

## CORPORATE ACTION NOTICE

This Notice applies to the following market(s):

**London market**

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**OPTION CONTRACT ON EQUITY RELATED SECURITIES  
(INCLUDING COMPANY SHARES AND EXCHANGE TRADED FUND  
SHARES)  
(EXCHANGE CONTRACT NO. 201)**

**OPTION CONTRACT ON EQUITY RELATED SECURITIES  
(INCLUDING COMPANY SHARES, DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS AND  
EXCHANGE TRADED FUND SHARES)  
PHYSICAL DELIVERY AND CASH SETTLED CONTRACTS  
(EXCHANGE CONTRACT NO. 201F)**

**UNIVERSAL STOCK FUTURES CONTRACT  
(EXCHANGE CONTRACT NO. 56)**

**UNIVERSAL STOCK FUTURES CONTRACT  
(BASED ON COMPANY SHARES AND DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS)  
(EXCHANGE CONTRACT NO. 66F)**

**NORTHERN ROCK PLC**

**STATUTORY TRANSFER OF SECURITIES**

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- 1. Contracts:** Northern Rock Plc (“Northern Rock”) Individual Equity Option Contract (Contract code NKR), Flexible Individual Equity Option Contracts (Contract codes NRU, NRQ, NRJ, and NRX), Universal Stock Futures Contract (Contract code NRK) and Flexible Universal Stock Futures Contract (Contract code NRY) (collectively, “the Contracts”).
- 2. Background:** The UK Government is taking legislation through Parliament as a matter of urgency in order to transfer all shares in Northern Rock to the Treasury Solicitor as nominee of HM Treasury. While the precise timing of the transfer has yet to be announced, the Government has indicated that it will occur swiftly following passage of the necessary legislation.
- 3. Suspension:** The UK Listing Authority has suspended the listing of Northern Rock shares and trading in those shares on the London Stock Exchange has ceased. Trading in the Contracts is also suspended.
- 4. Option Exercises:** Members are advised that the exercise of Northern Rock Options Contracts is still permitted. In light of the impending transfer of Northern Rock shares to HM Treasury’s nominee, Members holding open positions in Northern Rock Option Contracts, either on their own behalf or on behalf of clients, should consider as a matter of urgency whether to exercise such Option Contracts as soon as possible, rather than waiting and definitely being exposed in due course to an alternative process for settlement which replaces delivery of the underlying shares. In considering such action, Members should be aware of the statement concerning Northern Rock which was made by HM Treasury via RNS today (RNS Number: 39710). In particular, the statement explains that given normal settlement periods, and depending on the process of passing the necessary legislation, there is a risk that settlement might not occur prior to the transfer of Northern Rock shares to HM Treasury’s nominee.
- 5. Miscellaneous:** Liffe will continue to keep the situation under review in light of further developments and will issue further Corporate Action Notices as and when appropriate.

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