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- "Disclosure of shareholdings by Barclays Plc in accordance with Swiss Stock Exchange Law" dated November 10, 2008

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Zurich, November 10, 2008 – Zurich Financial Services, Mythenquai 2, 8002 Zurich, (Zurich) announces that on November 6, 2008 it received a notification of shareholding as per October 10, 2008 in accordance with articles 9 and 17 of the SESTO-SFBC and in connection with article 20 of the Swiss Stock Exchange Law by Barclays Plc, 1 Churchill Place, London, E14 5HP, United Kingdom (Barclays Plc). According to this notification, Barclays Plc along with its subsidiaries has fallen below the threshold of 3 percent of voting rights on Zurich with purchase positions.

Proxy for Group members: Geoff Smith, Barclays Plc, 1 Churchill Place, London E14 5HP, phone: +44 207 116 29 13; fax: +44 207 116 76 65.

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