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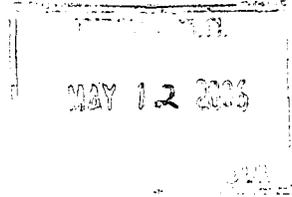
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May 12, 2006



Mr. Brian Johnson
Branch Chief
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Room 2531
100 F Street, NE
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Barclays Bank PLC, American Depositary Shares, Series 2 (Each representing one Non-Cumulative Callable Dollar Preference Shares, Series 2) and Non-Cumulative Callable Dollar Preference Shares, Series 2 (application for the Non-Cumulative Callable Dollar Preference Shares, Series 2 is made for listing, not for trading, but only in connection with the registration of American Depositary Shares pursuant to the requirements of the New York Stock Exchange) and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on May 12, 2006. Tentative listing date – May 15, 2006.

Sincerely,

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