Note and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s): [ ]
- (iii) Notice period (if other than as set out in the Terms and Conditions): [ ]
23. Final Redemption Amount [Nominal Amount/specify other/see Appendix]
24. Early Redemption Amount(s) payable on redemption for taxation reasons or on event of default and/or the method of calculating the same (if required or if different from that set out in Condition 6(f)): [ ]
25. Put Event: [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
*(NB: Only applicable to Notes with a maturity of more than 20 years. If applicable, specify Event Put Amount)*

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTES

26. Form of Notes: [Temporary Global Note exchangeable for a Permanent Global Note which is exchangeable for Definitive Notes [on 60 days' notice given at any time/only upon an Exchange Event]  
[Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes on and after the Exchange Date]  
[Permanent Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes [on 60 days' notice given at any time/only upon an Exchange Event]]
27. Additional Financial Centre(s) or other special provisions relating to Payment Dates: [Not Applicable/give details]  
*(NB: This item relates to the place of payment and not Interest Period end dates to which items 17(iii) and 19(vi) relate)*
28. Talons for future Coupons or Receipts to be attached to Definitive Notes (and dates on which such Talons mature): [Yes/No. If yes, give details]
29. Details relating to Partly Paid Notes: amount of each payment comprising the Issue Price and date on which each payment is to be made and consequences of failure to pay, including any right of the Issuer to forfeit the Notes and interest due on late payment: [Not Applicable/give details.]  
*(NB: A new form of Temporary Global Note and/or Permanent Global Note may be required for Partly Paid issues)*

- 30. Details relating to Instalment Notes:
  - (i) Instalment Amount(s): [Not Applicable/give details]
  - (ii) Instalment Date(s): [Not Applicable/give details]
- 31. Redenomination applicable: Redenomination [not] applicable  
*(If Redenomination is applicable, specify the terms of the redenomination in an Annex to the Pricing Supplement)*
- 32. Other terms or special conditions: [Not Applicable/give details]

**DISTRIBUTION**

- 33. (i) If syndicated, names of Managers: [Not Applicable/give names]
- (ii) Stabilising Manager (if any): [Not Applicable/give name]
- 34. If non-syndicated, name of relevant Dealer: [ ]
- 35. Whether TEFRA D or TEFRA C rules applicable or TEFRA rules not applicable: [TEFRA D/TEFRA C/TEFRA not applicable]
- 36. Additional selling restrictions: [Not Applicable/give details]

**OPERATIONAL INFORMATION**

- 37. Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and the relevant identification number(s): [Not Applicable/give name(s) and number(s)]
- 38. Delivery: Delivery [against/free of] payment
- 39. Additional Paying Agent(s) (if any): [ ]

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ISIN: [ ]

Common Code: [ ]

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**[LISTING APPLICATION**

This Pricing Supplement comprises the details required to list the issue of Notes described herein pursuant to the €2,500,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme of Severn Trent Plc and Severn Trent Water Utilities Finance Plc.]

**RESPONSIBILITY**

The Issuer [and the Guarantor] accept[s] responsibility for the information contained in this Pricing Supplement.

Signed on behalf of the Issuer: \_\_\_\_\_ [Signed on behalf of the Guarantor: \_\_\_\_\_]

By: . . . . . Duly authorised By: . . . . . Duly authorised]

If the applicable Pricing Supplement specifies any modification to the Terms and Conditions of the Notes as described herein, it is envisaged that, to the extent that such modification relates only to Conditions 1, 4, 5, 6 (except Condition 6(b)), 10, 11, 12, 13 (insofar as such Notes are not listed or admitted to trade on any stock exchange) or 15, they will not necessitate the preparation of supplementary Listing Particulars. If the Terms and Conditions of the Notes of any Series are to be modified in any other respect, supplementary Listing Particulars will be prepared, if appropriate.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES

*The following are the Terms and Conditions of the Notes which will be incorporated by reference into each Global Note (as defined below) and each definitive Note, in the latter case only if permitted by the relevant stock exchange or other relevant authority (if any) and agreed by the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer at the time of issue but, if not so permitted and agreed, such definitive Note will have endorsed thereon or attached thereto such Terms and Conditions. The applicable Pricing Supplement in relation to any Tranche of Notes may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with the following Terms and Conditions, replace or modify the following Terms and Conditions for the purpose of such Notes. The applicable Pricing Supplement (or the relevant provisions thereof) will be endorsed upon, or attached to, each Global Note and definitive Note. Reference should be made to "Form of the Notes" for a description of the content of Pricing Supplements which will specify which of such terms are to apply in relation to the relevant Notes.*

This Note is one of a Series (as defined below) of Notes issued by Severn Trent Plc ("Severn Trent") or Severn Trent Water Utilities Finance Plc ("STWUF" and, together with Severn Trent, the "Issuers" and each an "Issuer") constituted by a Trust Deed dated 18 December 2000 (such Trust Deed as modified and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the "Trust Deed") and made between the Issuers, Severn Trent Water Limited (the "Guarantor") in its capacity as guarantor of Notes issued by STWUF and The Law Debenture Trust Corporation p.l.c. as trustee (the "Trustee", which expression shall include any successor trustee) for the holders of the Notes (the "Noteholders" or "holders" which expression shall mean in relation to Notes in definitive form, the bearers thereof, and shall, in relation to Notes represented by a Global Note, be construed as provided below).

References in these Terms and Conditions to the "Issuer" shall be to the Issuer of the Notes specified as such in the applicable Pricing Supplement (as defined below). References in these Terms and Conditions to the "Guarantor" shall only be applicable if STWUF is specified as the Issuer of the Notes in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

References in these Terms and Conditions to the "Notes" shall be references to the Notes of this Series and shall mean:

- (i) in relation to any Notes represented by a global Note (a "Global Note"), units of the lowest Specified Denomination in the Specified Currency;
- (ii) any Global Note; and
- (iii) any definitive Notes issued in exchange for a Global Note.

The Notes, the Receipts (as defined below) and the Coupons (as defined below) have the benefit of an Agency Agreement dated 18 December 2000 (such Agency Agreement as amended and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the "Agency Agreement") and made between the Issuers, the Guarantor, HSBC Bank plc as issuing and principal paying agent and agent bank (the "Agent", which expression shall include any successor agent), the Trustee and the other paying agents named therein (together with the Agent, unless the context otherwise requires, the "Paying Agents", which expression shall include any additional or successor paying agents).

Interest bearing definitive Notes have interest coupons ("Coupons") and, if indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement, talons for further Coupons ("Talons") attached on issue. Any reference herein to Coupons or coupons shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be deemed to include a reference to Talons or talons. Definitive Notes repayable in instalments have receipts ("Receipts") for the payment of the instalments of principal (other than the final instalment) attached on issue. Global Notes do not have Receipts, Coupons or Talons attached on issue.

The Pricing Supplement for this Note (or the relevant provisions thereof) is attached to or endorsed on this Note and supplements these Terms and Conditions (the "Terms and Conditions") and may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with these Terms and Conditions, replace or modify the Terms and Conditions for the purposes of this Note. References in these Terms and Conditions to the "applicable Pricing Supplement" are to the Pricing Supplement (or the relevant provisions thereof) attached to or endorsed on this Note.

Any reference in these Terms and Conditions to "Receiptholders" shall mean the holders of the Receipts and any reference in these Terms and Conditions to "Couponholders" shall mean the holders of the Coupons and shall, unless the context otherwise requires, include the holders of the Talons.

As used in these Terms and Conditions, “Tranche” means Notes which are identical in all respects (including as to listing) and “Series” means a Tranche of Notes together with any further Tranche or Tranches of Notes which are (i) expressed to be consolidated and form a single series and (ii) identical in all respects (including as to listing) except for their respective Issue Dates, Interest Commencement Dates and/or Issue Prices.

Copies of the Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement are available for inspection during normal business hours at the registered office of the Trustee (being at 19 December 2001 at Fifth Floor, 100 Wood Street, London EC2V 7EX) and at the specified office of each of the Paying Agents. Copies of the applicable Pricing Supplement are obtainable during normal business hours at the specified office of each of the Paying Agents save that, if this Note is an unlisted Note of any Series, the applicable Pricing Supplement will only be obtainable by a Noteholder holding one or more unlisted Notes of that Series and such Noteholder must produce evidence satisfactory to the Issuer and the Trustee or, as the case may be, the relevant Paying Agent as to its holding of such Notes and identity. The Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders are deemed to have notice of, are entitled to the benefit of, and are bound by, all the provisions of the Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement and the applicable Pricing Supplement which are applicable to them. The statements in these Terms and Conditions include summaries of, and are subject to, the detailed provisions of the Trust Deed.

Words and expressions defined in the Trust Deed or in the Agency Agreement or used in the applicable Pricing Supplement shall have the same meanings where used in these Terms and Conditions unless the context otherwise requires or unless otherwise stated and provided that, in the event of inconsistency between the Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement, the Trust Deed will prevail and, in the event of inconsistency between the Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement and the applicable Pricing Supplement, the applicable Pricing Supplement will prevail.

## **1. Form, Denomination and Title**

The Notes are in bearer form and, in the case of definitive Notes, serially numbered, in the Specified Currency and the Specified Denomination(s). Notes of one Specified Denomination may not be exchanged for Notes of another Specified Denomination.

This Note may be a Fixed Rate Note, a Floating Rate Note, a Zero Coupon Note, an Index Linked Interest Note, a Dual Currency Interest Note, a combination of any of the foregoing or any other type of Note, depending upon the Interest Basis shown in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

This Note may be an Index Linked Redemption Note, an Instalment Note, a Dual Currency Redemption Note, a Partly Paid Note, a combination of any of the foregoing or any other type of Note, depending on the Redemption/Payment Basis shown in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

Definitive Notes are issued with Coupons attached, unless they are Zero Coupon Notes in which case references to Coupons and Couponholders in these Terms and Conditions are not applicable.

Subject as set out below, title to the Notes, Receipts and Coupons will pass by delivery. The Issuer, the Guarantor, the Trustee and the Paying Agents will (except as otherwise required by law) deem and treat the bearer of any Note, Receipt or Coupon as the absolute owner thereof (whether or not overdue and notwithstanding any notice of ownership or writing thereon or notice of any previous loss or theft thereof) for all purposes but, in the case of any Global Note, without prejudice to the provisions set out in the next succeeding paragraph.

For so long as any of the Notes is represented by a Global Note held on behalf of Euroclear Bank S.A./ N.V, as operator of the Euroclear System (“Euroclear”) and/or Clearstream Banking, société anonyme (“Clearstream, Luxembourg”), each person (other than Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg) who is for the time being shown in the records of Euroclear or of Clearstream, Luxembourg as the holder of a particular nominal amount of such Notes (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as to the nominal amount of such Notes standing to the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes save in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Trustee and the Paying Agents as the holder of such nominal amount of such Notes for all purposes other than with respect to the payment of principal or interest on such nominal amount of such Notes, for which purpose the bearer of the relevant Global Note shall be treated by the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Trustee and the Paying Agents as the holder of such nominal amount of such Notes in accordance with and subject to the terms of the relevant Global Note and the expressions “Noteholder” and “holder of Notes” and related expressions shall be construed accordingly. In determining whether a particular person is entitled to a particular nominal amount of Notes as

aforesaid, the Trustee may rely on such evidence and/or information and/or certification as it shall, in its absolute discretion, think fit and, if it does so rely, such evidence and/or information and/or certification shall, in the absence of manifest or proven error be conclusive and binding on all concerned. Notes which are represented by a Global Note will be transferable only in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be.

References to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any additional or alternative clearing system specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement or as may otherwise be approved by the Issuer, the Agent and the Trustee.

## **2. Status of the Notes and the Guarantee**

### *(a) Status of the Notes*

The Notes and any relative Receipts and Coupons are direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and (subject to the provisions of Condition 3) unsecured obligations of the Issuer and rank *pari passu* among themselves and (subject as aforesaid and save for certain obligations required to be preferred by law) equally with all other unsecured obligations (other than subordinated obligations, if any) of the Issuer, from time to time outstanding.

### *(b) Status of the Guarantee*

The payment of principal and interest (if any) in respect of the Notes issued by STWUF and all other moneys payable by STWUF under or pursuant to the Trust Deed has been unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by the Guarantor in the Trust Deed (the "Guarantee"). The obligations of the Guarantor under the Guarantee are direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and (subject to the provisions of Condition 3) unsecured obligations of the Guarantor and (subject as aforesaid and save for certain obligations required to be preferred by law) rank equally with all other unsecured obligations (other than subordinated obligations, if any) of the Guarantor, from time to time outstanding.

## **3. Negative Pledge**

*(a)* So long as any of the Notes remains outstanding (as defined in the Trust Deed), the Issuer will not create or permit to subsist any mortgage, charge, lien (other than a lien arising solely by operation of law) or other encumbrance (each a "Security Interest") upon the whole or any part of its undertaking or assets, present or future, to secure payment of any present or future Relevant Indebtedness or to secure any guarantee or indemnity in respect of any present or future Relevant Indebtedness, without at the same time according to the Notes, to the satisfaction of the Trustee, the same security as is created or subsisting to secure any such Relevant Indebtedness, guarantee or indemnity, or such other arrangement (whether or not it includes the creation of a Security Interest) as the Trustee shall in its absolute discretion deem not materially less beneficial to the Noteholders or as shall be approved by an Extraordinary Resolution (as defined in the Trust Deed) of the Noteholders.

*(b)* So long as any of the Notes remains outstanding, the Guarantor will not create or permit to subsist any Security Interest upon the whole or any part of its undertaking or assets, present or future, to secure payment of any present or future Relevant Indebtedness or to secure any guarantee or indemnity in respect of any present or future Relevant Indebtedness, without at the same time according to its obligations under the Guarantee, to the satisfaction of the Trustee, the same security as is created or subsisting to secure any such Relevant Indebtedness, guarantee or indemnity, or such other arrangement (whether or not it includes the creation of a Security Interest) as the Trustee shall in its absolute discretion deem not materially less beneficial to the Noteholders or as shall be approved by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders.

*(c)* In these Terms and Conditions:

"Excluded Subsidiary" means any Subsidiary of either, if the Issuer is Severn Trent, the Issuer or, if the Issuer is STWUF, the Guarantor (but not, in the latter case, the Issuer): (a) which is a single purpose company whose principal assets and business are constituted by a project, (b) none of whose liabilities in respect of the financing of such project are directly or indirectly the subject of security or a guarantee, indemnity or any other form of assurance, undertaking or support from any member of the Group other than such Subsidiary or another Excluded Subsidiary and (c) which has been designated as such by the Issuer by written notice to the Trustee; provided that the Issuer may give written notice to the Trustee at any time that any Excluded Subsidiary is no longer an Excluded Subsidiary, whereupon it shall cease to be an Excluded Subsidiary;

“Group” means, if the Issuer is Severn Trent, the Issuer and its Subsidiary Undertakings and, if the Issuer is STWUF, the Guarantor and its Subsidiary Undertakings and “member of the Group” shall be construed accordingly;

“Project Finance Indebtedness” means any present or future indebtedness incurred to finance the ownership, acquisition, development and/or operation of an asset, whether or not an asset of a member of the Group:

- (a) which is incurred by an Excluded Subsidiary; or
- (b) in respect of which the person or persons to whom any such indebtedness is or may be owed by the relevant borrower (whether or not a member of the Group) has or have no recourse whatsoever to any member of the Group (other than an Excluded Subsidiary) for the repayment thereof other than:
  - (i) recourse for amounts limited to the cash flow or net cash flow (other than historic cash flow or historic net cash flow) from such asset; and/or
  - (ii) recourse for the purpose only of enabling amounts to be claimed in respect of such indebtedness in an enforcement of any encumbrance given by such borrower over such asset or the income, cash flow or other proceeds deriving therefrom (or given by any shareholder or the like in the borrower over its shares or the like in the capital of the borrower) to secure such indebtedness, provided that (A) the extent of such recourse is limited solely to the amount of any recoveries made on any such enforcement, and (B) such person or persons is/are not entitled, by virtue of any right or claim arising out of or in connection with such indebtedness, to commence proceedings for the winding up or dissolution of any member of the Group (other than an Excluded Subsidiary) or to appoint or procure the appointment of any receiver, trustee or similar person or officer in respect of any member of the Group (other than an Excluded Subsidiary) or any of its assets (save for the assets the subject of such encumbrance); and/or
  - (iii) recourse under any form of assurance, undertaking or support, which recourse is limited to a claim for damages (other than liquidated damages and damages required to be calculated in a specified way) for breach of an obligation (not being a payment obligation or an obligation to procure payment by another or an indemnity in respect thereof or any obligation to comply or to procure compliance by another with financial ratios or other tests of financial condition);

“Relevant Indebtedness” means any indebtedness (other than Project Finance Indebtedness), which is in the form of, or represented or evidenced by, bonds, notes, loan stock or other securities which are quoted, listed, dealt in or traded on a stock exchange, or over the counter or other recognised securities market;

“Subsidiary” means a subsidiary within the meaning of section 736 of the Companies Act 1985; and

“Subsidiary Undertaking” means a subsidiary undertaking within the meaning of section 258 of the Companies Act 1985.

#### **4. Interest**

##### *(a) Interest on Fixed Rate Notes*

Each Fixed Rate Note bears interest on its outstanding nominal amount (or, if it is a Partly Paid Note, the amount paid up) from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date at the rate(s) per annum equal to the Rate(s) of Interest. Interest will be payable in arrear on the Interest Payment Date(s) in each year up to (but excluding) the Maturity Date.

Except as provided in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the amount of interest payable on each Interest Payment Date in respect of the Fixed Interest Period ending on (but excluding) such date will amount to the Fixed Coupon Amount. Payments of interest on any Interest Payment Date will, if so specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, amount to the Broken Amount so specified.

As used in the Terms and Conditions, “Fixed Interest Period” means the period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Payment Date.

If interest is required to be calculated for a period other than a Fixed Interest Period, such interest shall be calculated by applying the Rate of Interest to each Specified Denomination, multiplying such sum by the applicable Day Count Fraction and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest sub-unit of the relevant Specified Currency, half of any such sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention.

“Day Count Fraction” means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest in accordance with this Condition 4(a):

- (i) if “Actual/Actual (ISMA)” is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement:
  - (a) in the case of Notes where the number of days in the relevant period from (and including) the most recent Interest Payment Date (or, if none, the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the relevant payment date (the “Accrual Period”) is equal to or shorter than the Determination Period during which the Accrual Period ends, the number of days in such Accrual Period divided by the product of (1) the number of days in such Determination Period and (2) the number of Determination Dates (as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement) that would occur in one calendar year; or
  - (b) in the case of Notes where the Accrual Period is longer than the Determination Period during which the Accrual Period ends, the sum of:
    - (1) the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the Determination Period in which the Accrual Period begins divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Dates (as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement) that would occur in one calendar year; and
    - (2) the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the next Determination Period divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Dates that would occur in one calendar year; and
- (ii) if “30/360” is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the number of days in the period from (and including) the most recent Interest Payment Date (or, if none, the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the relevant payment date (such number of days being calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months) divided by 360.

In these Terms and Conditions:

“Determination Period” means each period from (and including) a Determination Date to (but excluding) the next Determination Date (including, where either the Interest Commencement Date or the final Interest Payment Date is not a Determination Date, the period commencing on the first Determination Date prior to, and ending on the first Determination Date falling after, such date); and

“sub-unit” means, with respect to any currency other than euro, the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the country of such currency and, with respect to euro, means one cent.

*(b) Interest on Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes*

(i) Interest Payment Dates

Each Floating Rate Note and Index Linked Interest Note bears interest on its outstanding nominal amount (or, if it is a Partly Paid Note, the amount paid up) from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date and such interest will be payable in arrear on either:

- (A) the Specified Interest Payment Date(s) in each year specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement; or
- (B) if no Specified Interest Payment Date(s) is/are specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, each date (each such date, together with each Specified Interest Payment Date, an “Interest Payment Date”) which falls the number of months or other period specified as the Specified Period in the applicable Pricing Supplement after the preceding Interest Payment Date or, in the case of the first Interest Payment Date, after the Interest Commencement Date.

Such interest will be payable in respect of each Interest Period (which expression shall, in these Terms and Conditions, mean the period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Payment Date).

If a Business Day Convention is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement and (x) if there is no numerically corresponding day in the calendar month in which an Interest Payment Date should occur or (y) if any Interest Payment Date would otherwise fall on a day which is not a Business Day, then, if the Business Day Convention specified is:

- (1) in any case where Specified Periods are specified in accordance with Condition 4(b)(i)(B) above, the Floating Rate Convention, such Interest Payment Date (i) in the case of (x) above, shall be the last day that is a Business Day in the relevant month and the provisions of (B) below shall apply *mutatis mutandis* or (ii) in the case of (y) above, shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event (A) such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day and (B) each subsequent Interest Payment Date shall be the last Business Day in the month which falls the Specified Period after the preceding applicable Interest Payment Date occurred; or
- (2) the Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day; or
- (3) the Modified Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day; or
- (4) the Preceding Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day.

In these Terms and Conditions, "Business Day" means a day which is both:

- (A) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in London and any Additional Business Centre specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement; and
- (B) either (1) in relation to any sum payable in a Specified Currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the principal financial centre of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (if other than London and any Additional Business Centre and which, if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars, shall be Sydney and Auckland, respectively) or (2) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer (TARGET) System (the "TARGET System") is open.

(ii) Rate of Interest

The Rate of Interest payable from time to time in respect of Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes will be determined in the manner specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

(A) **ISDA Determination for Floating Rate Notes**

Where ISDA Determination is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will be the relevant ISDA Rate plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement) the Margin (if any). For the purposes of this subparagraph (A), "ISDA Rate" for an Interest Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rate that would be determined by the Agent under an interest rate swap transaction if the Agent were acting as Calculation Agent for that swap transaction under the terms of an agreement incorporating the 2000 ISDA Definitions, as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. and as amended and updated as at



the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes (the "ISDA Definitions") and under which:

- (1) the Floating Rate Option is as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement;
- (2) the Designated Maturity is a period specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement; and
- (3) the relevant Reset Date is either (i) if the applicable Floating Rate Option is based on the London inter-bank offered rate ("LIBOR") or on the Euro-zone inter-bank offered rate ("EURIBOR"), the first day of that Interest Period or (ii) in any other case, as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (A), "Floating Rate", "Calculation Agent", "Floating Rate Option", "Designated Maturity" and "Reset Date" have the meanings given to those terms in the ISDA Definitions.

**(B) Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Notes**

Where Screen Rate Determination is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject as provided below, be either:

- (1) the offered quotation if there is only one quotation on the Relevant Screen Page; or
- (2) the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the offered quotations,

(expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the Reference Rate which appears or appear, as the case may be, on the Relevant Screen Page as at 11.00 a.m. (London time, in the case of LIBOR, or Brussels time, in the case of EURIBOR) on the Interest Determination Date in question plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement) the Margin (if any), all as determined by the Agent. If five or more of such offered quotations are available on the Relevant Screen Page, the highest (or, if there is more than one such highest quotation, one only of such quotations) and the lowest (or, if there is more than one such lowest quotation, one only of such quotations) shall be disregarded by the Agent for the purpose of determining the arithmetic mean (rounded as provided above) of such offered quotations.

The Agency Agreement contains provisions for determining the Rate of Interest in the event that the Relevant Screen Page is not available or if, in the case of (1) above, no such offered quotation appears or, in the case of (2) above, fewer than three such offered quotations appear, in each case as at the time specified in the preceding paragraph.

If the Reference Rate from time to time in respect of Floating Rate Notes is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement as being other than LIBOR or EURIBOR, the Rate of Interest in respect of such Notes will be determined as provided in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

**(iii) Minimum Rate of Interest and/or Maximum Rate of Interest**

If the applicable Pricing Supplement specifies a Minimum Rate of Interest for any Interest Period, then, in the event that the Rate of Interest in respect of such Interest Period determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (ii) above is less than such Minimum Rate of Interest, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be such Minimum Rate of Interest.

If the applicable Pricing Supplement specifies a Maximum Rate of Interest for any Interest Period, then, in the event that the Rate of Interest in respect of such Interest Period determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (ii) above is greater than such Maximum Rate of Interest, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be such Maximum Rate of Interest.

**(iv) Determination of Rate of Interest and calculation of Interest Amounts**

The Agent, in the case of Floating Rate Notes, and the Calculation Agent, in the case of Index Linked Interest Notes, will at or as soon as practicable after each time at which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, determine the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period. In

the case of Index Linked Interest Notes, the Calculation Agent will notify the Agent of the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period as soon as practicable after calculating the same.

The Agent will calculate the amount of interest (the "Interest Amount") payable on the Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes in respect of each Specified Denomination for the relevant Interest Period. Each Interest Amount shall be calculated by applying the Rate of Interest to each Specified Denomination, multiplying such sum by the applicable Day Count Fraction and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest sub-unit of the relevant Specified Currency, half of any such sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention.

"Day Count Fraction" means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest for any Interest Period:

- (i) if "Actual/365" or "Actual/Actual" is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of that Interest Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (A) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (B) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365);
  - (ii) if "Actual/365 (Fixed)" is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365;
  - (iii) if "Actual/365 (Sterling)" is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 or, in the case of an Interest Payment Date falling in a leap year, 366;
  - (iv) if "Actual/360" is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360;
  - (v) if "30/360", "360/360" or "Bond Basis" is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the number of days in the Interest 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 (unless (a) the last day of the Interest Period is the 31st day of a month but the first day of the Interest 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 Interest 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)); and
  - (vi) if "30E/360" or "Eurobond Basis" is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the number of days in the Interest 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 Interest Period unless, in the case of the final Interest Period, the Maturity Date 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).
- (v) Notification of Rate of Interest and Interest Amounts
- The Agent will cause the Rate of Interest and each Interest Amount for each Interest Period and the relevant Interest Payment Date to be notified to the Issuer and any stock exchange or other relevant authority on which the relevant Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes are for the time being listed or by which they have been admitted to listing and notice thereof to be published in accordance with Condition 13 as soon as possible after their determination but in no event later than the fourth London Business Day thereafter. Each Interest Amount and Interest Payment Date so notified may subsequently be amended (or appropriate alternative arrangements made by way of adjustment) without prior notice in the event of an extension or shortening of the Interest Period. Any such amendment will be promptly notified to each stock exchange or other relevant authority on which the relevant Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes are for the time being listed or by which they have been admitted to listing and to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13. For the purposes of this paragraph, the expression "London Business Day" means a day

(other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which banks and foreign exchange markets are open for general business in London.

(vi) **Determination or Calculation by Trustee**

If for any reason at any relevant time the Agent or, as the case may be, the Calculation Agent defaults in its obligation to determine the Rate of Interest or the Agent defaults in its obligation to calculate any Interest Amount in accordance with sub-paragraph (ii)(A) or (B) above or as otherwise specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, as the case may be, and in each case in accordance with paragraph (iv) above, the Trustee shall determine the Rate of Interest at such rate as, in its absolute discretion (having such regard as it shall think fit to the foregoing provisions of this Condition 4, but subject always to any Minimum Rate of Interest or Maximum Rate of Interest specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement), it shall deem fair and reasonable in all the circumstances or, as the case may be, the Trustee shall calculate the Interest Amount(s) in such manner as it shall deem fair and reasonable in all the circumstances. In making any such determination or calculation, the Trustee may appoint and rely on a determination or calculation by a calculation agent (which shall be an investment bank or other suitable entity of international repute). Each such determination or calculation shall be deemed to have been made by the Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable.

(vii) **Certificates to be final**

All certificates, communications, opinions, determinations, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of the provisions of this Condition 4(b), whether by the Agent or, if applicable, the Trustee or the Calculation Agent, shall (in the absence of wilful default, bad faith or manifest error) be binding on the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Agent, the Trustee, the Calculation Agent (if applicable), the other Paying Agents and all Noteholders, Receiptholders and Couponholders and (in the absence as aforesaid) no liability to the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Noteholders, the Receiptholders or the Couponholders shall attach to the Agent or, if applicable, the Trustee or the Calculation Agent in connection with the exercise or non-exercise by it of its powers, duties and discretions pursuant to such provisions.

(c) *Interest on Dual Currency Interest Notes*

The rate or amount of interest payable in respect of Dual Currency Interest Notes shall be determined in the manner specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

(d) *Interest on Partly Paid Notes*

In the case of Partly Paid Notes (other than Partly Paid Notes which are Zero Coupon Notes), interest will accrue as aforesaid on the paid-up nominal amount of such Notes and otherwise as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

(e) *Accrual of interest*

Each Note (or in the case of the redemption of part only of a Note, that part only of such Note) will cease to bear interest (if any) from the date for its redemption unless, upon due presentation thereof, payment of principal is improperly withheld or refused. In such event, interest will continue to accrue as provided in the Trust Deed.

## **5. Payments**

(a) *Method of payment*

Subject as provided below:

- (i) payments in a Specified Currency other than euro will be made by credit or transfer to an account in the relevant Specified Currency (which, in the case of a payment in Japanese yen to a non-resident of Japan, shall be a non-resident account) maintained by the payee with, or, at the option of the payee, by a cheque in such Specified Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Specified Currency (which, if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars, shall be Sydney and Auckland, respectively); and

- (ii) payments in euro will be made by credit or transfer to a euro account (or any other account to which euro may be credited or transferred) specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque.

Payments will be subject in all cases to any fiscal or other laws and regulations applicable thereto in the place of payment, but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 7.

*(b) Presentation of definitive Notes, Receipts and Coupons*

Payments of principal in respect of definitive Notes will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner provided in paragraph (a) above only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of definitive Notes, and payments of interest in respect of definitive Notes will (subject as provided below) be made as aforesaid only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of Coupons, in each case at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States (which expression, as used herein, means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia, its territories, its possessions and other areas subject to its jurisdiction)).

Payments of instalments of principal (if any) in respect of definitive Notes, other than the final instalment, will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner provided in paragraph (a) above against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of the relevant Receipt in accordance with the preceding paragraph. Payment of the final instalment will be made in the manner provided in paragraph (a) above only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of the relevant Note in accordance with the preceding paragraph. Each Receipt must be presented for payment of the relevant instalment together with the definitive Note to which it appertains. Receipts presented without the definitive Note to which they appertain do not constitute valid obligations of the Issuer. Upon the date on which any definitive Note becomes due and repayable, unmatured Receipts (if any) relating thereto (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment shall be made in respect thereof.

Fixed Rate Notes in definitive form (other than Dual Currency Notes, Index Linked Notes or Long Maturity Notes (as defined below)) should be presented for payment together with all unmatured Coupons appertaining thereto (which expression shall for this purpose include Coupons falling to be issued on exchange of matured Talons), failing which the amount of any missing unmatured Coupon (or, in the case of payment not being made in full, the same proportion of the amount of such missing unmatured Coupon as the sum so paid bears to the sum due) will be deducted from the sum due for payment. Each amount of principal so deducted will be paid in the manner mentioned above against surrender of the relative missing Coupon at any time before the expiry of 10 years after the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 7) in respect of such principal (whether or not such Coupon would otherwise have become void under Condition 8) or, if later, five years from the date on which such Coupon would otherwise have become due, but in no event thereafter.

Upon any Fixed Rate Note in definitive form becoming due and repayable prior to its Maturity Date, all unmatured Talons (if any) appertaining thereto will become void and no further Coupons will be issued in respect thereof.

Upon the date on which any Floating Rate Note, Dual Currency Note, Index Linked Note or Long Maturity Note in definitive form becomes due and repayable, unmatured Coupons and Talons (if any) relating thereto (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment or, as the case may be, exchange for further Coupons shall be made in respect thereof. A "Long Maturity Note" is a Fixed Rate Note (other than a Fixed Rate Note which on issue had a Talon attached) whose nominal amount on issue is less than the aggregate amount of interest payable thereon provided that such Note shall cease to be a Long Maturity Note on the Interest Payment Date on which the aggregate amount of interest remaining to be paid after that date is less than the nominal amount of such Note.

If the due date for redemption of any definitive Note is not an Interest Payment Date, interest (if any) accrued in respect of such Note from (and including) the preceding Interest Payment Date or, as the case may be, the Interest Commencement Date shall be payable only against surrender of the relevant definitive Note.

(c) *Payments in respect of Global Notes*

Payments of principal and interest (if any) in respect of Notes represented by any Global Note will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner specified above in relation to definitive Notes and otherwise in the manner specified in the relevant Global Note against presentation or surrender, as the case may be, of such Global Note at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States. A record of each payment made against presentation or surrender of any Global Note, distinguishing between any payment of principal and any payment of interest, will be made on such Global Note by the Paying Agent to which it was presented and such record shall be *prima facie* evidence that the payment in question has been made.

(d) *General provisions applicable to payments*

The holder of a Global Note shall be the only person entitled to receive payments in respect of Notes represented by such Global Note and the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the holder of such Global Note in respect of each amount so paid. Each of the persons shown in the records of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as the beneficial holder of a particular nominal amount of Notes represented by such Global Note must look solely to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, for his share of each payment so made by the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor to, or to the order of, the holder of such Global Note.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Condition, if any amount of principal and/or interest in respect of Notes is payable in US dollars, such US dollar payments of principal and/or interest in respect of such Notes will be made at the specified office of a Paying Agent in the United States if:

- (i) the Issuer has appointed Paying Agents with specified offices outside the United States with the reasonable expectation that such Paying Agents would be able to make payment in US dollars at such specified offices outside the United States of the full amount of principal and interest on the Notes in the manner provided above when due;
- (ii) payment of the full amount of such principal and interest at all such specified offices outside the United States is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions on the full payment or receipt of principal and interest in US dollars; and
- (iii) such payment is then permitted under United States law without involving, in the opinion of the Issuer and the Guarantor, adverse tax consequences to the Issuer or the Guarantor.

(e) *Payment Day*

If the date for payment of any amount in respect of any Note, Receipt or Coupon is not a Payment Day, the holder thereof shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment 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 Day" means any day which (subject to Condition 8) is:

- (i) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in:
  - (A) the relevant place of presentation;
  - (B) London;
  - (C) any Additional Financial Centre specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement; and
- (ii) either (1) in relation to any sum payable in a Specified Currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the principal financial centre of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (if other than the place of presentation, London and any Additional Financial Centre and which, if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars, shall be Sydney and Auckland, respectively) or (2) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day on which the TARGET System is open.

(f) *Interpretation of principal and interest*

Any reference in these Terms and Conditions to principal in respect of the Notes shall be deemed to include, as applicable:

- (i) any additional amounts which may be payable with respect to principal under Condition 7 or under any undertaking given in addition thereto, or in substitution therefor, pursuant to the Trust Deed;
- (ii) the Final Redemption Amount of the Notes;
- (iii) the Early Redemption Amount of the Notes;
- (iv) the Optional Redemption Amount(s) (if any) of the Notes;
- (v) in relation to Notes redeemable in instalments, the Instalment Amounts;
- (vi) in relation to Zero Coupon Notes, the Amortised Face Amount (as defined in Condition 6(f)); and
- (vii) any premium and any other amounts (other than interest) which may be payable by the Issuer under or in respect of the Notes.

Any reference 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 with respect to interest under Condition 7 or under any undertaking given in addition thereto, or in substitution therefor, pursuant to the Trust Deed.

## **6. Redemption and Purchase**

### *(a) Redemption at maturity*

Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled as specified below, each Note (including each Index Linked Redemption Note and Dual Currency Redemption Note) will be redeemed by the Issuer at its Final Redemption Amount specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Pricing Supplement in the relevant Specified Currency on the Maturity Date.

### *(b) Redemption for tax reasons*

The Notes (other than Notes in respect of which the Issuer shall have given a notice of redemption pursuant to Condition 6(c) or in respect of which a Noteholder shall have given notice of redemption in accordance with Condition 6(d) or a Put Event Notice in accordance with Condition 6(e), in each case prior to any notice being given under this Condition 6(b)) may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer in whole, but not in part, at any time (if this Note is neither a Floating Rate Note nor an Index Linked Interest Note) or on any Interest Payment Date (if this Note is either a Floating Rate Note or an Index Linked Interest Note), on giving not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice to the Trustee and the Agent and, in accordance with Condition 13, the Noteholders (which notice shall be irrevocable), if:

- (i) on the occasion of the next payment due under the Notes, the Issuer would be obliged to pay additional amounts as provided or referred to in Condition 7 or (where the Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor would be unable for reasons outside its control to procure payment by the Issuer and in making payment itself would be obliged to pay such additional amounts, in each case as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of the United Kingdom or any political subdivision of, or any authority in, or of, the United Kingdom having power to tax, or any change in the application or judicial or official interpretation of such laws or regulations, which change or amendment becomes effective on or after the date on which agreement is reached to issue the first Tranche of the Notes; and
- (ii) such obligation cannot be avoided by the Issuer or, as the case may be, (where the Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor taking reasonable measures available to it,

provided that no such notice of redemption shall be given earlier than 90 days prior to the earliest date on which the Issuer or, as the case may be, (where the Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor would be obliged to pay such additional amounts were a payment in respect of the Notes then due.

Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this Condition, the Issuer shall deliver to the Trustee a certificate signed by two Directors of the Issuer or, as the case may be, (where the Issuer is STWUF) two Directors of the Guarantor stating that the Issuer is entitled to effect such redemption and setting forth a statement of facts showing that the conditions precedent set out in (i) and (ii) above to the right of the Issuer so to redeem have occurred, and an opinion of independent legal advisers of recognised standing to the effect that the Issuer or, as the case may be, (where the Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor has or will become obliged to pay such additional

amounts as a result of such change or amendment. The Trustee shall be entitled to accept such certificate and opinion as sufficient evidence of the satisfaction of the conditions precedent set out in (i) and (ii) above, in which event they shall be conclusive and binding on the Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders.

Notes redeemed pursuant to this Condition 6(b) will be redeemed at their Early Redemption Amount referred to in paragraph (f) below together (if appropriate) with interest accrued to (but excluding) the date of redemption.

*(c) Redemption at the option of the Issuer (Issuer Call)*

If Issuer Call is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the Issuer may, having given:

- (i) not less than 15 nor more than 60 days' notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13; and
- (ii) not less than 15 days before the giving of the notice referred to in (i), notice to the Trustee and to the Agent;

(which notices shall be irrevocable and shall specify the date fixed for redemption), redeem all or some only of the Notes then outstanding on any Optional Redemption Date and at the Optional Redemption Amount(s) both as specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Pricing Supplement together, if appropriate, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the relevant Optional Redemption Date. Any such redemption must be of a nominal amount not less than the Minimum Redemption Amount or not more than a Higher Redemption Amount, in each case as may be specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement. In the case of a partial redemption of Notes, the Notes to be redeemed ("Redeemed Notes") will be selected individually by lot in a place chosen by the Issuer and approved by the Trustee, in the case of Redeemed Notes represented by definitive Notes, and in accordance with the rules of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, in the case of Redeemed Notes represented by a Global Note, not more than 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption (such date of selection being hereinafter called the "Selection Date"). In the case of Redeemed Notes represented by definitive Notes, a list of the serial numbers of such Redeemed Notes will be published in accordance with Condition 13 not less than 15 days prior to the date fixed for redemption. The aggregate nominal amount of Redeemed Notes represented by definitive Notes shall bear the same proportion to the aggregate nominal amount of all Redeemed Notes as the aggregate nominal amount of definitive Notes outstanding bears to the aggregate nominal amount of the Notes outstanding, in each case on the Selection Date, provided that such first mentioned nominal amount shall, if necessary, be rounded downwards to the nearest integral multiple of the Specified Denomination, and the aggregate nominal amount of Redeemed Notes represented by a Global Note shall be equal to the balance of the Redeemed Notes. No exchange of the relevant Global Note will be permitted during the period from (and including) the Selection Date to (and including) the date fixed for redemption pursuant to this paragraph (c) and notice to that effect shall be given by the Issuer to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13 at least five days prior to the Selection Date.

*(d) Redemption at the option of the Noteholders (Investor Put)*

If Investor Put is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, upon the holder of any Note giving to the Issuer in accordance with Condition 13 not less than 30 nor more than 45 days' notice (which notice shall be irrevocable) the Issuer will, upon the expiry of such notice, redeem, subject to, and in accordance with, the terms specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, in whole (but not, in the case of a definitive Note, in part) such Note on the Optional Redemption Date and at the Optional Redemption Amount (both as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement) together, if appropriate, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the Optional Redemption Date.

If this Note is in definitive form, to exercise the right to require redemption of this Note the holder of this Note must deliver such Note at the specified office of any Paying Agent at any time during normal business hours of such Paying Agent falling within the notice period, accompanied by a duly completed and signed notice of exercise in the form (for the time being current) obtainable from any specified office of any Paying Agent (a "Put Notice") and in which the holder must specify a bank account (or, if payment is required to be made by cheque, an address) to which payment is to be made under this Condition.

(e) *Redemption at the Option of the Noteholders on a Put Event*

This Condition 6(e) applies to Notes with a maturity of more than 20 years.

If, at any time while any of the Notes remains outstanding, a Put Event (as defined below) occurs, then, unless at any time the Issuer shall have given a notice under Condition 6(b) or (c) in respect of such Notes, in either case expiring prior to the Put Date (as defined below), the holder of each Note will, upon the giving of a Put Event Notice (as defined below), have the option to require the Issuer to redeem the Note on the Put Date at the Event Put Amount (as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement), together with interest accrued up to (but excluding) the Put Date. For the avoidance of doubt, the occurrence of an event which is a Put Event shall not constitute an Event of Default.

A "Put Event" occurs if (i) the appointment of Severn Trent Water Limited as in effect on the date of this document (the "Appointment") as the water undertaker and sewerage undertaker for the areas described in the Instrument of Appointment dated August 1989 made by the Secretary of State under sections 11 and 14 of the Water Act 1989 (now section 6 of the Water Industry Act 1991) is terminated other than in respect of such part of its area as is the subject of an appointment or variation by virtue of section 7(4)(b) or (bb) of the Water Industry Act 1991; or (ii) a Restructuring Event occurs and, within the Restructuring Period, either (a) if at the time the relevant Restructuring Event occurs there are Rated Securities, a Rating Downgrading in respect of that Restructuring Event also occurs or (b) if at such time there are no Rated Securities, the Issuer or (where the Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor fails to obtain (whether by failing to seek a rating or otherwise) a rating of the Notes or any other unsecured and unsubordinated debt of the Issuer or (where the Issuer is STWUF) of the Guarantor or (where the Issuer is Severn Trent) of any Subsidiary of the Issuer or (where the Issuer is STWUF) of any other Subsidiary of the Guarantor which, in any case, is guaranteed on an unsecured and unsubordinated basis by (where the Issuer is Severn Trent) the Issuer or (where the Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor) having an initial maturity of five years or more, from a Rating Agency of at least investment grade (BBB-/Baa3, or their respective equivalents for the time being) (a "Negative Rating Event") and, in the case of either (a) or (b), such Restructuring Event is, not later than 14 days after the expiry of the Restructuring Period, certified in writing by an independent financial adviser appointed by the Trustee (after consultation with the Issuer as to the identity of such independent financial adviser) as being in its opinion materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders (a "Negative Certification") (that Restructuring Event and the relevant Rating Downgrading or, as the case may be, Negative Rating Event and, in each case, the Negative Certification together constituting the Put Event). Any certification by an independent financial adviser as aforesaid as to whether or not any Restructuring Event is materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders shall, in the absence of manifest error, be conclusive and binding on all concerned. For the avoidance of doubt, the service by the Secretary of State of a notice under Condition O of the Appointment shall not of itself constitute a Put Event; or (iii) where the Issuer is Severn Trent, Severn Trent Water Limited ceases to be a Subsidiary of Severn Trent.

Promptly upon becoming aware that a Put Event has occurred, and in any event not later than 21 days after the occurrence of the Put Event, the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor shall, and at any time upon the Trustee becoming similarly so aware the Trustee may, and if so requested by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders shall, give notice (a "Put Event Notice") to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13, specifying the nature of the Put Event and the procedure for exercising the option contained in this Condition 6(e).

To exercise the option to require the Issuer to redeem a Note under this Condition 6(e), the Noteholder must deliver such Note at the specified office of any Paying Agent, on any day which is a day on which banks are open for business in London and in the place of the specified office of such Paying Agent falling within the period (the "Put Period") of 45 days after the date on which a Put Event Notice is given, accompanied by a duly signed and completed notice of exercise in the form (for the time being current) obtainable from the specified office of any Paying Agent (an "Event Put Notice"). The Note must be delivered to the Paying Agent together with all Coupons appertaining thereto (which expression, for the avoidance of doubt, shall include unmaturing Coupons falling to be issued on exchange of matured Talons) maturing after the date (the "Put Date") being the seventh day after the date of expiry of the Put Period, failing which deduction in respect of such missing unmaturing Coupons shall be made in accordance with Condition 5(b). The Paying Agent to which such Note and Event Put Notice are delivered will issue to the Noteholder



concerned a non-transferable receipt (a "Put Receipt") in respect of the Note so delivered. Payment by the Issuer in respect of any Note so delivered shall be made, if the Noteholder duly specified in the Event Put Notice a bank account to which payment is to be made, by transfer to that bank account on the Put Date, and in every other case, on or after the Put Date against presentation and surrender of such Put Receipt at the specified office of any Paying Agent. An Event Put Notice, once given, shall be irrevocable. For the purposes of Conditions 1, 8, 9, 10, 14 and 17 Put Receipts issued pursuant to this Condition 6(e) shall be treated as if they were Notes.

In these Terms and Conditions:

"K" has the meaning ascribed to it in the Appointment;

"Rated Securities" means the Notes, if at any time and for so long as they shall have a rating from a Rating Agency, and otherwise any other unsecured and unsubordinated debt of, where the Issuer is STWUF, the Guarantor or the Issuer or any other Subsidiary of the Guarantor which, in any case, is guaranteed on an unsecured and unsubordinated basis by the Guarantor or, where the Issuer is Severn Trent, the Issuer or any other Subsidiary of the Issuer which, in any case, is guaranteed on an unsecured and unsubordinated basis by the Issuer, in any case having an initial maturity of five years or more which is rated by a Rating Agency;

"Rating Agency" means Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, a Division of the McGraw-Hill Companies Inc. or Moody's Investors Service Limited or any of their respective Subsidiaries and their successors or any rating agency substituted for either of them (or any permitted substitute of either of them) by the Issuer and/or the Guarantor from time to time with the prior written approval of the Trustee (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) or any other rating agency approved in writing by the Trustee from time to time;

"Rating Downgrading" shall be deemed to have occurred in respect of a Restructuring Event if the current rating assigned to the Rated Securities by any Rating Agency (whether provided by a Rating Agency at the invitation of the Issuer and/or the Guarantor or by its own volition) is withdrawn or reduced from an investment grade rating (BBB-/Baa3, or their respective equivalents for the time being, or better) to a non-investment grade rating (BB+/Ba1, or their respective equivalents for the time being, or worse), or, if the Rating Agency shall have already rated the Rated Securities below investment grade (as described above), the rating is withdrawn or lowered one full rating category;

"Restructuring Event" means either (a) the modification of any material rights, benefits or obligations of Severn Trent Water Limited as a water undertaker or sewerage undertaker arising under the Appointment, or (b) any material modification being made to the Appointment regardless, in the case of both paragraphs (a) and (b), of whether or not such modification is made with the consent of Severn Trent Water Limited and whether pursuant to the Water Industry Act 1991 or otherwise but excluding, in the case of both paragraphs (a) and (b), an adjustment in K (including for this purpose, for the avoidance of doubt, any adjustment to the basis or formula for pricing which arises as part of a periodic review under the terms of the Appointment) or a modification in respect of, or which removes, such part of its area as is the subject of an appointment or variation by virtue of section 7(4)(b) or (bb) of the Water Industry Act 1991. For the avoidance of doubt, the service by the Secretary of State of a notice under Condition O of the Appointment shall not of itself constitute a Restructuring Event; and

"Restructuring Period" means, whether or not there are Rated Securities at the time a Restructuring Event occurs, the period of 45 days starting from and including the day on which that Restructuring Event occurs.

*(f) Early Redemption Amounts*

For the purpose of paragraph (b) above and Condition 9, each Note will be redeemed at the Early Redemption Amount calculated as follows:

- (i) in the case of a Note with a Final Redemption Amount equal to the Issue Price, at the Final Redemption Amount thereof;
- (ii) in the case of a Note (other than a Zero Coupon Note but including an Instalment Note and a Partly Paid Note) with a Final Redemption Amount which is or may be less or greater than the Issue Price or which is payable in a Specified Currency other than that in which the Note is denominated, at the amount specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the

applicable Pricing Supplement or, if no such amount or manner is so specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, at its nominal amount; or

- (iii) in the case of a Zero Coupon Note, at an amount (the "Amortised Face Amount") calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$\text{Early Redemption Amount} = \text{RP} * (1 + \text{AY})^y$$

where:

"RP" means the Reference Price;

"AY" means the Accrual Yield expressed as a decimal; and

"y" is a fraction the numerator of which is equal to the number of days (calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of 12 months of 30 days each) from (and including) the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which such Note becomes due and repayable and the denominator of which is 360,

or on such other calculation basis as may be specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

*(g) Instalments*

Instalment Notes will be redeemed in the Instalment Amounts and on the Instalment Dates. In the case of early redemption, the Early Redemption Amount will be determined pursuant to paragraph (f) above.

*(h) Partly Paid Notes*

Partly Paid Notes will be redeemed, whether at maturity, early redemption or otherwise, in accordance with the provisions of this Condition and the applicable Pricing Supplement.

*(i) Purchases*

The Issuer, the Guarantor or any of their Subsidiaries may at any time purchase Notes (provided that, in the case of definitive Notes, all unmatured Receipts, Coupons and Talons appertaining thereto are purchased therewith) at any price in the open market or otherwise. If purchases are made by tender, tenders must be available to all Noteholders alike. All Notes so purchased may be held, reissued, resold or, at the option of the Issuer or the Guarantor, surrendered to a Paying Agent for cancellation.

*(j) Cancellation*

All Notes which are redeemed will forthwith be cancelled (together with all unmatured Receipts, Coupons and Talons attached thereto or surrendered therewith at the time of redemption). All Notes so cancelled (together with all unmatured Receipts, Coupons and Talons cancelled therewith) shall be forwarded to the Agent and cannot be reissued or resold.

*(k) Late payment on Zero Coupon Notes*

If the amount payable in respect of any Zero Coupon Note upon redemption of such Zero Coupon Note pursuant to paragraph (a), (b), (c) or (d) above or upon its becoming due and repayable as provided in Condition 9 is improperly withheld or refused, the amount due and repayable in respect of such Zero Coupon Note shall be the amount calculated as provided in paragraph (f)(iii) above as though the references therein to the date fixed for the redemption or the date upon which such Zero Coupon Note becomes due and payable were replaced by references to the date which is the earlier of:

- (i) the date on which all amounts due in respect of such Zero Coupon Note have been paid; and
- (ii) five days after the date on which the full amount of the moneys payable in respect of such Zero Coupon Notes has been received by the Trustee or the Agent and notice to that effect has been given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13.

## **7. Taxation**

All payments of principal and interest in respect of the Notes, Receipts and Coupons by the Issuer or the Guarantor will 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 or on behalf of the United Kingdom or any political

subdivision of, or any authority in, or of, the United Kingdom having power to tax unless such withholding or deduction is required by law. In such event, the Issuer or, as the case may be, (where the Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor will pay such additional amounts as shall be necessary in order that the net amounts received by the holders of the Notes, Receipts or Coupons after such withholding or deduction shall equal the respective amounts of principal and interest which would otherwise have been receivable in respect of the Notes, Receipts or Coupons, as the case may be, in the absence of such withholding or deduction; except that no such additional amounts shall be payable with respect to any Note, Receipt or Coupon:

- (a) presented for payment in the United Kingdom; or
- (b) presented for payment by or on behalf of a holder who is liable for such taxes or duties in respect of such Note, Receipt or Coupon by reason of his having some connection with the United Kingdom other than the mere holding of such Note, Receipt or Coupon; or
- (c) presented for payment more than 30 days after the Relevant Date (as defined below) except to the extent that the holder thereof would have been entitled to an additional amount on presenting the same for payment on such thirtieth day assuming, whether or not such is in fact the case, that day to have been a Payment Day (as defined in Condition 5(e)); or
- (d) presented for payment by or on behalf of a holder in respect of whom such withholding or deduction would not have been required had such holder provided evidence that such holder is within the charge to United Kingdom corporation tax (if that is the case) or had such holder made a declaration of non-residence or other similar claim for exemption to the relevant tax authority or taken any other relevant procedural steps required in any of those cases in sufficient time prior to the Relevant Date to enable an exemption from withholding or deduction to be available in respect of the relevant payment of principal or interest (as the case may be); or
- (e) where such withholding or deduction is imposed on a payment to an individual and is required to be made pursuant to any European Union Directive on the taxation of savings implementing the conclusions of the ECOFIN Council meeting of 26-27 November 2000 or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive; or
- (f) presented for payment by or on behalf of a holder who would have been able to avoid such withholding or deduction by presenting the relevant Note, Receipt or Coupon to another Paying Agent in a Member State of the European Union.

In these Terms and Conditions, the "Relevant Date" means the date on which such payment first becomes due, except that, if the full amount of the moneys payable has not been duly received by the Trustee or the Agent on or prior to such due date, it means the date on which, the full amount of such moneys having been so received, notice to that effect is duly given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13.

## **8. Prescription**

The Notes, Receipts and Coupons will become void unless presented for payment within a period of 10 years (in the case of principal) and five years (in the case of interest) after the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 7) therefor.

There shall not be included in any Coupon sheet issued on exchange of a Talon any Coupon the claim for payment in respect of which would be void pursuant to this Condition or Condition 5(b) or any Talon which would be void upon issue pursuant to this Condition or Condition 5(b).

## **9. Events of Default**

### *(a) Events of Default:*

The Trustee at its discretion may, and if so requested in writing by the holders of at least one-quarter in nominal amount of the Notes then outstanding or if so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders shall (subject in each case to being indemnified to its satisfaction), give notice to the Issuer and (where the Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor that the Notes are, and they shall accordingly thereupon become, immediately due and repayable at their Early Redemption Amount (as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement), together with accrued interest as provided in the Trust Deed, if any of the following events (each an "Event of Default") shall occur:

- (i) if default is made in the payment of any principal or interest due in respect of the Notes or any of them and the default continues for a period of 15 days; or
- (ii) if the Issuer or (where the Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor fails to perform or observe any of its other obligations under these Terms and Conditions or the Trust Deed and (except where the Trustee considers the failure to be incapable of remedy when the Notes will become due and repayable subject only to and upon the Trustee certifying as is hereinafter mentioned and giving notice as is herein and in the lead-in paragraph to this Condition mentioned) the failure continues for the period of 30 days (or such longer period as the Trustee may permit) next following the service by the Trustee on the Issuer or (where the Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor (as the case may be) of written notice requiring the same to be remedied; or
- (iii) if any indebtedness for Moneys Borrowed of the Issuer, (where the Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor or any Material Subsidiary is validly declared to be due and repayable prior to the date on which the same would otherwise become due and repayable by reason of the occurrence of an event of default (however described) in relation thereto or if the Issuer, (where the Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor or any Material Subsidiary defaults in the repayment of any indebtedness for Moneys Borrowed at the maturity thereof or at the expiry of any originally applicable grace period, or if any guarantee or indemnity or other like obligation in respect of any indebtedness for Moneys Borrowed given by the Issuer, (where the Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor or any Material Subsidiary shall not be paid when due and called upon or at the expiry of any originally applicable grace period save in any such case where there is a *bona fide* dispute as to whether payment or repayment is due, provided that no such event as aforesaid shall constitute an event of default unless the Moneys Borrowed or other liability relative thereto either alone or when aggregated with other Moneys Borrowed and/or other liabilities relative to all (if any) other such events which shall have occurred shall amount to at least £10,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency or currencies at the date the same become due and payable or such default occurs or such payment is not made, as the case may be); or
- (iv) if (a) an order is made or an effective resolution is passed for the appointment of an administrator or for the winding-up of the Issuer, (where the Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor or any Material Subsidiary (except, in the case of a Material Subsidiary, a winding-up for the purposes of a reconstruction or amalgamation, the terms of which have previously been approved in writing by the Trustee, or a voluntary solvent winding-up in connection with the transfer of all or the major part of the business, undertaking and assets of such Material Subsidiary to (where the Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor, the Issuer or another Subsidiary of the Guarantor or (where the Issuer is Severn Trent) the Issuer or a Subsidiary of the Issuer (not, in any case, being an Excluded Subsidiary)); or (b) an order is made in respect of Severn Trent Water Limited pursuant to section 24 of the Water Industry Act 1991; or
- (v) If the Issuer, (where the Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor or any Material Subsidiary stops or threatens to stop payment generally or ceases or threatens to cease to carry on its business or a substantial part of its business (except, in the case of a Material Subsidiary, a cessation or threatened cessation for the purpose of a reconstruction or amalgamation on the terms of which have previously been approved in writing by the Trustee, or in connection with the transfer of all or the major part of the business, undertaking and assets of such Material Subsidiary to (where the Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor, the Issuer or another Subsidiary of the Guarantor or (where the Issuer is Severn Trent) the Issuer or a Subsidiary of the Issuer (not, in any case, being an Excluded Subsidiary) or which is not material in the context of the Group as a whole); or
- (vi) if an encumbrancer takes possession or an administrative or other receiver or manager is appointed of the whole or any material part of the undertaking or assets of the Issuer, (where the Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor or any Material Subsidiary (where, in the case of a Material Subsidiary, such undertaking or assets or part thereof is or are material in the context of the Group as a whole) or if a distress, execution or any similar proceeding is levied or enforced upon or sued out against the whole or any material part of the property of the Issuer, (where the Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor or any Material Subsidiary (where, in the case of a Material Subsidiary, such property or part thereof is material in the context of the Group as a whole) and in any such case is not removed, paid out or discharged within 21 days (or such longer period as the Trustee may approve); or

- (vii) if the Issuer, (where the Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor or any Material Subsidiary is deemed for the purpose of any law to be unable to pay its debts, or the value of the assets of the Issuer, (where the Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor or any Material Subsidiary falls to less than the amount of its liabilities (taking into account for both these purposes its contingent and prospective liabilities) or the Issuer, (where the Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor or any Material Subsidiary otherwise becomes, or is determined by any competent court or other authority to be, insolvent, or suspends making payments (whether of principal or interest) in respect of any class of its debts or announces an intention to do so or a moratorium is declared in respect of any of its indebtedness; or
- (viii) if any kind of composition, scheme of arrangement, compromise or other similar arrangement involving the Issuer, (where the Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor or any Material Subsidiary and its creditors generally (or any class of such creditors) is entered into or made (except a composition, scheme of arrangement, compromise or other similar arrangement for the purpose of a reconstruction or amalgamation the terms of which have previously been approved in writing by the Trustee); or
- (ix) where the Issuer is STWUF, the Guarantee ceases to be, or is claimed by the Guarantor not to be, in full force and effect,

and, in the case of the happening of any of the Events of Default referred to in paragraphs (ii) above and, in relation to a Material Subsidiary, (iii) to (viii) inclusive above, the same has been certified in writing by the Trustee to the Issuer and (where the Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor to be in its opinion materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders.

The Trustee may at any time, at its discretion and without notice, take such proceedings against the Issuer or (where the Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor as it may think fit to enforce the provisions of the Trust Deed, the Notes, the Receipts and the Coupons, but it shall not be bound to take any such proceedings or any other action in relation to the Trust Deed, the Notes or the Coupons unless (a) it shall have been so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders or so requested in writing by the holders of at least one-quarter in nominal amount of the Notes then outstanding, and (b) it shall have been indemnified to its satisfaction.

No Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder shall be entitled to proceed directly against the Issuer or the Guarantor unless the Trustee, having become bound so to proceed, fails so to do within a reasonable period and the failure shall be continuing.

*(b) Definitions*

In these Terms and Conditions:

“Material Subsidiary” means any Subsidiary of, if the Issuer is Severn Trent, the Issuer or, if the Issuer is STWUF, the Guarantor (not being, in the latter case, STWUF or, in either case, an Excluded Subsidiary):

- (a) whose profits on ordinary activities before tax or whose net assets (in each case consolidated in respect of a Subsidiary which itself has Subsidiaries) and in each case attributable to (where the Issuer is Severn Trent) the Issuer or (where the Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor, all as shown in the latest audited accounts (consolidated or, as the case may be, unconsolidated) of such Subsidiary represent 10 per cent. or more of:
  - (i) the profits on ordinary activities before tax or, as the case may be, net assets of (where the Issuer is Severn Trent) the Issuer or (where the Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor all as shown in the latest audited accounts of (where the Issuer is Severn Trent) the Issuer or (where the Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor; or
  - (ii) (if audited consolidated accounts of (where the Issuer is Severn Trent) the Issuer and its Subsidiaries or (where the Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor and its Subsidiaries are prepared) the consolidated profits on ordinary activities before tax or, as the case may be, consolidated net assets (in each case attributable to the shareholders of (where the Issuer is Severn Trent) the Issuer or (where the Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor) of (where the Issuer is Severn Trent) the Issuer and its Subsidiaries or (where the Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor and its Subsidiaries (other than, in any case, Excluded Subsidiaries) all as shown in the latest audited consolidated accounts of (where the

Issuer is Severn Trent) the Issuer and its Subsidiaries or (where the Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor and its Subsidiaries; or

- (b) to which is transferred all or substantially all of the business, undertaking or assets of a Subsidiary which immediately prior to such transfer is a Material Subsidiary, whereupon the transferor Subsidiary shall immediately cease to be a Material Subsidiary and the transferee Subsidiary shall immediately become a Material Subsidiary but shall cease to be a Material Subsidiary under this sub-paragraph (b) (but without prejudice to the provisions of sub-paragraph (a) above) upon publication of its next audited accounts.

A report (whether or not addressed to the Trustee) by the Auditors (as defined in the Trust Deed) that in their opinion a Subsidiary is or is not or was or was not at any particular time or throughout any particular period a Material Subsidiary shall, in the absence of manifest error, be conclusive and binding on all parties. The Trust Deed provides that the Trustee may rely on certificates or reports from the Auditors in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed whether or not any such certificate or report or any engagement letter or other document entered into by the Trustee and the Auditors in connection therewith contains any limit on the liability of the Auditors; and

“Moneys Borrowed” means: (a) borrowed moneys; (b) liabilities under any bond, note, bill, debenture, loan stock or other security not for the time being beneficially owned by any member of the Group, in each case issued (i) as consideration for assets or services (but excluding such liabilities incurred in relation to the acquisition of assets or services in the ordinary course of trading) or (ii) for cash; and (c) liabilities under acceptance credit facilities, but shall not in the case of (a), (b) or (c) include Project Finance Indebtedness.

## **10. Replacement of Notes, Receipts, Coupons and Talons**

Should any Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon be lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed, it may be replaced at the specified office of the Agent upon payment by the claimant of such costs and expenses as may be incurred in connection therewith and on such terms as to evidence and indemnity as the Issuer may reasonably require. Mutilated or defaced Notes, Receipts, Coupons or Talons must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

## **11. Paying Agents**

The names of the initial Paying Agents and their initial specified offices are set out below.

The Issuer is entitled, with the prior written approval of the Trustee, to vary or terminate the appointment of any Paying Agent and/or appoint additional or other Paying Agents and/or approve any change in the specified office through which any Paying Agent acts, provided that:

- (a) there will at all times be an Agent; and
- (b) so long as the Notes are listed on any stock exchange or admitted to listing by any other relevant authority, there will at all times be a Paying Agent with a specified office in such place as may be required by the rules and regulations of the relevant stock exchange or other relevant authority; and
- (c) if any European Union Directive on the taxation of savings implementing the conclusions of the ECOFIN Council meeting of 26-27 November 2000 or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to such Directive is introduced, the Issuer will ensure that it maintains a Paying Agent in a state approved by the Trustee that will not be obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to any such Directive.

In addition, the Issuer shall forthwith appoint a Paying Agent having a specified office in New York City in the circumstances described in Condition 5(d). 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 Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13.

In acting under the Agency Agreement, the Paying Agents act solely as agents of the Issuer and the Guarantor and, in certain circumstances described therein, the Trustee and do not assume any obligation to, or relationship of agency or trust with, any Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders. The Agency Agreement contains provisions permitting any entity into which any Paying Agent is merged or converted or with which it is consolidated or to which it transfers all or substantially all of its assets to become the successor Paying Agent.

## **12. Exchange of Talons**

On and after the Interest Payment Date on which the final Coupon comprised in any Coupon sheet matures, the Talon (if any) forming part of such Coupon sheet may be surrendered at the specified office of the Agent or any other Paying Agent in exchange for a further Coupon sheet including (if such further Coupon sheet does not include Coupons to (and including) the final date for the payment of interest due in respect of the Note to which it appertains) a further Talon, subject to the provisions of Condition 8.

## **13. Notices**

All notices regarding the Notes or Coupons will be deemed to be validly given if published in a leading English language daily newspaper of general circulation in London. It is expected that such publication will be made in the *Financial Times* in London. The Issuer shall also ensure that notices are duly published in a manner which complies with the rules and regulations of any stock exchange or other relevant authority on which the Notes are for the time being listed or by which they have been admitted to listing. Any such notice will be deemed to have been given on the date of the first publication or, where required to be published in more than one newspaper, on the date of the first publication in all required newspapers. If publication as aforesaid is not practicable, notice shall be given in such other manner and shall be deemed to have been given on such date as the Issuer, the Trustee and the Agent agree.

Until such time as any definitive Notes are issued, there may, so long as any Global Notes representing the Notes are held in their entirety on behalf of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, be substituted for such publication in such newspaper(s) the delivery of the relevant notice to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg for communication by them to the holders of the Notes and, in addition, for so long as any Notes are listed on a stock exchange or admitted to listing by any other relevant authority and the rules of that stock exchange or, as the case may be, other relevant authority so require, such notice will be published in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the place or places required by that stock exchange or, as the case may be, other relevant authority. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given to the holders of the Notes on the seventh day after the day on which the said notice was given to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg.

Notices to be given by any Noteholder shall be in writing and given by lodging the same, together (in the case of any Note in definitive form) with the relative Note or Notes, with the Agent. Whilst any of the Notes is represented by a Global Note, such notice may be given by any holder of a Note to the Agent through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, in such manner as the Agent and Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, may approve for this purpose.

## **14. Meetings of Noteholders, Modification and Waiver**

The Trust Deed contains provisions for convening meetings of the Noteholders to consider any matter affecting their interests, including the sanctioning by Extraordinary Resolution of a modification of the Notes, these Terms and Conditions, the Receipts, the Coupons or any of the provisions of the Trust Deed. Such a meeting may be convened by the Issuer or the Trustee and shall be convened by the Issuer or (where the Issuer is STWUF) the Guarantor at the request of Noteholders holding not less than five per cent. in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being remaining outstanding. The quorum at any such meeting for passing an Extraordinary Resolution is one or more persons holding or representing more than 50 per cent. in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding, or at any adjourned meeting one or more persons being or representing Noteholders whatever the nominal amount of the Notes so held or represented, except that at any meeting the business of which includes the modification of certain provisions of the Notes, these Terms and Conditions, the Receipts, the Coupons and the Trust Deed (including, as set out therein, modifying the date of maturity of the Notes or any date for payment of interest thereon, reducing or cancelling the amount of principal or the rate of interest payable in respect of the Notes or altering the currency of payment of the Notes, the Receipts or the Coupons), the quorum shall be one or more persons holding or representing not less than three-quarters in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding, or at any adjourned such meeting one or more persons holding or representing not less than one-quarter in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding. An Extraordinary Resolution passed at any meeting of the Noteholders shall be binding on all the Noteholders, whether or not they are present at the meeting, and on all Receiptholders and Couponholders.

The Trustee may agree, without the consent of the Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders, to:

- (a) any modification of the Notes or these Terms and Conditions, the Receipts, the Coupons or the Trust Deed which is not in the opinion of the Trustee materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders; or
- (b) any modification of the Notes or these Terms and Conditions, the Receipts, the Coupons or the Trust Deed which is of a formal, minor or technical nature or is made to correct a manifest error or to comply with mandatory provisions of the law.

The Trustee may also agree, without the consent of the Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders, to the waiver or authorisation of any breach or proposed breach of, any of these Terms and Conditions or any of the provisions of the Trust Deed, or determine, without any such consent as aforesaid, that any Event of Default or Potential Event of Default (as defined in the Trust Deed) shall not be treated as such, which in any such case is not, in the opinion of the Trustee, materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders.

In connection with the exercise by it of any of its trusts, powers, authorities and discretions (including, without limitation, any modification, waiver, authorisation, determination or substitution under Condition 17), the Trustee shall have regard to the general interests of the Noteholders as a class but shall not have regard to any interests arising from circumstances particular to individual Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders (whatever their number) and, in particular but without limitation, shall not have regard to the consequences of any such exercise for individual Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders (whatever their number) resulting from their being for any purpose domiciled or resident in, or otherwise connected with, or subject to the jurisdiction of, any particular territory or any political sub-division thereof and the Trustee shall not be entitled to require, nor shall any Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder be entitled to claim, from the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Trustee or any other person any indemnification or payment in respect of any tax consequence of any such exercise upon individual Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders except to the extent already provided for in Condition 7 and/or any undertaking given in addition to, or in substitution for, Condition 7 pursuant to the Trust Deed.

Any such modification, waiver, authorisation, determination or substitution under Condition 17 shall be binding on the Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders and, unless the Trustee otherwise agrees, any such modification or substitution shall be notified to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13 as soon as practicable thereafter.

## **15. Further Issues**

The Issuer shall be at liberty from time to time without the consent of the Noteholders, the Receiptholders or the Couponholders to create and issue further notes having terms and conditions the same as the Notes or the same in all respects save for the amount and date of the first payment of interest thereon and so that the same shall be consolidated and form a single Series with the outstanding Notes. The Trust Deed contains provisions for convening a single meeting of the Noteholders and the holders of notes of other Series in certain circumstances where the Trustee so decides.

## **16. Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999**

No rights are conferred on any person by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this Note, but this does not affect any right or remedy of any person which exists or is available apart from that Act.

## **17. Substitution**

The Trustee may agree, without the consent of the Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders, to the substitution at any time or times of:

- (a) where the Issuer is STWUF (i) the Guarantor or (ii) any successor company (as defined in the Trust Deed) of the Issuer or the Guarantor or (iii) any other Subsidiary (other than an Excluded Subsidiary) of the Guarantor or any such successor company or (iv) any holding company of the Guarantor or any such successor company; and
- (b) where the Issuer is Severn Trent (i) any successor company of the Issuer or (ii) any Subsidiary (other than an Excluded Subsidiary) of the Issuer or any such successor company or (iii) any holding company of the Issuer or any such successor company,



as the principal debtor under the Trust Deed and the Notes. Such agreement shall also be subject to the relevant provisions of the Trust Deed, including the Trustee being satisfied that the interests of the Noteholders will not be materially prejudiced thereby and (except, where the Issuer is STWUF, where the Guarantor or any such successor company of the Guarantor is the new principal debtor and, where the Issuer is Severn Trent, where the Issuer or any such successor company of the Issuer is the new principal debtor) the irrevocable and unconditional guarantee in respect of the Notes by, where the Issuer is STWUF, the Guarantor or any such successor company of the Guarantor or, where the Issuer is Severn Trent, the Issuer or any such successor company of the Issuer.

Where the Issuer is STWUF, the Trustee may also agree, without the consent of the Noteholders, the Receiptholders or the Couponholders, to the substitution at any time or times of (i) any successor company of the Guarantor or (ii) a Subsidiary (other than an Excluded Subsidiary) of the Guarantor acceptable to the Trustee as the guarantor under the Trust Deed and of the Notes, in each case in place of the Guarantor. Such agreement shall be subject to the relevant provisions of the Trust Deed, including the Trustee being satisfied that the interests of the Noteholders will not be materially prejudiced thereby and such successor company or Subsidiary having the benefit of the Appointment held by the Guarantor.

In the case of any proposed substitution, the Trustee may agree, without the consent of the Noteholders, the Receiptholders or the Couponholders, to a change of the law governing the Notes, the Receipts, the Coupons and/or the Trust Deed provided that such change would not, in the opinion of the Trustee, be materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders.

#### **18. Indemnification of the Trustee**

The Trust Deed contains provisions for the indemnification of the Trustee and for its relief from responsibility, including provisions relieving it from taking proceedings to enforce repayment unless indemnified to its satisfaction.

The Trust Deed also contains provisions pursuant to which the Trustee is entitled, *inter alia*, (i) to enter into business transactions with the Issuer and/or the Guarantor and/or any of the Issuer's or the Guarantor's other Subsidiaries and to act as trustee for the holders of any other securities issued or guaranteed by, or relating to, the Issuer and/or the Guarantor and/or any of the Issuer's or the Guarantor's other Subsidiaries, (ii) to exercise and enforce its rights, comply with its obligations and perform its duties under or in relation to any such transactions or, as the case may be, any such trusteeship without regard to the interests of, or consequences for, the Noteholders, the Receiptholders or the Couponholders, and (iii) to retain and not be liable to account for any profit made or any other amount or benefit received thereby or in connection therewith.

#### **19. Governing Law**

The Trust Deed, the Notes, the Receipts and the Coupons are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, English law.

## **USE OF PROCEEDS**

The net proceeds from each issue of Notes will be applied by the Group (as defined in the “Terms and Conditions of the Notes”) for its general corporate purposes.

## DESCRIPTION OF SEVERN TRENT PLC

Severn Trent Plc ("Severn Trent") was incorporated as a public limited company with limited liability in England and Wales on 1 April 1989 under the Companies Act 1985 with registered number 2366619. It is the ultimate holding company of Severn Trent Water Limited ("STWL") and the ultimate holding company of Severn Trent Water Utilities Finance Plc ("STWUF"). Severn Trent is the holding company of the Severn Trent group of companies and is listed on the Official List of the UK Listing Authority.

As at 15 July 2003, the authorised share capital of Severn Trent is £339,483,121 divided into 520,175,751 ordinary shares of 65<sup>5</sup>/<sub>19</sub> pence each, of which 344,969,957 ordinary shares have been issued and fully paid.

Severn Trent was listed on the London Stock Exchange in December 1989, along with nine other major water and sewerage companies, as part of the United Kingdom ("UK") government's privatisation programme. Severn Trent provides water and waste water services in Central England and parts of Wales through its wholly owned subsidiary, STWL. Since privatisation, Severn Trent has diversified its business to offer waste management services and the provision of environmental products and services.

The Severn Trent group, comprising Severn Trent and its subsidiaries (the "Group"), has three main divisions: the regulated water utility, STWL (see "Description of Severn Trent Water Limited"); the waste management group, Biffa Waste Services ("Biffa"); and Severn Trent Services ("STS"), which supplies products and provides services. Management and consultancy services, property development, information technology and engineering consultancy comprise the remainder of the Group's main businesses. It should be noted that the Group's businesses outside the regulated water utility are, as a whole, inherently more exposed to the economic cycle than STWL.

Severn Trent had a market capitalisation of approximately £2.5 billion as at 31 March 2003.

### **Biffa Waste Services**

Severn Trent acquired Biffa in 1991 from BET Plc. This is the Group's waste management services business providing collection, landfill and special waste services in the UK and Belgium. In September 2000 Biffa acquired UK Waste Management Limited from Waste Management, Inc., which established Biffa as one of the leading waste management businesses in the UK. On 19 June 2003, Biffa acquired Hales for approximately £126 million and purchased vehicles and equipment used in the Hales business for approximately £15 million exclusive of VAT (together the "Hales Business"), being a total consideration of approximately £141 million (excluding transaction costs). "Hales" is most of the assets and trade of the waste business (but excluding closed landfill sites) carried on by RMC (UK) Limited through its agents Hales Waste Control Limited and RMC Environmental Services Limited.

### **Severn Trent Services**

STS is a group of non-regulated businesses, based predominantly in the United States ("US") and the UK, providing environmental products and services to industrial, commercial and municipal customers. STS operates principally in three sectors: environmental testing, water purification and operating services. STS has a leading position in environmental testing in both the US and the UK. STS's activities in the water purification sector include the provision of products and systems that treat water and waste water in municipal and industrial applications. Within this sector, STS is a market leader in chlorine based disinfection. Activities in the operating services sector include the provision of a wide range of water and wastewater services to municipalities and industry.

### **Other Businesses of Severn Trent**

Severn Trent Water International (STWI) provides management and consultancy services to the water, waste water and environmental industries. STWI also manages water utility operations outside the UK and has an associated undertaking in Belgium, Aquafin, providing sewerage services for Flanders.

Severn Trent Property Limited was established to exploit the development potential of land that becomes surplus to the requirements of STWL. It has subsequently expanded its interests, including a major development at the Daventry International Rail Freight Terminal, and it has a 51 per cent. interest in Thorpe Park, near Leeds.

Severn Trent Systems (consisting principally of Severn Trent Systems Limited and Computer Systems and Applications Inc.) provides computer software packages for utilities in the customer information and work management areas. It also supplies the IT requirements of STWL.

Charles Haswell & Partners Limited is an engineering and project management consultancy working for STWL and for a range of external clients in the UK and overseas.

Derwent Insurance, based in Guernsey, provides insurance cover to some Severn Trent group companies.

### **Results for the year ended 31 March 2003**

For the year ended 31 March 2003, the Group's profit before tax, goodwill amortisation and exceptional items was £250.4 million, down 3.6 per cent. on the corresponding figure for the previous year. After goodwill amortisation of £25.2 million and a net exceptional charge of £40.8 million, the Group's profit before tax for the year was £184.4 million, compared to £216.3 million in the previous year.

Together with other information in relation to the Group, Severn Trent's Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2003 includes the following information (*inter alia*) in relation to pensions:

SSAP24, the applicable standard for Severn Trent, uses the results of the last formal actuarial valuations, which in total had a net surplus (of approximately £57 million), to determine the pension charge in the Group's accounts. The SSAP24 charge continues to be derived on this basis until the next formal actuarial valuation. Thus, notwithstanding the fall in equity values, this principle has been followed in determining the Group's pension charge for 2002/03 and is currently expected to be applied in 2003/04.

On an FRS17 basis, the estimated net position (before amounts deemed irrevocable and deferred tax) of the Group's defined benefit pension schemes was a deficit of approximately £325 million as at 31 March 2003, as compared to a surplus of approximately £30 million as at 31 March 2002. Net of deferred tax, the estimated net deficit on an FRS17 basis as at 31 March 2003 was approximately £228 million. As at 31 March 2003 the Group's defined benefit pension schemes had total assets of approximately £746 million, of which around 67 per cent. was invested in equities.

The Severn Trent Mirror Image Pension Scheme and the UK Waste Pension Scheme are undergoing formal actuarial valuations as at 31 March 2003 and 6 April 2003, respectively. The next formal actuarial valuations of the Severn Trent Water Pension Scheme and the Severn Trent Senior Staff Pension Scheme must be undertaken as at a date no later than 31 March 2004.

Further information on pensions is set out in the Group's Annual Report and Accounts.

## Directors of Severn Trent

The Directors of Severn Trent, their functions within the Group and their principal activities outside the Group where these are significant with respect to the Group are as follows:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Function within Severn Trent</i>	<i>Other functions within the Group and principal activities outside the Group</i>
Eric Anstee	Non-Executive Director	Chairman, D P Communications (UK) plc Chairman, Mansell plc Non-Executive Director, SSL International plc Director, The Garland Appeal
David Arculus	Non-Executive Chairman	Non-Executive Director, Barclays Bank PLC Non-Executive Director, Severn Trent Water Ltd Chairman, Better Regulation Task Force Non-Executive Chairman, Earls Court & Olympia Group Ltd Non-Executive Director, MmO <sub>2</sub>
John Banyard	Executive Director	Asset Management Director, Severn Trent Water Ltd Director, UK Water Industry Research Ltd President, Pipeline Industries Guild
Martin Bettington	Executive Director	Managing Director, Biffa Waste Services Director, The Environmental Services Association
Marisa Cassoni	Non-Executive Director	Group Finance Director, Royal Mail plc
Brian Duckworth	Executive Director	Managing Director, Severn Trent Water Ltd Non-Executive Director, Avon Rubber plc Non-Executive Director, Redrow plc
Martin Flower	Non-Executive Director	Group Chief Executive, Coats plc
John McAdam	Non-Executive Director	Chief Executive, ICI Plc
Derek Osborn	Non-Executive Director	Chairman, UK Round Table on Sustainable Development Chairman, International Institute for Environment and Development Institute for European Environment Policy
Alan Perelman	Group Finance Director	Director, Severn Trent Water Utilities Finance Plc
Clare Tritton	Non-Executive Director	Chief Executive, Throckmorton Estates Director, CLA (Warwickshire Committee) Chairman, Primary Immunodeficiency Association Country Land and Business Association
Robert Walker	Group Chief Executive	Non-Executive Director, Wolseley plc Chairman, Severn Trent Water Ltd Director, Severn Trent Water Utilities Finance Plc

The business address of each of the directors above is 2297 Coventry Road, Birmingham B26 3PU (the registered and head office of Severn Trent).

## CAPITALISATION AND INDEBTEDNESS OF SEVERN TRENT PLC

The following table sets forth the consolidated capitalisation and indebtedness of Severn Trent Plc, which has been extracted without material adjustment from the audited consolidated financial statements of Severn Trent Plc as at 31 March 2003.

	<i>£m</i>
<b>Capitalisation</b>	
<i>Authorised:</i>	
520,175,751 ordinary shares of 65 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>19</sub> p each . . . . .	339.5
	339.5
<i>Issued, allotted and fully paid:</i>	
Called up share capital <sup>(1)</sup> . . . . .	224.4
Share premium account . . . . .	28.7
Capital redemption reserve . . . . .	156.1
Profit and loss account . . . . .	1,808.4
<b>Total Capitalisation</b> . . . . .	2,217.6
<b>Indebtedness</b>	
Amounts falling due within one year <sup>(2)(3)</sup> . . . . .	537.6
Amounts falling due after more than one year <sup>(4)</sup> . . . . .	2,036.9
<b>Total Indebtedness</b> <sup>(5)(6)</sup> . . . . .	2,574.5
<b>Total Capitalisation and Indebtedness</b> <sup>(7)</sup> . . . . .	4,792.1

Notes:

1. As at 31 March 2003, the called up share capital comprised 343,976,362 ordinary shares amounting to £224.4 million.
2. £161.9 million of this indebtedness is guaranteed by companies in the Group.
3. In addition, on 19 June 2003, Severn Trent Plc funded the acquisition of the Hales Business under a £160 million revolving credit facility.
4. £1,418.5 million of this indebtedness is guaranteed by companies in the Group.
5. As at 31 March 2003, Severn Trent Plc had entered into performance bonds and guarantees in the normal course of business. The total amount outstanding under these is not considered material and no liability is expected to arise in respect of either the performance bonds or the guarantees. Severn Trent Plc has no other material contingent liabilities.
6. All indebtedness is unsecured.
7. Excluding the impact on consolidated total indebtedness of the acquisition of the Hales Business, and excluding the impact on consolidated total capitalisation of the cumulative consolidated Group profit since 31 March 2003, and save as disclosed above, there has been no material change in the consolidated total capitalisation and indebtedness, contingent liabilities or guarantees of Severn Trent Plc since 31 March 2003.

## DESCRIPTION OF SEVERN TRENT WATER UTILITIES FINANCE PLC

Severn Trent Water Utilities Finance Plc ("STWUF") was incorporated as a public limited company with limited liability in England and Wales on 25 March 1994 under the Companies Act 1985 with registered number 2914860. STWUF is a wholly owned subsidiary of STWL. The ultimate holding company of both STWUF and STWL is Severn Trent Plc.

As at the date of this Offering Circular, the authorised share capital of STWUF is £50,000 divided into 50,000 ordinary shares of £1, each of which has been issued and fully paid.

STWUF was incorporated for the purpose of arranging finance for STWL and its subsidiaries by the issuing of bonds and on-lending the proceeds of any such issue to STWL and its subsidiaries. STWUF has no subsidiaries.

### Directors of STWUF

The Directors of STWUF, their functions within STWUF and the Group and their principal activities outside the Group where these are significant with respect to the Group are as follows:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Function within STWUF</i>	<i>Other functions within the Group and principal activities outside the Group</i>
Tom Jack	Director	Group Treasurer, Severn Trent Plc
Alan Perelman	Director	Group Finance Director, Severn Trent Plc
Robert Walker	Director	Group Chief Executive, Severn Trent Plc Non-Executive Director, Wolseley plc Chairman, Severn Trent Water Ltd

The business address of each of the above is 2297 Coventry Road, Birmingham B26 3PU (the registered and head office of STWUF).

## CAPITALISATION AND INDEBTEDNESS OF SEVERN TRENT WATER UTILITIES FINANCE PLC

The following table sets forth the capitalisation and indebtedness of Severn Trent Water Utilities Finance Plc, which has been extracted without material adjustment from the audited financial statements of Severn Trent Water Utilities Finance Plc as at 31 March 2003.

	<i>£'000s</i>
<b>Capitalisation</b>	
<i>Authorised:</i>	
50,000 ordinary shares of £1 each . . . . .	50.0
	<u>50.0</u>
Issued, allotted and fully paid:	
50,000 ordinary shares of £1 each . . . . .	50.0
Profit and loss account . . . . .	298.4
<b>Total Capitalisation</b> . . . . .	<u><u>348.4</u></u>
	<i>£m</i>
<b>Indebtedness</b>	
Amounts falling due within one year <sup>(1)</sup> . . . . .	64.6
Amounts falling due after more than one year <sup>(2)</sup> . . . . .	929.6
<b>Total Indebtedness</b> <sup>(3)(4)</sup> . . . . .	<u><u>994.2</u></u>
<b>Total Capitalisation and Indebtedness</b> <sup>(5)</sup> . . . . .	<u><u>994.5</u></u>

Note:

1. All £64.6 million of this indebtedness is guaranteed by companies in the Group.
2. All £929.6 million of this indebtedness is guaranteed by companies in the Group.
3. As at 31 March 2003, Severn Trent Water Utilities Finance Plc had no contingent liabilities or guarantees.
4. All indebtedness is unsecured.
5. Excluding the impact on total indebtedness of the repayment (since 31 March 2003) of approximately £65 million of indebtedness, there has been no material change in the total capitalisation and indebtedness, contingent liabilities and guarantees of Severn Trent Water Utilities Finance Plc since 31 March 2003.



## DESCRIPTION OF SEVERN TRENT WATER LIMITED

Severn Trent Water Limited ("STWL"), was incorporated on 1 April 1989 with limited liability in England and Wales under the Companies Act 1985 with registered number 2366686. It was established for the purpose of assuming the business carried on by the Severn Trent Water Authority prior to the privatisation of the water industry in England and Wales. Its principal business is the provision of water supply and sewerage services. STWL is regulated under the Water Industry Act 1991. STWL is the wholly-owned principal operating subsidiary of Severn Trent Plc. STWUF is also a wholly owned subsidiary of STWL.

### Region

STWL is one of the larger UK water and sewerage companies in terms of area and turnover. Its appointed region broadly covers the catchment areas for the Rivers Severn and Trent and their tributaries and stretches from the Bristol Channel to the Humber estuary and from mid-Wales to the East Midlands. This region includes the cities of Birmingham, Coventry, Derby, Leicester, Nottingham, Stoke-on-Trent, Worcester and Gloucester and covers some 21,600 square kilometres. STWL provides wastewater services to over eight million people and water services to approximately seven million people. In the year ended 31 March 2003 STWL supplied an average of 1.4 billion litres of water per day to 3.2 million properties. South Staffordshire Water Plc supplies the rest of the region's water requirements.

### Investment Programme

The water business is a capital-intensive industry and, in common with other water and sewerage companies (each a "WASC"), STWL will undertake a substantial investment programme for the period 2000-2005. Since privatisation in 1989 to the end of the financial year ended 31 March 2003, STWL invested approximately £5.8 billion to meet EU Directives, the requirements of the Office of Water Services ("OFWAT"), the Drinking Water Inspectorate and the Environment Agency ("EA"), all of which require STWL to maintain and improve the security and quality of its water and sewerage services.

### Regulatory Environment

STWL holds an appointment (the "Appointment") granted by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (the "Secretary of State") as a water and sewerage undertaker pursuant to the Water Act 1989 (now the Water Industry Act 1991). Appointed undertakers must hold a licence and 25 years notice must be given to terminate the licence (although it may be terminated or transferred prior to the end of such period in certain circumstances which are specified in the Water Industry Act 1991 or in the Appointment).

The Secretary of State, the Director General of Water Services ("DGWS") and the EA constitute the principal regulators of the industry. The Water Industry Act 1991 requires the DGWS and the Secretary of State to exercise and perform their statutory powers and duties in a manner each considers best calculated to secure, *inter alia*, that undertakers can finance the proper carrying out of their functions and that, at the same time but subject thereto, to ensure that the interests of customers are protected as regards the fixing and recovery by undertakers of water and drainage charges. Pollution control, water resources management, fisheries management, flood protection and alleviation, and land drainage all fall within the scope of the EA's statutory responsibility.

As a water undertaker, STWL is required to comply with drinking water standards specified in regulations issued by the Secretary of State in respect of a number of substances. Where non-compliance by STWL with such regulations has been material, the Secretary of State has accepted undertakings by STWL to secure or facilitate compliance with such regulations.

As a sewerage undertaker, STWL is required to obtain consents from the EA for discharges of polluting substances into controlled waters from various sources (such as sewage treatment works).

## Economic Regulation

STWL is currently allowed to increase the average of its principal charges by the percentage change in the Retail Prices Index plus an adjustment factor ("K") which was originally set for the five year period beginning 1 April 2000 and ending 31 March 2005 at the levels set out below (but see changes described below):

2000/2001 . . . . .	-14.1%
2001/2002 . . . . .	-1.0%
2002/2003 . . . . .	-1.0%
2003/2004 . . . . .	0%
2004/2005 . . . . .	+1.0%

STWL estimates that, during the current financial year, some 93 per cent. of STWL's turnover will be within the K price limitation formula and some 7 per cent. will, or could in certain circumstances, be otherwise regulated. The adjustment factor K may be reviewed or adjusted by the DGWS. Under the terms of the Appointment, the DGWS is required to review STWL's price limits every five years. The price limits will be reviewed and reset during 2004. The reset limits will then take effect from 1 April 2005. The DGWS can also adjust price limits between periodic reviews in specific circumstances. As part of the 1999 review of price limits, STWL is required to deliver a programme of water quality and environmental improvements and to maintain or improve services to customers. The 1999 review assumed a capital programme of £2.1 billion over the five year period ending 31 March 2005 although STWL is not obliged to spend this amount, providing required outputs are delivered, including:

- meeting certain water quality improvements required by the Drinking Water Inspectorate;
- meeting certain environmental improvements required by the EA;
- maintaining certain service standards;
- reducing the numbers of properties subject to flooding from sewers;
- maintaining service ability and assets; and
- meeting leakage targets.

Over recent years STWL has been reassessing the complex variables that form the estimate of leakage. STWL has re-calibrated its data for 2002/03 and assessed its leakage figure as around 549 MI/d (against around 335 MI/d for 2002/03 under the previous basis of assessment). OFWAT has been advised of the material change in STWL's reported leakage position and intends to review the matter. OFWAT is expected to make an announcement in the near future.

On 12 December 2002 the DGWS announced the final determination of an application to increase prices which was submitted by STWL in September 2002. Under the terms of the determination K will increase from 0% to +2.1% in 2003/2004 and from +1.0% to +2.2% in 2004/2005.

## Special Administration Regime

The Water Industry Act 1991 contains provisions enabling the Secretary of State or the DGWS to secure the general continuity of water supply and sewerage services in England and Wales through the appointment of a special administrator, who would have extensive functions similar to those of an administrator under the Insolvency Act 1986, but with certain important differences. The person appointed as a special administrator would be appointed only for the purposes of transferring as a going concern to one or more different water undertakers or, as the case may be, sewerage undertakers so much of the business of the WASC as was necessary for the proper carrying out of its functions. If a special administration order were made in respect of STWL, it would be for the special administrator to agree the terms of the transfer of all or any of the business of STWL on behalf of STWL, subject to the provisions of the Water Industry Act 1991. Until another company has been appointed as an undertaker in its place and its appointment as a water undertaker or sewerage undertaker is terminated, a WASC may not be wound-up, nor may an administrator under the Insolvency Act 1986 be appointed in respect of it.

During the period of a special administration order, a WASC is managed in such a way as to achieve the purposes of such order and in a manner that seeks to protect the respective interests of members and creditors of the WASC. However, the effect of other provisions of the Water Industry Act 1991 is ultimately to subordinate members' and creditors' rights in favour of the purposes of the special administration order.

## Water Bill

There is currently before parliament a Water Bill which, if enacted in its current form, will (*inter alia*) establish a new regulatory authority, the Water Services Regulation Authority (the "WSRA"), and a separate body corporate to be known as the Consumer Council for Water (the "Council"). The Water Bill provides for abolition of the DGWS and for the transfer of his functions to the WSRA and of his property, rights and liabilities to the WSRA and the Council. In its current form, the Water Bill also tightens the regulatory framework applying to WASCs and gives the WSRA the power to impose financial penalties on a WASC which contravenes any condition of its appointment or fails to meet prescribed performance standards under the Water Industry Act 1991. There can be no assurance, however, that the Water Bill will be enacted in its current form or at all.

## Directors of the Guarantor

The Directors of the Guarantor, their functions within STWL and the Group and their principal activities outside the Group where these are significant with respect to the Group are as follows:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Function within STWL</i>	<i>Other functions within the Group and principal activities outside the Group</i>
Robert Walker	Chairman	Group Chief Executive, Severn Trent Plc Non-Executive Director, Wolseley plc Director, Severn Trent Water Utilities Finance Plc
Brian Duckworth	Managing Director	Executive Director, Severn Trent Plc Non-Executive Director, Avon Rubber plc Non-Executive Director, Redrow plc
David Arculus	Non-Executive Director	Non-Executive Chairman, Severn Trent Plc Non-Executive Director, Barclays Bank PLC Chairman, Better Regulation Task Force Non-Executive Chairman, Earls Court & Olympia Group Ltd Non-Executive Director, MmO <sub>2</sub>
Jonathan Bailey	Customer Relations Director	
John Banyard	Asset Management Director	Executive Director, Severn Trent Plc Director, UK Water Industry Research Ltd President, Pipeline Industries Guild
Ian Elliott	Director of Engineering	
Anthony Hill	Director	Managing Director, Severn Trent Water International Ltd
Dr Gerald Noone	Marketing, Sales and Communications Director	
Paul Stephenson	Director of HR Services	
Sukhvinder Stubbs	Non-Executive Director	Director, Asian Women's Centre Director, Diversity Works Europe Director, Young Enterprise
Mark Wilson	Finance and Regulation Director	Director, Severn Trent Water Services Plc

The business address of each of the above is 2297 Coventry Road, Birmingham B26 3PU (the registered and head office of the Guarantor).

## CAPITALISATION AND INDEBTEDNESS OF SEVERN TRENT WATER LIMITED

The following table sets forth the consolidated capitalisation and indebtedness of Severn Trent Water Limited, which has been extracted without material adjustment from the audited consolidated financial statements of Severn Trent Water Limited as at 31 March 2003.

	<i>£m</i>
<b>Capitalisation</b>	
<i>Authorised:</i>	
1,000,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each . . . . .	1,000.0
	1,000.0
<i>Issued, allotted and fully paid:</i>	
1,000,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each . . . . .	1,000.0
Profit and loss account . . . . .	876.2
	1,876.2
<b>Total Capitalisation</b> . . . . .	<b>1,876.2</b>
<b>Indebtedness</b>	
Amounts falling due within one year <sup>(1)</sup> . . . . .	316.2
Amounts falling due after more than one year <sup>(2)</sup> . . . . .	1,858.6
	2,174.8
<b>Total Indebtedness</b> <sup>(3)</sup> . . . . .	<b>2,174.8</b>
<b>Total Capitalisation and Indebtedness</b> <sup>(4)</sup> . . . . .	<b>4,051.0</b>

Notes:

1. £161.9 million of this indebtedness is guaranteed by companies in the Group.
2. £1,418.5 million of this indebtedness is guaranteed by companies in the Group.
3. All indebtedness is unsecured.
4. There has been no material change in the consolidated total capitalisation and indebtedness, contingent liabilities or guarantees of Severn Trent Water Limited since 31 March 2003.

## TAXATION

### United Kingdom Taxation

The comments below, which are of a general nature and are based on current United Kingdom law and Inland Revenue practice describe certain United Kingdom taxation implications of acquiring, holding, or disposing of Notes. The comments apply only to persons who are the beneficial owners of Notes and some aspects do not apply to certain classes of person (such as dealers and persons connected with the relevant Issuer) to whom special rules may apply. Prospective holders of Notes who are in any doubt as to their tax position or who may be subject to tax in a jurisdiction other than the United Kingdom are strongly advised to consult their own professional advisers.

### Interest on the Notes

#### 1. *Payment of Interest on the Notes*

Payments of interest on the Notes may be made without deduction of or withholding on account of United Kingdom income tax provided that the Notes continue to be listed on a "recognised stock exchange" within the meaning of section 841 of the Act (the London Stock Exchange is a recognised stock exchange for these purposes). Under an Inland Revenue published practice, securities will be treated as listed on the London Stock Exchange if they are admitted to the Official List by the United Kingdom Listing Authority and admitted to trading by the London Stock Exchange. Provided, therefore, that the Notes are and remain so listed, interest on the Notes will be payable without withholding or deduction on account of United Kingdom tax.

Interest on the Notes may also be paid without withholding or deduction on account of United Kingdom tax where interest on the Notes is paid to a person who belongs in the United Kingdom and the relevant Issuer reasonably believes (and any person by or through whom interest on the Notes is paid reasonably believes) that the beneficial owner is within the charge to United Kingdom corporation tax as regards the payment of interest at the time the payment is made, provided that the Inland Revenue has not given a direction (in circumstances where it has reasonable grounds to believe that it is likely that the beneficial owner is not within the charge to United Kingdom corporation tax in respect of such payment of interest at the time the payment is made) that the interest should be paid under deduction of tax.

In other cases (except in the case of payment of interest on such Notes which is not "yearly interest" in which case interest can be paid without withholding or deduction on account of United Kingdom income tax), income tax at the lower rate (currently 20 per cent.) must generally be withheld from payments of interest on the Notes. This withholding obligation is subject to any direction to the contrary by the Inland Revenue under an applicable double taxation treaty.

Noteholders who are individuals may wish to note that the Inland Revenue has power to obtain information (including the name and address of the beneficial owner of the interest) from any person in the United Kingdom who either pays interest to or receives interest for the benefit of an individual, or who either pays amounts payable on the redemption of Notes, which are relevant discounted securities for the purposes of the Finance Act 1996, to or receives such amounts for the benefit of an individual. Such information may, in certain circumstances, be exchanged by the Inland Revenue with the tax authorities of other jurisdictions.

#### 2. *EU Savings Directive*

On 3 June 2003, the European Council of Economics and Finance Ministers (ECOFIN) adopted Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments. Under such Directive Member States will be required to provide to the tax authorities of another Member State details of payments of interest (or similar income) paid by a person within its jurisdiction to an individual resident in that other Member State, except that, for a transitional period, Belgium, Luxembourg and Austria will instead be required to operate a withholding system in relation to such payments (the ending of such transitional period being dependent upon the conclusion of certain other agreements relating to information exchange with certain other countries). The Directive is anticipated to take effect from 1 January 2005.

### Direct Assessment

Interest on the Notes constitutes United Kingdom source income for tax purposes and, as such, may be subject to income tax by direct assessment even where paid without withholding.

However, interest with a United Kingdom source will not be chargeable to United Kingdom tax by direct assessment or if tax has been withheld or deducted, to further United Kingdom tax in the hands of a Noteholder (other than certain trustees) who is not resident for tax purposes in the United Kingdom at all relevant times unless that Noteholder carries on a trade, profession or vocation in the United Kingdom through a United Kingdom branch or agency in connection with which the interest is received or to which the Notes are attributable (or, in respect of accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2003 and where that Noteholder is a company, unless that Noteholder carries on a trade in the United Kingdom through a permanent establishment in connection with which the interest is received or to which the Notes are attributable). There are exemptions for interest received by certain categories of agent (such as some brokers and investment managers). The provisions of an applicable double taxation treaty may also be relevant for such Noteholders.

### **United Kingdom Corporation Tax Payers**

In general, Noteholders within the charge to UK corporation tax will be charged to tax on all returns, profits or gains on, and fluctuations in value of, the Notes (whether attributable to currency fluctuations or otherwise) broadly in accordance with their statutory accounting treatment. Such Noteholders will generally be charged to tax in each accounting period by reference to interest (and discount) which, in accordance with such Noteholder's authorised accounting method, is applicable to that period. Such Noteholders will also be obliged to bring into account as income profits and losses caused by movements in the currency in which the Notes are denominated against the currency in which, in accordance with "normal accounting practice", the Noteholder accounts for the Notes.

### **Other United Kingdom Tax Payers**

#### *Taxation of Chargeable Gains*

Individual holders of Notes may be subject to United Kingdom taxation on capital gains on a disposal or redemption of Notes if they are resident or ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom or if they carry on a trade in the United Kingdom through a branch or agency to which the Notes are attributable. For individual holders, the exemption from United Kingdom taxation on capital gains for "qualifying corporate bonds" under Section 115 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 will apply to the Notes if they, *inter alia*, represent and have at all times represented a "normal commercial loan" for the purposes of that exemption, are denominated in Sterling and in respect of which no provision is made for conversion into, or redemption in, a currency other than Sterling. Any Notes constituting "relevant discounted securities" (as mentioned below) will be treated as "qualifying corporate bonds". Where Notes are "qualifying corporate bonds", no chargeable gain and no allowable loss will arise on a disposal of such Notes.

#### *Accrued Income Scheme*

The provisions of the accrued income scheme (the "Scheme") may apply to individuals transferring Notes which bear interest or to individuals to whom such Notes are transferred. On a transfer of securities with accrued interest the Scheme usually applies to deem the transferor to receive an amount of income equal to the accrued interest and to deem the transferee to obtain an equivalent credit to set off against the deemed or actual interest he subsequently receives. However, where a Note constitutes a variable rate security for the purposes of the Scheme, the amount of accrued income deemed to be received by a holder of such a Note upon transfer will be such amount as the Inland Revenue decides is just and reasonable and the transferee will not be entitled to any credit under the Scheme to set against any actual or deemed interest that he receives or is deemed to receive. Generally, persons who are neither resident nor ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and who do not carry on a trade in the United Kingdom through a branch or agency to which the Notes are attributable will not be subject to the provisions of these rules.

#### *Taxation of discount and premium*

Where Notes are issued at an issue price of less than 100 per cent. of their principal amount, any payments in respect of the accrued discount will not be made subject to any withholding or deduction on account of United Kingdom income tax as long as they do not constitute payments in respect of interest. Such Notes may constitute "relevant discounted securities" for the purpose of Schedule 13 of the Finance Act 1996, depending on the level of the discount. Where Notes constitute "relevant discounted securities", (a) a holder of such Notes who is within the scope of United Kingdom income tax may be liable to United Kingdom income tax on any profit made on the sale or other disposal (including redemption) of such Notes; and (b) the Scheme as described above will not apply to a transfer of Notes.

Where Notes are issued with a redemption premium, as opposed to being issued at a discount, then any such element of premium may constitute a payment of interest and, if so, the provisions described above relevant to interest will apply. If the premium does not constitute a payment of interest then such notes may constitute "relevant discounted securities" (as mentioned above).

## SUBSCRIPTION AND SALE

The Dealers have, in an amended and restated programme agreement (the "Programme Agreement") dated 19 December 2001 agreed with the Issuers and the Guarantor a basis upon which they or any of them may from time to time agree to purchase Notes. Any such agreement will extend to those matters stated under "Form of the Notes" and "Terms and Conditions of the Notes". In the Programme Agreement, the Issuers (failing which, the Guarantor) have agreed to reimburse the Dealers for certain of their expenses in connection with the establishment and any future update of the Programme and the issue of Notes under the Programme and to indemnify the Dealers against certain liabilities incurred by them in connection therewith.

### United States

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, US persons except in certain transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

The Notes are subject to US tax law requirements and may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or its possessions or to a United States person, except in certain transactions permitted by US tax regulations. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by the US Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and regulations thereunder.

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, sell or deliver Notes (i) as part of their distribution at any time or (ii) otherwise until 40 days after the completion of the distribution, as determined and certified by the relevant Dealer or, in the case of an issue of Notes on a syndicated basis, the relevant lead manager, of all Notes of the Tranche of which such Notes are a part, within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, US persons. Each Dealer has further agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree, that it will send to each dealer to which it sells any Notes during the distribution compliance period a confirmation or other notice setting forth the restrictions on offers and sales of the Notes within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, US persons. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by Regulation S under the Securities Act.

Until 40 days after the commencement of the offering of any Series of Notes, an offer or sale of such Notes within the United States by any dealer (whether or not participating in the offering) may violate the registration requirements of the Securities Act if such offer or sale is made otherwise than in accordance with an available exemption from registration under the Securities Act.

Each issuance of Index Linked Notes or Dual Currency Notes shall be subject to such additional US selling restrictions as the Issuer and the relevant Dealer may agree as a term of the issuance and purchase of such Notes, which additional selling restrictions shall be set out in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

### United Kingdom

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that:

- (i) in relation to Notes which have a maturity of one year or more and which are to be admitted to the Official List, it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell any Notes to persons in the United Kingdom prior to admission of such Notes to listing in accordance with Part VI of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the "FSMA") except to persons whose ordinary activities involve them in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses or otherwise in circumstances which have not resulted and will not result in an offer to the public in the United Kingdom within the meaning of the Public Offers of Securities Regulations 1995 (as amended) or the FSMA;
- (ii) in relation to Notes which have a maturity of one year or more and which are not to be admitted to the Official List, it has not offered or sold and, prior to the expiry of the period of six months from the issue date of such Notes, will not offer or sell any such Notes to persons in the United Kingdom except to persons whose ordinary activities involve them in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses or otherwise in circumstances which have not resulted and will not result in an offer to the public in the United Kingdom within the meaning of the Public Offers of Securities Regulations 1995 (as amended);



- (iii) in relation to any Notes which have a maturity of less than one year, (a) it is a person whose ordinary activities involve it in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of its business and (b) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell any Notes other than to persons whose ordinary activities involve them in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses or who it is reasonable to expect will acquire, hold, manage or dispose of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses where the issue of the Notes would otherwise constitute a contravention of Section 19 of the FSMA by the relevant Issuer;
- (iv) 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 of the 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 or the Guarantor; and
- (v) 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 United Kingdom.

### Japan

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities and Exchange Law of Japan (the "Securities and Exchange Law") and each Dealer has agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to 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, or for the benefit of, a resident of Japan except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the Securities and Exchange Law and any other applicable laws and regulations of Japan.

### France

Each of the Dealers, the Issuers and the Guarantor has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree that, in connection with their initial distribution, it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell, directly or indirectly, Notes to the public in the Republic of France, and has not distributed or caused to be distributed and will not distribute or cause to be distributed to the public in the Republic of France, this Offering Circular or any other offering material relating to Notes, and that such offers, sales and distributions have been and shall only be made in France to (i) qualified investors (*investisseurs qualifiés*) and/or (ii) a restricted circle of investors (*cercle restreint d'investisseurs*), all as defined in and in accordance with Article 6 of *ordonnance* no. 67-833 dated 28 September 1967 (as amended) and *décret* no. 98-880 dated 1 October 1998.

Where an issue of Notes is effected as an exception to the rules relating to an *appel public à l'épargne* in the Republic of France (public offer rules) by way of an offer to a restricted circle of investors (as referred to in (ii) above), such investors must, to the extent that the Notes are offered to 100 or more of such investors, provide certification as to their personal relationship of a professional or family nature with a member of the management of the Issuer. In the context of such exception, investors in the Republic of France may only participate in the issue of Notes for their own account in accordance with the conditions set out in *décret* no. 98-880 dated 1 October 1998. Notes may only be issued, directly or indirectly, to the public in the Republic of France in accordance with articles 6 and 7 of *ordonnance* no. 67-833 dated 28 September 1967 (as amended).

### The Netherlands

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, directly or indirectly, offered or sold and will not, directly or indirectly, offer or sell in The Netherlands any Notes with a denomination of less than €50,000 (or its foreign currency equivalent) other than to persons who trade or invest in securities in the conduct of a profession or business (which include banks, stockbrokers, insurance companies, pension funds, other institutional investors and finance companies and treasury departments of large enterprises) unless one of the other exemptions from or exceptions to the prohibition contained in article 3 of the Dutch Securities Transactions Supervision Act 1995 ("Wet toezicht effectenverkeer 1995") is applicable and the conditions attached to such exemption or exception are complied with.

## **Germany**

Each Dealer has acknowledged and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to acknowledge that the Offering Circular is not an admitted prospectus within the meaning of the German Prospectus Act of 13 December 1990 (*Verkaufprospektgesetz*) as amended and that any primary issue of Notes in Germany is subject to, and each Dealer undertakes to comply with, the restrictions regarding, in particular but not limited to, offerings to the public provided in the German Prospectus Act of 13 December 1990 (*Verkaufprospektgesetz*) as amended or any other law applicable in Germany governing the issue, offering and sale of securities.

## **General**

Each Dealer has agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree that it will comply with all applicable securities laws and regulations in force in any jurisdiction in which it purchases, offers, sells or delivers Notes or possesses or distributes this Offering Circular 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 Issuers, the Guarantor nor any of the other Dealers shall have any responsibility therefor.

None of the Issuers, the Guarantor and the Dealers represents that Notes may at any time lawfully be sold in compliance with any applicable registration or other requirements in any jurisdiction, or pursuant to any exemption available thereunder, or assumes any responsibility for facilitating such sale.

With regard to each Tranche, the relevant Dealer will be required to comply with such other restrictions as the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer shall agree and as shall be set out in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Authorisation

The establishment of the Programme and the issue of Notes have been duly authorised:

- (a) by resolutions of the Board of Directors of Severn Trent Plc dated 24 November 2000, 30 November 2001, 29 November 2002 and 28 March 2003 and of a committee of the Board of Directors of Severn Trent Plc dated 29 November 2000, 12 December 2001, 9 December 2002 and 14 July 2003; and
- (b) by resolutions of the Board of Directors of Severn Trent Water Utilities Finance Plc dated 29 November 2000, 12 December 2001, 9 December 2002 and 14 July 2003.

The giving of the Guarantee has been duly authorised by resolutions of the Board of Directors of Severn Trent Water Limited dated 24 November 2000, 26 November 2001, 9 December 2002 and 24 March 2003 and of a committee of the Board of Directors of Severn Trent Water Limited dated 6 December 2000, 12 December 2001, 9 December 2002 and 14 July 2003.

### Listing of Notes

The admission of Notes to the Official List will be expressed as a percentage of their nominal amount (excluding accrued interest). It is expected that each Tranche of Notes which is to be admitted to the Official List and to trading on the London Stock Exchange will be admitted separately as and when issued, subject only to the issue of a Global Note or Notes initially representing the Notes of such Tranche. The admission of the Programme in respect of Notes is expected to be granted on or before 30 July 2003.

### Documents Available

So long as Notes are capable of being issued under the Programme, copies of the following documents will, when published, be available from the registered office of each Issuer and from the specified offices of the Paying Agents for the time being:

- (i) the memorandum and articles of association of each of the Issuers and the Guarantor;
- (ii) the consolidated and/or non-consolidated, as the case may be, audited balance sheets and profits and loss accounts of each of the Issuers and the Guarantor in respect of the financial years ended 31 March 2002 and 2003. The Issuers and the Guarantor each currently prepares either audited consolidated or audited non-consolidated accounts on an annual basis;
- (iii) the most recently published audited annual financial statements of each of the Issuers and the Guarantor and the most recently published unaudited interim financial statements (if any) of each of the Issuers and the Guarantor. Severn Trent Plc currently prepares unaudited consolidated and unaudited non-consolidated interim accounts on a six monthly basis;
- (iv) the Programme Agreement, the Agency Agreement, the Trust Deed and the forms of the Global Notes, the Notes in definitive form, the Receipts, the Coupons and the Talons;
- (v) a copy of this Offering Circular;
- (vi) any future offering circulars, information memoranda and supplements including Pricing Supplements (save that a Pricing Supplement relating to an unlisted Note will only be available for inspection by a holder of such Note and such holder must produce evidence satisfactory to the relevant Issuer and the Paying Agent as to its holding of Notes and identity) to this Offering Circular and any other documents incorporated herein or therein by reference; and
- (vii) in the case of each issue of listed Notes subscribed pursuant to a subscription agreement, the subscription agreement (or equivalent document).

### Clearing Systems

The Notes have been accepted for clearance through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg. The appropriate Common Code and ISIN for each Tranche of Notes allocated by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg will be specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement. If the Notes are to clear through an additional or alternative clearing system the appropriate information will be specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

**Significant or Material Change**

Save as disclosed in this Offering Circular, there has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of the Group, no significant change in the financial or trading position of Severn Trent Water Utilities Finance Plc and no significant change in the financial or trading position of the group comprising the Guarantor and its subsidiaries, in each case, since 31 March 2003. Save as disclosed in this Offering Circular, there has been no material adverse change in the financial position or prospects of the Group, no material adverse change in the financial position or prospects of Severn Trent Water Utilities Finance Plc and no material adverse change in the financial position or prospects of the group comprising the Guarantor and its subsidiaries, in each case, since 31 March 2003.

**Litigation**

None of the Issuers, the Guarantor or any other member of the Group is or has been involved in any legal or arbitration proceedings (including any proceedings which are pending or threatened of which any of the Issuers or the Guarantor is aware) which may have or have had in the twelve months preceding the date of this document a significant effect on the financial position of the Issuers, the Guarantor or the Group.

**Auditors**

The auditors of each of the Issuers and the Guarantor are PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Chartered Accountants. PricewaterhouseCoopers have audited the accounts of each of the Issuers and the Guarantor, without qualification, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in the United Kingdom for the two financial years ended on 31 March 2001 and 2002. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP have audited the accounts of each of the Issuers and the Guarantor, without qualification, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in the United Kingdom for the financial year ended on 31 March 2003.

The Trust Deed provides that the Trustee may rely on certificates or reports from the Auditors in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed whether or not any such certificate or report or any engagement letter or other document entered into by the Trustee and the Auditors in connection therewith contains any limit on liability of the Auditors.

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