Barclays announces Cboe notice regarding IMLP ETNs

New York, [January 7, 2020] – Barclays Bank PLC (“Barclays”) announced today that on December 26, 2019, the Cboe BZX exchange (the “Exchange”) issued a deficiency notification letter (the “Deficiency Notification”). The Deficiency Notification indicates that the iPath® S&P MLP ETN (the “ETNs”) (Ticker: IMLP) do not meet the Exchange’s continuous listing standard as set forth in Exchange Rule 14.11(d)(2)(K)(i)(b)(1)(A) (the “Rule”). The Rule states the following:

“The criteria that no single component represent more than 25% of the dollar weight of the index (including Derivative Securities Products and Linked Securities) and, to the extent applicable, the five highest dollar weighted components in the index (excluding Derivative Securities Products and Linked Securities) cannot represent more than 50% (or 60% for indexes with less than 25 components) of the dollar weight of the index, need only be satisfied at the time the index is rebalanced…”

The ETNs are linked to the performance of the S&P MLP Index (the “Index”). Currently, the five highest dollar weighted components in the Index represent a total of 50.13%, which exceeds the 50% threshold permitted by the Rule.

Barclays will submit a plan to the Exchange by February 10, 2020, outlining how the ETNs will gain compliance with the Rule. Upon receipt of Barclays plan for compliance with the Rule, the Exchange will take one of the following courses of action, pursuant to Exchange Rule 14.12(f)(2)(B):

- grant Barclays an extension of time to gain compliance with the Rule (not exceeding 180 calendar days from the date of the Deficiency Notification);
- deny an extension and issue a Staff Delisting Determination letter; or
- issue a Public Reprimand Letter, as defined in Exchange Rule 14.12(b)(9).

The ETNs are riskier than ordinary unsecured debt securities and have no principal protection. 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. An investment in the ETNs involves significant risks, including possible loss of principal, and may not be suitable for all investors.

Daily redemptions at the option of the holders of the ETNs continue to stay open. The prospectus relating to the ETNs can be found on EDGAR, the SEC website at: www.sec.gov, as well as at www.iPathETN.com/IMLPprospectus.

Barclays Bank PLC is the issuer of iPath® ETNs and Barclays Capital Inc. is the issuer’s agent in the distribution. For further information, please instruct your broker/advisor/custodian to email us at etndesk@barclays.com or alternatively, your broker/custodian can call us at: 1-212-528-7990.
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Selected Risk Considerations

An investment in the iPath ETNs described herein 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 level of the underlying index between the inception date and the applicable valuation date. Additionally, if the level of the underlying index 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 value of such index 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 Indicative Value 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.
Energy MLP Market Risks May Affect the Trading Value of the ETNs and the Amount of Any Payment on the ETNs. We expect that the level of the Index will fluctuate in accordance with changes in the financial condition of the Index Constituents and certain other factors. The financial condition of the Index Constituents may become impaired or the general condition of the energy MLP market may deteriorate, either of which may cause a decrease in the level of the Index and thus in the value of the ETNs. The ETNs are susceptible to general market fluctuations and to volatile increases and decreases in value, as market confidence in and perceptions regarding the Index Constituents change. Investor perceptions of the Index Constituents are based on various and unpredictable factors, including expectations regarding government, economic, monetary, tax and fiscal policies, inflation and interest rates, economic expansion or contraction, and global or regional political, economic, and banking crises. The level of the Index is expected to fluctuate until the maturity date.

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 market value of the ETNs may be influenced by many unpredictable factors and may fluctuate between the date you purchase them and the maturity date or redemption date. You may also sustain a significant loss if you sell your ETNs in the secondary market. Factors that may influence the market value of the ETNs include prevailing market prices of the U.S. stock markets, the index components included in the underlying index, and prevailing market prices of options on such index or any other financial instruments related to such index; and supply and demand for the ETNs, including economic, financial, political, regulatory, geographical or judicial events that affect the level of such index or other financial instruments related to such index.

Concentration Risk: The index constituents are companies in the Energy Sector or Gas Utilities Sector, as determined by the GICS® classification system. In addition, many of the index constituents are smaller, non-diversified businesses that are exposed to the risks associated with such businesses, including the lack of capital funding to sustain or grow businesses and potential competition from larger, better financed and more diversified businesses. The ETNs are susceptible to general market fluctuations in the energy and gas MLP market and to volatile increases and decreases in value, as market confidence in, and perceptions regarding the index constituents change. Your investment may therefore carry risks similar to a concentrated securities investment in one industry or sector.

A Trading Market for the ETNs May Not Develop: Although the ETNs are listed on a U.S. national securities exchange, a trading market for the ETNs may not develop and the liquidity of the ETNs may be limited, as we are not required to maintain any listing of the ETNs.

No Interest Payments from the ETNs: You may not receive any interest payments on the ETNs.

Restrictions on the Minimum Number of ETNs and Date Restrictions for Redemptions: You must redeem at least 50,000 ETNs of the same series at one time in order to exercise your right to redeem your ETNs on any redemption date. You may only redeem your ETNs on a redemption date if we receive a notice of redemption from you by certain dates and times as set forth in the product prospectus.

Uncertain Tax Treatment: Significant aspects of the tax treatment of the ETNs are uncertain. You should
consult your own tax advisor about your own tax situation.

The ETNs may be sold throughout the day on the exchange through any brokerage account. There are restrictions on the minimum number of ETNs you may redeem directly with the issuer as specified in the applicable prospectus. Commissions may apply and there are tax consequences in the event of sale, redemption or maturity of ETNs. **Sales in the secondary market may result in significant losses.**

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