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# Barclays iPath® ETNs attract more than \$3 billion in market capitalization

New York, NY (September 20, 2007) – Barclays PLC announced that investments in iPath<sup>®</sup> Exchange Traded Notes (iPath ETNs<sup>®</sup>) surpassed \$3 billion. The first two iPath ETNs were launched in early June 2006 and a total of eight have been issued since then.

"This is a new benchmark for the ETN market and it underscores the significant interest in Barclays iPath ETNs," said Philippe El-Asmar, Managing Director, Head of Investor Solutions, Americas at Barclays Capital. "Barclays businesses have aligned in a unique way to offer investors eight ETNs that achieve innovative, transparent, and cost-effective investment in previously expensive or difficult-to-reach markets. We remain committed to expanding the iPath ETNs suite of products."

iPath ETNs typically have a 30-year maturity and are senior, unsecured, unsubordinated debt securities issued by Barclays Bank PLC linked to the performance of a market benchmark or strategy. iPath ETNs are designed to provide investors with convenient access to the returns of market benchmarks, less investor fees, with easy transferability.

Several Barclays divisions worked together to create this success. Barclays Bank PLC is the issuer, Barclays Capital Inc., is the issuer's agent, and Barclays Global Investors Services is the promoter of iPath ETNs to intermediaries.

The first two iPath ETNs are linked to commodity indexes, the Dow Jones-AIG Commodity Index Total Return<sup>SM</sup> and the S&P GSCI<sup>TM</sup> Total Return Index. The third iPath ETN is linked to the S&P GSCI<sup>TM</sup> Crude Oil Total Return Index. The fourth iPath ETN is linked to the MSCI India Index<sup>SM</sup>, which is designed to measure the market performance, including price performance and income from dividend payments, of

Indian equity securities. In May, the first iPath ETNs designed specifically to offer exposure to a single currency exchange rate relative to the US dollar were launched, as well as the first iPath ETN to offer investors exposure to the CBOE S&P 500 BuyWrite Index<sup>SM</sup>, less applicable fees.

The pricing supplements can be found on the SEC website at:

- (iPath ETNs linked to the Dow Jones-AIG Commodity Index Total Return<sup>SM</sup>) http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/312070/000119312507078065/d424b3.htm
- (iPath ETNs linked to the S&P GSCI<sup>™</sup> Total Return Index) http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/312070/000119312507078059/d424b3.htm
- (iPath ETNs linked to the S&P GSCI<sup>TM</sup> Crude Oil Total Return Index) http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/312070/000119312507078063/d424b3.htm
- (iPath ETNs linked to the MSCI India Index<sup>SM</sup>) http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/312070/000119312507078162/d424b3.htm
- (iPath ETNs linked to the CBOE S&P 500 BuyWrite Index<sup>SM</sup>) http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/312070/000119312507120898/d424b3.htm
- (iPath EUR/USD Exchange Rate ETN) http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/312070/000119312507106298/d424b3.htm
- (iPath GBP/USD Exchange Rate ETN) http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/312070/000119312507106287/d424b3.htm
- (iPath JPY/USD Exchange Rate ETN) http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/312070/000119312507106291/d424b3.htm

The following link provides further information about the iPath ETNs: <a href="http://www.iPathETN.com/">http://www.iPathETN.com/</a>

An investment in iPath ETNs involves risks, including possible loss of principal. For a description of the main risks see "Risk Factors" in the applicable prospectus.

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\*US\$ figure was derived using the US\$/£ exchange rate at 30.06.07 of US\$2.01/£1

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