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RE: Barclays Bank PLC

Re: First Preliminary Pricing Supplement No. • to Final Short Form Base Shelf Prospectus

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

We refer to the First Preliminary Pricing Supplement No. • dated December 1, 2009 (the "Pricing Supplement"), to a final short form base shelf prospectus dated November 14, 2008 of Barclays Bank PLC relating to an offering of Barclays Bank PLC Raymond James US Analysts' Best Picks® for 2010 Notes.

We hereby consent to the reference to our name under the headings "Plan of Distribution" and "Legal Matters" in the Pricing Supplement and the reference to our name and opinions under the headings "Eligibility for Investment" and "Certain Canadian Tax Considerations" in the Pricing Supplement.

We confirm that we have read the Pricing Supplement and that we have no reason to believe that there are any misrepresentations (as defined in the *Securities Act* (Ontario)) in the information contained in the Pricing Supplement that are derived from our opinions referred to above or that are within our knowledge as a result of services we performed in connection with the preparation of such opinions.

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Yours very truly,

"Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP"

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