BARCLAYS LAUNCHES IPATH® S&P MLP EXCHANGE TRADED NOTE

New iPath® S&P MLP ETN (ticker: IMLP) provides investors with exposure to the MLP market

New York, NY, January 4, 2013 – Barclays Bank PLC announced today the launch of the iPath® S&P MLP Exchange Traded Note (ETN) on the NYSE Arca stock exchange under the ticker symbol IMLP. The ETN is designed to provide investors with a way to gain exposure to the performance of the consolidated volume-weighted average price (“VWAP”) level of the S&P MLP Index, providing investors broad-based exposure to the energy infrastructure focused Master Limited Partnership (MLP) market.

“We are pleased to expand our suite of exchange traded notes with the first iPath® ETN to offer exposure to the MLP market,” said Kevin Burke, Head of Investor Solutions at Barclays. “Investors have shown considerable interest in the MLP market, and the iPath® S&P MLP ETN will provide exposure in an exchange-traded format.”

“As investors continue to seek out investments with higher yield, this ETN offers the potential for income along with upside appreciation via index-linked exposure to US energy infrastructure-focused partnerships,” said Kevin Murphy, Head of US Equity and Funds Solutions at Barclays.

The iPath® S&P MLP ETN is linked to the performance of the consolidated VWAP level of the S&P MLP Index. The S&P MLP Index is designed to provide exposure to leading partnerships that trade on major U.S. exchanges and are classified in the GICS® Energy Sector and GICS® Gas Utilities Industry. The S&P MLP Index includes both master limited partnerships (“MLPs”) and publicly traded limited liability companies which have a similar legal structure to MLPs and share the same tax benefits as MLPs.

The ETN prospectus can be found on EDGAR, the SEC website at: www.sec.gov, as well as on the product website at www.iPathETN.com.

iPath ETNs are senior, unsecured, unsubordinated debt securities issued by Barclays Bank PLC. Barclays Bank PLC is the issuer of iPath ETNs and Barclays Capital Inc. is the issuer’s agent. BlackRock’s broker dealer affiliate, BlackRock Investments, LLC, assists in the promotion of the iPath ETNs.

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Selected Risk Considerations

An investment in the iPath® S&P MLP ETN (the “ETNs”) involves risks. Selected risks are summarized here, but we urge you to read the more detailed explanation of risks described under “Risk Factors” in the applicable prospectus supplement and pricing supplement.

You May Lose Some or All of Your Principal: The ETNs are exposed to any decrease in the Volume Weighted Average Price (“VWAP”) level between the inception date and the applicable valuation date. Additionally, if the VWAP level is insufficient to offset the negative effect of the investor fee and other applicable costs, you will lose some or all of your investment at maturity or upon redemption, even if the VWAP value has increased. Because the ETNs are subject to an investor fee and any other applicable costs, the return on the ETNs will always be lower than the total return on a direct investment in the index components. The ETNs are riskier than ordinary unsecured debt securities and have no principal protection.

Credit of Barclays Bank PLC: The ETNs are unsecured debt obligations of the issuer, Barclays Bank PLC, and are not, either directly or indirectly, an obligation of or guaranteed by any third party. Any payment to be made on the ETNs, including any payment at maturity or upon redemption, depends on the ability of Barclays Bank PLC to satisfy its obligations as they come due. As a result, the actual and perceived creditworthiness of Barclays Bank PLC will affect the market value, if any, of the ETNs prior to maturity or redemption. In addition, in the event Barclays Bank PLC were to default on its obligations, you may not receive any amounts owed to you under the terms of the ETNs.

Issuer Redemption: Barclays Bank PLC will have the right to redeem or “call” the ETNs (in whole but not in part) at its sole discretion and without your consent on any trading day on or after the inception date until and including maturity.

The Payment on the ETNs is Linked to the VWAP Level, Not to the Closing Level of the Index and Not to the Published Intraday Indic Peace of the ETNs: Your payment at maturity or upon early redemption is linked to the performance of the VWAP level, as compared to the initial VWAP level. Although the VWAP level is intended to track the performance of the Index, the calculation of the VWAP level is different from the calculation of the official closing level of the Index. Therefore, the payment at maturity or early redemption of your ETNs, may be different from the payment you would receive if such payment were determined by reference to the official closing level of the Index.

No Guaranteed Coupon Payments: You are not guaranteed to receive coupon payments on the ETNs. You will receive a coupon payment on a coupon payment date only to the extent that the accrued dividend exceeds the accrued investor fee on the relevant coupon valuation date. The amount of the accrued dividend on any coupon valuation date depends in part on the aggregate cash value of distributions that a reference holder would have been entitled to receive in respect of the index constituents prior to the relevant coupon valuation date.

Market and Volatility Risk: The return on the ETNs is linked to the performance of the VWAP level of the Index which, in turn, is linked to the performance of the master limited partnerships and other securities that are
Barclays Bank PLC has filed a registration statement (including a prospectus) with the SEC for the offering to which this communication relates. Before you invest, you should read the prospectus and other documents Barclays Bank PLC has filed with the SEC for more complete information about the issuer and this offering. You may get these documents for free by visiting www.iPathETN.com or EDGAR on the SEC website at www.sec.gov. Alternatively, Barclays Bank PLC will arrange for Barclays Capital Inc. to send you the prospectus if you request it by calling toll-free 1-877-764-7284, or you may request a copy from any other dealer participating in the offering.

BlackRock Investments, LLC assists in the promotion of the iPath ETNs.

The ETNs may be sold throughout the day on the exchange through any brokerage account. Commissions may apply and there are tax consequences in the event of sale, redemption or maturity of ETNs.

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