

A\$5,000,000,000 Debt Issuance Program

Arranger

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#### **This Information Memorandum**

This Information Memorandum relates to a debt issuance Program established by the Issuer, under which it may issue Notes from time to time. It has been prepared by, and is issued with the authority of, the Issuer.

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Information Memorandum (other than the Program Participant Information).

Terms used in this Information Memorandum but not otherwise defined have the meanings given to them in section 8 (*Glossary*) and/or will otherwise be interpreted as provided in the Conditions.

#### Place of issuance

Subject to applicable laws and directives, the Issuer may issue Notes in any country including Australia and countries in Europe and Asia but (subject to the below) not in the United States. The Notes have not been, and will not be, registered under the U.S. Securities Act and, accordingly, the Notes may not be offered, sold, delivered or transferred, at any time, within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons, except in a transaction exempt from, or not subject to, the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act.

This Information Memorandum does not, and is not intended to, constitute an offer or invitation by or on behalf of the Issuer or any Program Participant to any person in any jurisdiction to subscribe for, purchase or otherwise deal in any Notes.

The distribution and use of this Information Memorandum, including any Issue Materials, and the offer or sale of Notes may be restricted by law in certain jurisdictions and intending purchasers and other investors should inform themselves about them and observe any such restrictions.

#### In particular:

- this Information Memorandum is not a prospectus or other disclosure document for the purposes of the Corporations Act. Neither this Information Memorandum nor any other disclosure document in relation to the Notes has been, or will be, lodged with ASIC; and
- no action has been taken by any of the Issuer or any Program Participant Party which would permit a public offering of any Notes or distribution of this Information Memorandum or any Issue Materials in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required (including circumstances that would require disclosure under Part 6D.2 or 7.9 of the Corporations Act).

For a description of certain restrictions on offers, sales and deliveries of the Notes, and on distribution of this Information Memorandum and any other Issue Materials, see section 3 (*Selling restrictions*).

#### No independent verification

The only role of each of the Program Participants in the preparation of this Information Memorandum has been to confirm to the Issuer that the Program Participant Information relating to itself is accurate as at the Preparation Date.

Apart from the foregoing, no Program Participant Party has independently verified any information contained in this Information Memorandum and each such person disclaims any responsibility for such information. No representation, warranty or undertaking, express or implied, is made, and no responsibility or liability is accepted, by any of them, in relation to the accuracy or completeness of this Information Memorandum, any Issue Materials or any further information supplied by the Issuer in connection with the Program or any Notes.

Each Program Participant expressly does not undertake to review the financial condition or affairs of the Issuer or any of its affiliates at any time or to advise any Noteholder or any other person of any information coming to their attention with respect to the Issuer and make no representations as to the ability of the Issuer to comply with its obligations under the Notes. No Program Participant makes any representation as to the performance of the Issuer, the maintenance of capital or any particular rate of return, nor does any Program Participant guarantee the payment of capital or any particular rate of capital or income return, in each case, on any Notes.

Investors to make independent investment decision and obtain professional advice

This Information Memorandum contains only summary information concerning the Notes. Neither the information contained in this Information Memorandum nor any other information supplied in connection with the Program or the issue of any Notes (1) is intended to provide the basis of any credit or other evaluation and should not be considered or relied on as a recommendation or a statement of opinion (or a report of either of those things) by the Issuer or any Program Participant Party that any recipient of this Information Memorandum or any other information supplied in connection with the Program or the issue of any Notes should subscribe for, purchase or otherwise deal in any Notes or any rights in respect of any Notes, or (2) describes the risks of an investment in any Notes.

Each investor contemplating subscribing for, purchasing or otherwise dealing in any Notes or any rights in respect of any Notes should:

- make and rely upon (and shall be taken to have made and relied upon) its own independent investigation of the financial condition and affairs of, and its own appraisal of the creditworthiness of, the Issuer and the risks of an investment in any Notes;
- determine for themselves the relevance of the information contained in this Information Memorandum (including all information incorporated by reference and forming part of this Information Memorandum) and any other information supplied in connection with the Program or the issue of any Notes, and must base their investment decision solely upon their independent assessment and such investigations as they consider necessary; and
- consult their own financial, legal, tax and professional advisers about risks associated with an investment in any Notes and the suitability of investing in the Notes in light of their particular circumstances.

No accounting, regulatory, investment, legal, tax or other professional advice is given in respect of an investment in any Notes or rights in respect of them.

## 1. Program summary

The following is a brief summary only and should be read in conjunction with the rest of this Information Memorandum and, in relation to any Notes, the applicable Conditions and relevant Pricing Supplement. A term used below but not otherwise defined has the meaning given to it in the Glossary section and/or otherwise by the Conditions. A reference to a "Pricing Supplement" does not limit the provisions or features of this Program which may be supplemented, amended, modified or replaced by a Pricing Supplement in relation to a particular Tranche or Series of Notes.

The Program		
Issuer	Verizon Communications Inc.	
Program description	A non-underwritten debt issuance program under which, subject to applicable laws and directives, the Issuer may elect to issue Notes in the Australian capital market in registered uncertificated form in an aggregate principal amount up to the Program Amount.	
Program Amount	A\$5,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies, and as that amount may be increased from time to time).	
Program term	The Program continues until terminated by the Issuer.	
Program Participants		
Arranger	Deutsche Bank AG, Sydney Branch	
Dealers	Deutsche Bank AG, Sydney Branch J.P. Morgan Australia Limited	
	Contact details and particulars of the ABN and AFSL for the Arranger and Dealers are set out in the <i>Directory</i> section.	
	Additional Dealers may be appointed by the Issuer from time to time for a specific Tranche or Series (details of such appointment may be set out in the relevant Pricing Supplement) or to the Program generally.	
Registrar	BTA Institutional Services Australia Limited (ABN 48 002 916 396)	
	Details of the appointment of any alternative or additional Registrar in respect of a Tranche or Series will be notified in the relevant Pricing Supplement.	
Issuing and Paying	BTA Institutional Services Australia Limited (ABN 48 002 916 396)	
Agent	Details of the appointment of any alternative or additional Issuing and Paying Agent in respect of a Tranche or Series will be notified in the relevant Pricing Supplement.	
Calculation Agent	If a Calculation Agent is required for the purpose of calculating any amount or making any determination under any Tranche or Series, such appointment will be notified in the relevant Pricing Supplement.	
	Where no Calculation Agent is appointed, the calculation of interest, principal and other payments in respect of the relevant Notes will be made by the Issuer.	
The Notes		
Offer and issue	Notes will be issued in Series. Each Series may comprise one or more Tranches having one or more Issue Dates and on conditions that are otherwise identical (other than, to the extent relevant, in respect of the Issue Price and the first payment of interest). The Notes of each Tranche of a Series are intended to be fungible with the other Tranches of Notes of that Series to the extent permitted by law or directive. A Pricing Supplement will be issued by the Issuer in respect of each Tranche of Notes.	
Form	Notes will be issued in registered uncertificated form by entry in the Register.	
	Notes are debt obligations of the Issuer constituted by, and owing under, the relevant Deed Poll (which will be specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement) and the details of which are recorded in, and evidenced by entry in, the Register.	
	No certificates in respect of any Notes will be issued unless the Issuer determines that	

	certificates should be available or it is required to do so pursuant to any applicable law or directive. If certificates are issued, they represent evidence of title only and the Notes will remain in registered form.
Status and ranking of the Notes	Notes will constitute direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and (subject to Condition 4.2 ("Negative pledge")) unsecured obligations of the Issuer which will rank <i>pari passu</i> without any preference among themselves and at least <i>pari passu</i> with all other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer, save for such as may be preferred by mandatory provisions of applicable law.
Negative pledge	As set out in Condition 4.2 ("Negative pledge").
Events of Default	As set out in Condition 13.1 ("Events of Default"). Following an Event of Default, Notes will become immediately due and payable at their Redemption Amount, together with accrued interest (if any) to the date of repayment, (1) automatically in the case of certain Events of Default, and (2) in the case of other Events of Default, only when the Issuer has received notice from Noteholders holding at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the relevant Notes then outstanding. See Condition 13.2 ("Consequences of an Event of Default").
Maturities	Notes may have any maturity as specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement.
Currencies	Notes will be denominated in Australian dollars or in such other currency specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement.
Issue Price	Notes may be issued at any price as specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement.
Interest	Notes may or may not bear interest. Interest (if any) may be at a fixed, floating or another variable rate as specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement.
Denomination	Notes will be issued in the single denomination specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement.
Title	Entry of the name of the person in the Register in respect of a Note in registered form constitutes the obtaining or passing of title and is conclusive evidence that the person so entered is the registered holder of that Note subject to correction for fraud or proven error.
	Title to Notes which are held in a Clearing System will be determined in accordance with the rules and regulations of the relevant Clearing System. Notes which are held in the Austraclear System will be registered in the name of Austraclear.
	Title to other Notes which are not lodged in a Clearing System will depend on the form of those Notes as specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement, provided that, in any such event, title will be reflected in a manner that is consistent with the Notes being treated as in registered form for United States federal tax purposes.
Payments and Record Date	Payments to persons who hold Notes through a Clearing System will be made in accordance with the rules and regulations of the relevant Clearing System.
	If Notes are not lodged in a Clearing System, then payments in respect of those Notes will be made as set out in the Conditions.
	The Record Date for payments of principal and interest is 5.00 pm in the place where the Register is maintained on the eighth calendar day before a payment date or such other period specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement.
Transactions relating t	o the Notes
Clearing Systems	Notes may be transacted either within or outside any Clearing System.
	The Issuer may apply to Austraclear for approval for any Notes to be traded on the Austraclear System. Upon approval by Austraclear, those Notes will be traded through Austraclear in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Austraclear System.

Austraclear in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Austraclear System. Such approval by Austraclear is not a recommendation or endorsement by Austraclear

Transactions relating to interests in the Notes may also be carried out through Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other clearing system outside Australia

of such Notes.

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specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement.

Interests in the Notes traded in the Austraclear System may be held for the benefit of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg. In these circumstances, entitlements in respect of holdings of interests in Notes in Euroclear would be held in the Austraclear System by a nominee of Euroclear (currently HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited) while entitlements in respect of holdings of interests in Notes in Clearstream, Luxembourg would be held in the Austraclear System by a nominee of J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. as custodian for Clearstream, Luxembourg.

The rights of a holder of interests in a Note held through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg are subject to the respective rules and regulations for accountholders of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, the terms and conditions of agreements between Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and their respective nominee and the rules and regulations of the Austraclear System. In addition, any transfer of interests in a Note, which is held through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg will, to the extent such transfer will be recorded on the Austraclear System, be subject to the Corporations Act and the requirements for minimum consideration as set out in the Conditions.

The Issuer will not be responsible for the operation of the clearing arrangements which is a matter for the clearing institutions, their nominees, their participants and the investors.

#### Selling restrictions

The offer, sale and delivery of Notes, and the distribution of this Information Memorandum and Issue Materials, are subject to such restrictions as may apply in any jurisdiction in connection with the offer and sale of a particular Tranche or Series. Certain restrictions are described in section 3 (*Selling restrictions*).

#### Transfer procedure

Notes may only be transferred in whole and in accordance with the Conditions.

In particular, Notes may only be transferred if:

- in the case of Notes to be transferred in, or into, Australia:
  - the offer or invitation giving rise to the transfer is for an aggregate consideration
    of at least A\$500,000 (or its equivalent in an alternative currency and, in either
    case, disregarding moneys lent by the transferor or its associates) or does not
    otherwise require disclosure to investors under Parts 6D.2 or 7.9 of the
    Corporations Act; and
  - the transfer is not to a "retail client" for the purposes of section 761G of the Corporations Act; and
- at all times, the transfer complies with all applicable laws and directives of the jurisdiction where the transfer takes place.

Transfers of Notes held in a Clearing System will be made in accordance with the rules and regulations of the relevant Clearing System.

#### **Other matters**

# Taxes, withholdings and deductions

All payments in respect of the Notes will be made free and clear of, and without withholding or deduction for or on account of, any present or future Taxes unless such withholding or deduction is required by law. In the event that any withholding or deduction on payments in respect of the Notes for or on account of any present or future Taxes is required to be deducted or withheld by the United States or any political subdivision thereof or any authority therein or thereof having the power to tax the Issuer will, save in certain circumstances provided in Condition 11 ("Taxation"), be required to pay such additional amounts on the Notes as will result in receipt by Noteholders that are not U.S. persons of such amounts (after all such withholding or deduction, including any withholding or deduction for such Taxes imposed on any additional amounts) as would have been received had no such withholding or deduction been required.

A brief overview of certain Australian and United States federal income taxation considerations relating to the ownership and disposition of the Notes and of FATCA is set out in section 4 (*Summary of certain taxation matters*).

Stamp duty	Any stamp duty incurred at the time of issue of the Notes will be for the account of the Issuer. Any stamp duty incurred on a transfer of Notes will be for the account of the relevant investors.
	As at the date of this Information Memorandum, no <i>ad valorem</i> stamp duty is payable in any Australian State or Territory on the issue, transfer or redemption of the Notes. However, investors are advised to seek independent advice regarding any stamp duty or other taxes imposed by another jurisdiction upon the transfer of Notes, or interests in Notes, in any jurisdiction.
Listing	It is not currently intended that the Notes will be listed on any stock or securities exchange or quoted on a quotation system.
	An application may be made for the Issuer to be admitted to the official list of, and/or Notes of a particular Series to be quoted on, the ASX or on any other stock or securities exchange or quotation system (in accordance with applicable laws and directives). The applicable Pricing Supplement in respect of the issue of any Tranche of Notes will specify whether or not such Notes will be quoted on any stock or securities exchange.
Credit ratings	Notes may be rated by one or more rating agencies. The credit rating of an individual Tranche or Series of Notes will be specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement for those Notes (or another supplement to this Information Memorandum).
Meetings	The Conditions and the Deed Poll contain provisions for calling meetings of Noteholders to consider matters affecting their interests generally, and for the passing of resolutions by a vote or circulating resolution. These provisions permit defined majorities to bind all Noteholders of a Series, including Noteholders who did not attend and vote at the relevant meeting or did not sign a circulating resolution and Noteholders who voted in a manner contrary to the majority.
Use of proceeds	The net proceeds from each issue of Notes will be used by the Issuer for its general corporate purposes or as may otherwise be disclosed in the applicable Pricing Supplement.
Governing law	The Notes and all related documentation will be governed by the laws of New South Wales, Australia.
Other Notes	The Issuer may from time to time issue Notes in a form not specifically contemplated in this Information Memorandum. Terms applicable to any other type of Note that the Issuer and any relevant Dealer(s) or other investor(s) may agree to issue under this Program will be set out in the relevant Pricing Supplement or another supplement to this Information Memorandum.
Investors to obtain independent advice with respect to investment and other risks	This Information Memorandum does not describe the risks of an investment in any Notes. Prospective investors should consult their own financial, legal, tax and other professional advisers about risks associated with an investment in any Notes and the suitability of investing in the Notes in light of their particular circumstances.

#### **Verizon Communications**

Verizon Communications Inc. is a holding company that, acting through its subsidiaries, is one of the world's leading providers of communications, information and entertainment products and services to consumers, businesses and governmental agencies. With a presence around the world, Verizon offers voice, data and video services and solutions on our wireless and wireline networks that are designed to meet customers' demand for mobility, reliable network connectivity, security and control.

Verizon has two reportable segments: wireless and wireline. The wireless business, operating as Verizon Wireless, provides voice and data services and equipment sales across the United States. The wireline business provides consumer, business and government customers with communications products and enhanced services, including broadband data and video, corporate networking solutions, data center and cloud services, security and managed network services and local and long distance voice services, and also owns and operates one of the most expansive end-to-end global Internet Protocol networks.

#### Documents incorporated by reference

The following documents (including any that are published or issued from time to time after the date of this Information Memorandum) are incorporated in, and taken to form part of, this Information Memorandum:

- the Issuer's:
  - Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended 31 December 2016;
  - Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended 31 March 2017;
  - Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on 25 January 2017, 31 January 2017, 1 February 2017, 3 February 2017, 21 February 2017, 3 March 2017, 13 March 2017, 20 March 2017, 5 May 2017, 10 May 2017, 11 May 2017 and 15 May 2017; and
  - filings made with the SEC under sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act on or after the date of this Information Memorandum,

(however, the following information is not incorporated by reference: any information provided in these documents that is furnished under applicable SEC rules rather than filed and exhibits furnished in connection with such items, including information furnished under items 2.02 or 7.01 of Form 8-K, unless otherwise expressly specified in such current report or in such form or in a particular supplement to this Information Memorandum);

- all supplements or amendments to this Information Memorandum circulated by the Issuer from time to time;
- for an issue of Notes, the relevant Pricing Supplement and all documents stated therein to be incorporated in this Information Memorandum; and
- all other documents issued by the Issuer and expressly stated to be incorporated in this Information Memorandum by reference.

Any statement contained in any of the Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q or Current Reports on Form 8-K referred to above shall be modified, replaced or superseded to the extent that a statement contained in any subsequently filed Form or Schedule which is incorporated by reference into this Information Memorandum modifies, replaces or supersedes such statement (including whether in whole or in part or expressly or by implication). See also section 5 (Other important matters – Documents incorporated by reference) for further information on how these and other materials form part of this Information Memorandum, including what information is not incorporated by reference and does not form part of this Information Memorandum.

Any materials filed by the Issuer with the SEC are available to the public to be viewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549 U.S.A. (information relating to public document requests is available by calling the SEC at +1 202 551 8090). The SEC maintains a website that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers (including the Issuer) that file electronically with the SEC. Any documents that the Issuer files electronically with the SEC are publicly available at www.sec.gov. The Issuer also makes available, free of charge, on or through its website (www.verizon.com) its Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, Proxy Statements on Schedule 14A and, if applicable, amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act, as soon as reasonably practicable after such material electronically filed with, or furnished to, the SEC. In addition, copies of these filings may be requested through cost the Issuer's (www.verizon.com/about/investors/contact-investorrelations).

## 3. Selling restrictions

A person may not (directly or indirectly) offer for subscription or purchase or issue an invitation to subscribe for or buy Notes, nor distribute or publish this Information Memorandum or any other Issue Materials except if the offer or invitation, or distribution or publication, complies with all applicable laws and directives.

Neither the Issuer nor any Program Participant has represented that any Notes may at any time lawfully be offered or sold, or that this Information Memorandum or any Issue Materials may be distributed, in compliance with any applicable registration or other requirements in any jurisdiction, or in accordance with any available exemption, or assumes any responsibility for facilitating that sale or distribution.

In addition to the above, the following selling and distribution restrictions apply.

#### 1 General

No action has been taken in any jurisdiction that would permit a public offering of any of the Notes, or possession or distribution of the Information Memorandum or any other offering material in any country or jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required.

Persons into whose hands this Information Memorandum comes are required by the Issuer, the Arranger and each Dealer to comply with all applicable laws and directives in each country or jurisdiction in which they purchase, offer, sell, resell, reoffer or deliver Notes or have in their possession or distribute or publish the Information Memorandum or other offering material and to obtain any authorisation, consent, approval or permission required by them for the purchase, offer, sale, resale, reoffer or delivery by them of any Notes under any applicable law or directive in force in any jurisdiction to which they are subject or in which they make such purchases, offers, sales, resales, reoffers or deliveries, in all cases at their own expense, and none of the Issuer, the Arranger or any Dealer has responsibility for such matters. In accordance with the above, any Notes purchased by any person which it wishes to offer for sale or resale may not be offered in any jurisdiction in circumstances which would result in the Issuer being obliged to register any further prospectus or corresponding document relating to the Notes in such jurisdiction.

In particular, there are restrictions on the offer or sale of Notes and on the distribution of this Information Memorandum in Australia, the United States, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore and the European Economic Area as follow.

#### 2 Australia

No prospectus or other disclosure document (as defined in the Corporations Act) in relation to the Program or any Notes has been, or will be, lodged with ASIC.

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Program will be required to represent and agree, that it:

- (a) has not made or invited, and will not make or invite, an offer of the Notes for issue or sale in Australia (including an offer or invitation which is received by a person in Australia); and
- (b) has not distributed or published, and will not distribute or publish, any Information Memorandum or any other offering material or advertisement relating to any Notes in Australia,

#### unless:

- (i) the aggregate consideration payable by each offeree is at least A\$500,000 (or its equivalent in an alternate currency, in either case, disregarding moneys lent by the offeror or its associates) or the offer or invitation does not otherwise require disclosure to investors under Parts 6D.2 or 7.9 of the Corporations Act;
- the offer or invitation does not constitute an offer to a "retail client" as defined for the purposes of section 761G of the Corporations Act;
- (iii) such action complies with any applicable laws and directives in Australia; and
- (iv) such action does not require any document to be lodged with ASIC.

#### 3 United States

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act.

Terms used in the following four paragraphs have the meanings given to them by Regulation S.

The Notes may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons except in accordance with Regulation S or in transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act.

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Program will be required to represent and agree, that it, its affiliates and any person acting on its or their behalf will not offer or sell the Notes constituting part of its allotment within the United States, or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons, or engage in "directed selling efforts" (as such term is defined in Regulation S):

- (a) as part of its distribution at any time; and
- (b) otherwise until 40 days after completion of the distribution, as determined and certified by the relevant Dealer or, in the case of an issue of Notes on a syndicated basis, the lead manager,

except in an offshore transaction in accordance with Rule 903 of Regulation S.

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Program will be required to represent and agree, that it will have sent to each distributor, dealer or person receiving a selling concession, fee or other remuneration that purchases Notes from it during the distribution compliance period a confirmation or other notice substantially to the following effect:

"The Notes covered hereby have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons (i) as part of such Dealer's distribution at any time or (ii) otherwise until 40 days after the completion of the distribution of the Tranche of Notes of which such Notes are a part, except in either case in accordance with Rule 903 of Regulation S under the Securities Act. Terms used above have the meanings given to them by Regulation S."

Until 40 days after the completion of the distribution of all Notes of the Tranche of which those Notes are a part, an offer or sale of Notes within the United States by any Dealer acting in relation to that Tranche or other distributor (whether or not participating in the offering) may violate the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act if such offer or sale is made otherwise than in accordance with an applicable exemption from registration under the U.S. Securities Act.

#### 4 Hong Kong

The Notes have not been authorised by the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission.

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Program will be required to represent and agree, that:

- it has not offered or sold, and will not offer or sell, in Hong Kong, by means of any document, any Notes other than:
  - to "professional investors" as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance and any rules made under that Ordinance; or
  - (ii) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a "prospectus" as defined in the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Cap. 32) of Hong Kong (as amended) or which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of that Ordinance; and
- (b) unless it is a person permitted to do so under the applicable securities laws of Hong Kong, it has not issued, or had in its possession for the purposes of issue, and will not issue or have in its possession for the purposes of issue, (in each case whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere) any advertisement, invitation, other offering material or other document relating to the Notes, which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public in Hong Kong

(except if permitted to do so under the securities laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to Notes which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to "professional investors" within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance and any rules made under that Ordinance.

#### 5 Japan

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act and, accordingly, each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Program will be required to represent and agree, that it has not offered or sold, and will not offer or sell, any Notes directly or indirectly in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan (as defined under Item 5, Paragraph 1, Article 6 of the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (Act No. 228 of 1949, as amended)) or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and compliance with, the Financial otherwise in Instruments and Exchange Act and any other applicable laws, directives and ministerial guidelines of Japan.

## 6 Singapore

This Information Memorandum has not been and will not be registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore under the Securities and Futures Act.

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Program will be required to represent and agree, that the Information Memorandum and any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the Notes has not been and will not be circulated or distributed by it nor have the Notes been, nor will the Notes be, offered or sold by it, or be subject to an invitation for subscription or purchase by it, whether directly or indirectly, to persons in Singapore other than:

- (a) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the Securities and Futures Act;
- (b) to a relevant person pursuant to Section 275(1) of the Securities and Futures Act, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A) of the Securities and Futures Act, and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275 of the Securities and Futures Act; or
- (c) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the Securities and Futures Act.

Where the Notes are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 of the Securities and Futures Act by a relevant person which is:

 a corporation (which is not an accredited investor (as defined in Section 4A of the Securities and Futures Act)) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or

(2) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary of the trust is an individual who is an accredited investor,

the securities (as defined in Section 239(1) of the Securities and Futures Act) of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest (howsoever described) in that trust shall not be transferred within 6 months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the Notes pursuant to an offer made under Section 275 of the Securities and Futures Act except:

- to an institutional investor (under Section 274 of the Securities and Futures Act) or to a relevant person (as defined in Section 275(2) of the Securities and Futures Act) and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275 of the Securities and Futures Act;
- (ii) (in the case of a corporation) where the transfer arises from an offer referred to in Section 276(3)(i)(B) of the Securities and Futures Act or (in the case of a trust) where the transfer arises from an offer referred to in Section 276(4)(i)(B) of the Securities and Futures Act;
- (iii) where no consideration is, or will be, given for the transfer;
- (iv) where the transfer is by operation of law;
- (v) as specified in Section 276(7) of the Securities and Futures Act; or
- (vi) as specified in Regulation 32 of the Securities and Futures (Offers of Investments) (Shares and Debentures) Regulations 2005 of Singapore.

## 7 European Economic Area

Public offer selling restriction under the Prospectus Directive

In relation to each Relevant EEA State, each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Program will be required to represent and agree, that with effect from and including the Relevant Implementation Date it has not made and will not make an offer of Notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Information Memorandum as completed by the Pricing Supplement in relation thereto to the public in that Relevant EEA State except that it may, with effect from and including the Relevant Implementation Date, make an offer of such Notes to the public in that Relevant EEA State:

- (a) at any time to any legal entity which is a "qualified investor" as defined in the Prospectus Directive;
- at any time to fewer than 150 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive), subject to obtaining

- the prior consent of the relevant Dealer or Dealer nominated by the Issuer for any such offer; or
- (c) at any time in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive,

provided that no such offer of Notes referred to in (a) to (c) above shall require the Issuer, the Arranger or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an "offer of Notes to the public" in relation to any Notes in any Relevant EEA State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the Notes, as the same may be varied in that Relevant EEA State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Relevant EEA State.

#### Prohibition of sales to EEA Retail Investors

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Program will be required to represent and agree, that, from 1 January 2018, it has not offered, sold or otherwise made available and will not offer, sell or otherwise make available any Notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Information Memorandum as completed by the Pricing Supplement in relation thereto to any retail investor in the European Economic Area. For the purposes of this provision:

- (a) the expression "retail investor" means a person who is one (or more) of the following:
  - (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended, "MiFID II"); or
  - (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive 2002/92/EC (as amended), where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or
  - (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive; and
- (b) the expression "offer" includes the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the Notes.

#### 8 Variation

These selling restrictions may be amended, varied, replaced or otherwise updated from time to time in accordance with the Dealer Agreement. Any change may be set out in a Pricing Supplement or in another supplement to this Information Memorandum.

#### 9 Arrangements with Dealers

Under the Dealer Agreement and subject to the terms and conditions contained in the Information Memorandum, the Notes will be offered by the Issuer through a Dealer. The Issuer has the sole right to accept any offer to purchase Notes and may reject that offer in whole or (subject to the terms of the offer) in part. Each Dealer has the right to reject any offer to purchase Notes made to it in whole or (subject to the terms of such offer) in part. The Issuer is entitled under the Dealer Agreement to appoint one or more financial institutions as a Dealer for a particular Tranche of Notes or the Program generally. At the time of any appointment, each such financial institution will be required to represent and agree to the selling restrictions applicable at that time.

Each Dealer has agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Program will be required to agree to comply with any applicable law or directive in any jurisdiction in which it subscribes for, offers, sells or transfers Notes and that it will not, directly or indirectly, subscribe for, offer, sell or transfer Notes or distribute any Information Memorandum or other offering material in relation to the Notes, in any jurisdiction, except in accordance with these selling restrictions, any additional restrictions which are set out in the Pricing Supplement or in another supplement to this Information Memorandum and any applicable law or directive of that jurisdiction.

## 4. Summary of certain taxation matters

#### **Australian taxation**

The following is a summary of certain Australian withholding tax matters, at the date of this Information Memorandum, in relation to the Notes to be issued by the Issuer under the Program and certain other matters. It is a general guide and should be treated with appropriate caution. Prospective holders of Notes who are in any doubt as to their tax position should consult their professional advisers on the tax implications of an investment in the Notes for their particular circumstances.

#### Australian interest withholding tax

So long as the Issuer continues to be a non-resident of Australia and the Notes issued by it are not attributable to a permanent establishment of the Issuer in Australia, payments of principal and interest made under Notes issued by it should not be subject to Australian interest withholding tax.

Other Australian tax matters

Under Australian laws as presently in effect:

- death duties no Notes will be subject to death, estate or succession duties imposed by Australia, or by any political subdivision or authority therein having power to tax, if held at the time of death;
- stamp duty and other taxes no ad valorem stamp, issue, registration or similar taxes are payable in any Australian State or Territory on the issue, transfer or redemption of any Notes;
- other withholding taxes on payments in respect of Notes – so long as the Issuer continues to be a non-resident of Australia and does not carry on business at or through a permanent establishment in Australia, the tax file number requirements of Part VA of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 of Australia and section 12-140 of Schedule 1 to the Taxation Administration Act 1953 of Australia should not apply to the Issuer;
- supply withholding tax payments in respect of the Notes can be made free and clear of the "supply withholding tax" imposed under section 12-190 of Schedule 1 to the Taxation Administration Act 1953 of Australia; and
- GST neither the issue nor receipt of the Notes will give rise to a liability for GST in Australia on the basis that the supply of Notes will comprise either an input taxed financial supply or (in the case of an offshore subscriber) a supply that is outside the scope of GST law. Furthermore, neither the payment of principal or interest by the Issuer, nor the disposal of the Notes, would give rise to any GST liability in Australia.

Certain United States federal income tax considerations

The following is a discussion of certain U.S. federal income tax considerations that may be relevant to a beneficial owner of a Note that is a non-resident alien individual or a foreign corporation, or any other person, that is not subject to U.S. federal income taxation on a

net income basis in respect of the Notes (a "Non-U.S. Holder"). This discussion deals only with Notes held as capital assets by Non-U.S. Holders who acquire Notes in this offering. This summary does not deal with Notes with a maturity date of longer than 30 years from the date on which they are issued. It does not cover all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that may be relevant to the purchase, ownership or disposition of the Notes by investors in light of their specific circumstances. In particular, this discussion does not address certain former citizens or residents of the United States, non-resident alien individuals present in the United States for 183 days or more the taxable year, "controlled foreign corporations" "passive foreign or investment companies," entities taxed as partnerships or partners therein, or persons otherwise subject to special treatment under the Internal Revenue Code.

This summary is based upon the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, the United States Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder and administrative and judicial interpretations thereof, all as of the date hereof. Such authorities may be repealed, revoked, modified or subject to differing interpretations, possibly on a retroactive basis, so as to result in U.S. federal income tax consequences different from those discussed below. This discussion does not address any other U.S. federal tax considerations (such as gift or estate tax) or any state, local or non-U.S. tax considerations. Prospective holders of Notes should consult their own tax advisers about the tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the Notes in light of their particular circumstances, including the tax consequences under state, local, foreign and other tax laws and the possible effects of any changes in applicable tax laws.

Interest on the Notes

Except in the circumstances described in the sections entitled "Information Reporting and Backup Withholding" and "FATCA" below, payments of interest (and original issue discount, if any) on Notes owned by a Non-U.S. Holder generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax or withholding tax, provided that, in the case of Notes having a term to maturity of greater than 183 days, (i) such Non-U.S. Holder does not own, actually or constructively, 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of the Issuer's stock entitled to vote, (ii) such Non-U.S. Holder is not, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, a controlled foreign corporation that is related to the Issuer through stock ownership, (iii) such Non-U.S. Holder certifies under penalty of perjury that it is a Non-U.S. Holder (usually by providing an IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E) or provides other appropriate documentation to the applicable withholding agent, and (iv) the Notes do not provide for interest that is contingent on any receipts, sales, income, profits, or other cash flow of the Issuer or person related to the Issuer, on any dividends, partnership distributions, or payments made by the Issuer or person related to the Issuer, or on any change in value of any property of the Issuer or person related to the Issuer.

Sale or other Taxable Disposition of the Notes

Except in the circumstances described in the sections entitled "Information Reporting and Backup Withholding" and "FATCA" below, a Non-U.S. Holder generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax or withholding tax on any gain recognised on the sale, exchange, redemption, retirement or other disposition of a Note.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

Payments of interest on Notes owned by a Non-U.S. Holder (including additional amounts, if any), and gross proceeds from the sale or redemption of such Notes within the United States or through certain U.S.-related financial intermediaries, generally are subject to information reporting and backup withholding unless the Non-U.S. Holder certifies under penalty of perjury that it is a Non-U.S. Holder (usually by providing an IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E) or otherwise establishes an exemption. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules may be allowed as a refund or a credit against such Non-U.S. Holder's U.S. federal income tax liability provided the required information is timely furnished to the IRS.

Payments of interest on a Note to a Non-U.S. Holder and the amount of any U.S. federal tax withheld from such payments generally must be reported annually to the IRS and to such Non-U.S. Holder, regardless of whether withholding is required.

#### **FATCA**

Under the U.S. tax rules known as FATCA, a Non-U.S. Holder of the Notes will generally be subject to 30% U.S. withholding tax on payments made on (and, after December 31, 2018, gross proceeds from the sale or other taxable disposition of) Notes having a term to maturity greater than 183 days if the Non-U.S. Holder (i) is, or holds its Notes through, a foreign financial institution that has not entered into an agreement with the U.S. government to report, on an annual basis, certain information regarding accounts with or interests in the institution held by certain United States persons and by certain non-U.S. entities that are wholly or partially owned by United States persons, or, if it is subject to an intergovernmental agreement between the United States and a foreign country, that has been designated as a "nonparticipating foreign financial institution", or (ii) fails to provide certain documentation (usually an IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E) containing information about its identity, its FATCA status, and if required, its direct and indirect U.S. owners. The future adoption of, or implementation of, an intergovernmental agreement between the United States and an applicable foreign country, or future U.S. Treasury regulations, may modify these requirements. If any taxes were to be deducted or withheld from any payments in respect of the Notes as a result of a beneficial owner or intermediary's failure to comply with the foregoing rules, no additional amounts will be paid on the Notes as a result of the deduction or withholding of such taxes. Prospective holders of Notes should consult their own tax advisers on how these rules may apply to their investment in the Notes.

Each Noteholder or holder of an interest in a Note may be required to provide the Registrar with information with respect to its FATCA status.

#### **Common Reporting Standard**

The OECD Common Reporting Standard for Automatic Exchange of Financial Account Information ("CRS") will require certain financial institutions to report information regarding certain accounts (which may include the Notes) to their local tax authority and follow related due diligence procedures. Noteholders may be requested to provide certain information and certifications to ensure compliance with the CRS. A jurisdiction that has signed a CRS Competent Authority Agreement may provide this information to other jurisdictions that have signed the CRS Competent Authority Agreement.

## 5. Other important matters

#### Documents incorporated by reference

This Information Memorandum is to be read in conjunction with all documents which are deemed to be incorporated into it by reference. It shall, unless otherwise expressly stated, be read and construed on the basis that such documents form part of this Information Memorandum. Any statement contained in this Information Memorandum shall be modified, replaced or superseded to the extent that a statement contained in any document subsequently incorporated by reference into this Information Memorandum modifies, replaces or supersedes such statement (including whether expressly or by implication or in whole or in part).

No other information, including any information in any document incorporated by reference in a document incorporated herein or documents or information that is deemed to be furnished to the SEC (in accordance with the SEC's rules) rather than filed, is incorporated by reference into this Information Memorandum unless otherwise expressly stated. Any internet site addresses provided in this Information Memorandum are for reference only and, unless expressly stated otherwise, the content of any such internet site is not incorporated by reference into, and does not form part of, this Information Memorandum.

Copies of documents which are incorporated by reference in this Information Memorandum may be obtained upon request, free of charge as described in section 2 (*Information about Verizon – Documents incorporated by reference*) or from such other person specified in a Pricing Supplement.

## Supplementing this document

A Pricing Supplement or a supplement to this Information Memorandum may supplement, amend, modify or replace any statement or information set out in a Pricing Supplement or incorporated by reference in this Information Memorandum or a supplement to this Information Memorandum.

#### **Currency of information**

The information contained in this Information Memorandum is prepared as of its Preparation Date. Neither the delivery of this Information Memorandum nor any offer, issue or sale made in connection with this Information Memorandum at any time implies that the information contained in it is correct, that any other information supplied in connection with the Program or the issue of Notes is correct or that there has not been any change (adverse or otherwise) in the financial conditions or affairs of the Issuer at any time subsequent to the Preparation Date. In particular, the Issuer is not under any obligation to any person to update this Information Memorandum at any time after an issue of Notes.

#### No authorisation

No person has been authorised to give any information or make any representations not contained in or consistent with this Information Memorandum in connection with the Issuer, the Program or the issue or sale of the Notes and, if given

or made, such information or representation must not be relied on as having been authorised by the Issuer or any Program Participant Party.

#### **Role of the Program Participants**

Each Program Participant is acting solely as an arm's length contractual counterparty and not as an advisor or fiduciary. Furthermore, neither the receipt of this Information Memorandum or any Issue Materials by any person nor any other matter shall be deemed to create or give rise to an advisory or fiduciary duty or relationship between the Program Participant and that person.

The Program Participant Parties or the funds which they manage or advise or the funds within which they may have a direct or indirect interest, may from time to time have long or short positions in, or buy and sell (on a principal basis or otherwise), or have pecuniary or other interests in, or act as a market maker in, the Notes or securities, derivatives, commodities, futures or options identical or related to the Notes. The Program Participant Parties may receive fees, brokerage and commissions and may act as a principal in dealing in any Notes.

The Issuer has agreed to pay fees to the Agents for undertaking their respective roles and reimburse them for certain of their expenses incurred in connection with the Program and the offer and sale of Notes.

The Issuer may also pay any Dealer or any other person a fee in respect of the Notes subscribed by it, may agree to reimburse the Dealers for certain expenses incurred in connection with the Program and may indemnify the Dealers against certain liabilities in connection with the offer and sale of Notes.

#### References to credit ratings

There are references to credit ratings in this Information Memorandum. A credit rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision, suspension or withdrawal at any time by the relevant assigning organisation. Each credit rating should be evaluated independently of any other credit rating.

Credit ratings are for distribution only to a person (a) who is not a "retail client" within the meaning of section 761G of the Corporations Act and is also a person in respect of whom disclosure is not required under Parts 6D.2 or 7.9 of the Corporations Act, and (b) who is otherwise permitted to receive credit ratings in accordance with applicable law in any jurisdiction in which the person may be located. Anyone who is not such a person is not entitled to receive this Information Memorandum and anyone who receives this Information Memorandum must not distribute it to any person who is not entitled to receive it.

## 6. Conditions of the Notes

The following are the Conditions which, as supplemented, amended, modified or replaced by an applicable Pricing Supplement, apply to each Note constituted by the Deed Poll (specified in the Pricing Supplement). References to the "Pricing Supplement" in these conditions do not limit the provisions which may be supplemented, amended, modified or replaced by the Pricing Supplement in relation to a particular Series of Notes. Each Noteholder, and each person claiming through or under each such Noteholder, is bound by and is deemed to have notice of, the Information Memorandum, the provisions of the Deed Poll and these Conditions (including any Pricing Supplement). Copies of these documents are available for inspection upon request.

#### 1 Interpretation

#### 1.1 Definitions

In these Conditions the following expressions have the following meanings:

**Additional Amount** means an additional amount payable by the Issuer under Condition 11.2 ("Withholding tax");

#### **Agency Agreement** means:

- (a) the agreement entitled "Agency and Registry Services Agreement" and dated 28 July 2017 between the Issuer and BTA Institutional Services Australia Limited (ABN 48 002 916 396);
- (b) any other agreement between the Issuer and a Registrar in relation to the establishment and maintenance of a Register (and/or the performance of any payment or other duties) for any issue of Notes; and/or
- (c) any other agency agreement between the Issuer and an Agent in connection with any issue of Notes;

**Agent** means each of the Registrar, the Issuing and Paying Agent, the Calculation Agent and any additional agent appointed under an Agency Agreement, or any of them as the context requires;

Austraclear means Austraclear Ltd (ABN 94 002 060 773);

**Austraclear Regulations** means the regulations known as the "Austraclear Regulations", together with any instructions or directions, (each as amended or replaced from time to time) established by Austraclear to govern the use of the Austraclear System and binding on the participants in that system;

**Austraclear System** means the clearing and settlement system operated by Austraclear in Australia for holding securities and electronic recording and settling of transactions in those securities between participants of that system;

#### **Business Day** means:

- (a) a day on which banks are open for general banking business in Sydney, the City of New York and in each (if any) Relevant Financial Centre specified in the Pricing Supplement (not being a Saturday, Sunday, public holiday, or a day on which commercial banks are authorised or required by law, regulation or executive order to close in that place); and
- (b) if a Note to be held in a Clearing System is to be issued or a payment is to be made in respect of a Note held in any Clearing System on that day, a day on which each applicable Clearing System in which the relevant Note is lodged is operating;

**Business Day Convention** means a convention for adjusting any date if it would otherwise fall on a day that is not a Business Day and the following conventions, where specified in the Pricing Supplement in relation to any date applicable to any Note, have the following meanings:

- (a) "Floating Rate Convention" means that the date is postponed to the next following day which is a Business Day unless that day falls in the next calendar month, in which event:
  - (i) that date is brought forward to the first preceding day that is a Business Day; and
  - (ii) each subsequent Interest Payment Date is the last Business Day in the month which falls the number of months or other period specified as the Interest Period in the Pricing Supplement after the preceding applicable Interest Payment Date occurred;
- (b) "Following Business Day Convention" means that the date is postponed to the first following day that is a Business Day;

- (c) "Modified Following Business Day Convention" or "Modified Business Day Convention" means that the date is postponed to the first following day that is a Business Day unless that day falls in the next calendar month in which case that date is brought forward to the first preceding day that is a Business Day;
- (d) "Preceding Business Day Convention" means that the date is brought forward to the first preceding day that is a Business Day; and
- (e) "No Adjustment" means that the relevant date must not be adjusted in accordance with any Business Day Convention.

If no convention is specified in the Pricing Supplement, the Following Business Day Convention applies. Different conventions may be specified in relation to, or apply to, different dates;

**Calculation Agent** means, in respect of a Note, the person appointed by the Issuer and specified in the Pricing Supplement as the party responsible for calculating the Interest Rate and other amounts required to be calculated under these Conditions;

#### Clearing System means:

- (a) the Austraclear System; and/or
- (b) any other clearing and settlement system outside Australia specified in the Pricing Supplement;

**Conditions** means, in relation to a Note, these terms and conditions as amended, supplemented, modified or replaced by the Pricing Supplement applicable to such Note and references to a particular numbered Condition shall be construed accordingly;

**Day Count Fraction** means, in respect of the calculation of interest on a Note for any period of time ("**Calculation Period**"), the day count fraction specified in the Pricing Supplement and:

- (a) if "Actual/365 (Fixed)" is so specified, means the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 365;
- (b) if "**Actual/360**" is so specified, means the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360;
- (c) if "30/360", "360/360" or "Bond Basis" is so specified, means the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360 calculated on a formula basis as follows:

Day Count Fraction = 
$$\frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

#### where:

- "Y<sub>1</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;
- "Y<sub>2</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;
- "M<sub>1</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;
- "M<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;
- "D<sub>1</sub>" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Calculation Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>1</sub> will be 30; and
- "D₂" is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period, unless such number would be 31 and D₁ is greater than 29, in which case D₂ will be 30:
- (d) if "RBA Bond Basis" or "Australian Bond Basis" is so specified, means one divided by the number of Interest Payment Dates in a year (or where the Calculation Period does not constitute an Interest Period, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of the Calculation Period falls in a leap year, the sum of:

- (i) the actual number of days in that portion of the Calculation Period falling in a leap year divided by 366; and
- (ii) the actual number of days in that portion of the Calculation Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365));

#### **Deed Poll** means:

- (a) the deed poll entitled "Note Deed Poll" and dated 28 July 2017; and
- (b) such other deed poll that supplements, amends, restates, modifies or replaces the deed poll referred to above, or which is otherwise acknowledged in writing to be a deed poll for the purposes of the Program,

in each case, executed by the Issuer;

Denomination means the notional face value of a Note specified in the Pricing Supplement;

Event of Default means an event so described in Condition 13 ("Events of Default");

#### **FATCA** means:

- (a) sections 1471 to 1474 of the Internal Revenue Code or any associated regulations or other official guidance;
- (b) any treaty, law, regulation or other official guidance enacted in any other jurisdiction, or relating to an intergovernmental agreement between the United States and any other jurisdiction, which (in either case) facilitates the implementation of paragraph (a) above; or
- (c) any agreement under the implementation of paragraphs (a) or (b) above, with the IRS, the United States government or any governmental or taxation authority in any other jurisdiction;

**Fixed Rate Note** means a Note on which interest is calculated at a fixed rate payable in arrear on each date specified in the Pricing Supplement;

Floating Rate Note means a Note on which interest is calculated at a floating rate payable in arrear on each date specified in the Pricing Supplement;

**Information Memorandum** means, in respect of a Note, the information memorandum or other offering document referred to in the Pricing Supplement, in each case, prepared by, or on behalf of, and approved in writing by, the Issuer in connection with the issue of that Note;

**Interest Commencement Date** means, in respect of a Note, the Issue Date of the Note or any other date so specified in the Pricing Supplement;

**Interest Determination Date** means each date so specified in, or determined in accordance with, the Pricing Supplement;

**Interest Payment Date** means each date so specified in, or determined in accordance with, the Pricing Supplement;

**Interest Period** means each period beginning on (and including) an Interest Payment Date and ending on (but excluding) the next Interest Payment Date. However:

- (a) the first Interest Period commences on (and includes) the Interest Commencement Date; and
- (b) the final Interest Period ends on (but excludes) the Maturity Date;

**Interest Rate** means, in respect of a Note, the interest rate (expressed as a percentage per annum) payable in respect of that Note specified in the Pricing Supplement or calculated or determined in accordance with these Conditions and the Pricing Supplement;

Internal Revenue Code means the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as amended);

IRS means the United States Internal Revenue Service;

**Issue Date** means, in respect of a Note, the date on which the Note is, or is to be, issued and as may be specified, or determined, in accordance with, the Pricing Supplement;

Issue Price means the price as set out in the Pricing Supplement;

Issuer means Verizon Communications Inc.:

#### **Issuing and Paying Agent means:**

- (a) BTA Institutional Services Australia Limited (ABN 48 002 916 396); and/or
- (b) any other person appointed by the Issuer under an Agency Agreement and specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement to perform issuing and paying agency functions on the Issuer's behalf with respect to a Series or Tranche of Notes;

Margin means the margin specified in, or determined in accordance with, the Pricing Supplement;

**Maturity Date** means, in respect of a Note, the date so specified in, or determined in accordance with, the Pricing Supplement as the date on which the Note is to be redeemed;

**Meeting Provisions** means the provisions relating to meetings of Noteholders and set out as a schedule to the Deed Poll:

**Note** means each form of bond, note, debt security, debt instrument or debt obligation specified in an applicable Pricing Supplement and issued or to be issued by the Issuer which is constituted by, and owing under, the Deed Poll and the details of which are recorded in, and evidenced by entry in, the Register. References to any particular type of "**Note**" or "**Notes**" shall be read and construed accordingly. All references to "**Notes**" must, unless the context otherwise requires, be read and construed as references to the Notes of a particular Series;

**Noteholder** means, in respect of a Note, each person whose name is entered in the Register as being the holder of that Note:

**Pricing Supplement** means, in respect of a Tranche, the supplement specifying the relevant issue details in relation to that Tranche and which may be substantially in the form set out in the Information Memorandum, duly completed and signed by the Issuer;

**Program** means the Issuer's uncommitted Program for the issuance of Notes described in the Information Memorandum;

**Record Date** means 5.00 pm in the place where the Register is maintained on the date which is the 8<sup>th</sup> calendar day before the payment date or any other date so specified in the Pricing Supplement;

**Redemption Amount** means, for a Note, the outstanding principal amount as at the date of redemption, and also includes any other amount in the nature of a redemption amount specified in, or determined in accordance with, the Pricing Supplement or these Conditions;

**Redemption Date** means, in respect of a Note, such date on which the Note is redeemed prior to its Maturity Date in accordance with these Conditions;

**Reference Banks** means the institutions so described in the Pricing Supplement or, if none, four major banks selected by the Calculation Agent in the market that is most closely connected with the Reference Rate:

Reference Rate means the rate specified in, or determined in accordance with, the Pricing Supplement;

**Register** means the register, including any branch register, of Noteholders established and maintained by the Issuer, or by a Registrar on its behalf, under an Agency Agreement;

#### Registrar means:

- (a) BTA Institutional Services Australia Limited (ABN 48 002 916 396); and/or
- (b) any other person appointed by the Issuer under a relevant Agency Agreement to establish and maintain the Register in respect of a Tranche of Notes on the Issuer's behalf from time to time;

**Relevant Financial Centre** means Sydney, the City of New York and/or any other centre specified in the Pricing Supplement:

#### Relevant Screen Page means:

(a) the page, section or other part of a particular information service specified as the Relevant Screen Page in the Pricing Supplement; or

(b) any other page, section or other part as may replace it on that information service or such other information service, in each case, as may be nominated by the person providing or sponsoring the information appearing there for the purpose of displaying rates or prices comparable to the Reference Rate:

Relevant Time has the meaning given in the Pricing Supplement;

Security Record has the meaning given in the Austraclear Regulations;

**Series** means an issue of Notes made up of one or more Tranches all of which form a single Series and are issued on the same Conditions except that the Issue Price, Issue Date and first payment of interest may be different in respect of a different Tranche of a Series;

**Specified Office** means the office specified in the Information Memorandum or any other address notified to Noteholders from time to time;

**Tax Authority** means any government, state, municipal, local, federal or other fiscal, revenue, customs or excise authority, body or official, having power to tax to which the Issuer becomes subject in respect of payments made by it of principal or interest in respect of the Notes;

**Taxes** means taxes, levies, fees, withholdings, deductions, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed or levied by any Tax Authority together with any related interest, penalties, fines and expenses in connection with them;

**Tranche** means an issue of Notes specified as such in the Pricing Supplement issued on the same Issue Date and on the same Conditions; and

United States or U.S. means the United States of America and its territories and possessions.

#### 1.2 General interpretation

Headings (including those in brackets at the beginning of paragraphs) are for convenience only and do not affect the interpretation of these Conditions. Unless the contrary intention appears, a reference in these Conditions to:

- (a) a group of persons (other than the Noteholders) is a reference to any two or more of them jointly and to each of them individually;
- (b) a document (including these Conditions) includes its annexures and schedules and any variation or replacement of or supplement to it;
- (c) "law" includes common law, principles of equity, decree and any statute or other law made by any parliament (and a statute or other law made by parliament includes any regulation and other instrument under it and any consolidation, amendment, re-enactment or replacement of it);
- (d) "directive" includes a treaty, official directive, request, regulation, guideline or policy (whether or not having the force of law) with which responsible participants in the relevant market generally comply;
- (e) the "Corporations Act" means the Corporations Act 2001 of Australia;
- (f) "Australian dollars", "AUD" or "A\$" is a reference to the lawful currency of Australia;
- (g) "US dollars", "United States dollars", "USD" or "US\$" is a reference to the lawful currency of the United States;
- (h) a time of day is a reference to Sydney time;
- a "person" includes an individual, corporation, company, firm, tribunal, undertaking, association, organisation, partnership, joint venture, trust, limited liability company, unincorporated organisation or government or any agency, instrumentality or political subdivision thereof; in each case whether or not being a separate legal entity;
- (j) a particular person includes a reference to the person's executors, administrators, successors, substitutes (including persons taking by novation) and assigns;
- (k) if a notice must be given within a certain period of days, the day on which the notice is given, and the day on which the thing is to happen, are not to be counted in calculating that period;

- (I) an agreement, representation or warranty in favour of two or more persons is for the benefit of them jointly and each of them individually;
- (m) the singular includes the plural and vice versa;
- (n) anything (including any amount) is a reference to the whole and each part of it; and
- (o) the words "**including**", "**for example**" or "**such as**" when introducing an example, do not limit the meaning of the words to which the example relates to that example or examples of a similar kind.

#### 1.3 References to particular terms

Unless the contrary intention appears, in these Conditions:

- (a) a reference to an Agency Agreement is a reference to each Agency Agreement applicable to the Notes of the relevant Series;
- (b) a reference to an Agent is a reference to each Agent appointed to act in respect of Notes of the relevant Series;
- a reference to the Deed Poll is a reference to the Deed Poll applicable to the Notes of the relevant Series;
- (d) a reference to a Note is a reference to a Note of a particular Series specified in the Pricing Supplement;
- (e) a reference to a Noteholder is a reference to the holder of Notes of a particular Series;
- (f) a reference to a Pricing Supplement is a reference to the Pricing Supplement applicable to the Notes of the particular Tranche specified in that Pricing Supplement; and
- (g) a reference to a particular date on which a payment is to be made is a reference to that date adjusted in accordance with the applicable Business Day Convention.

#### 1.4 References to principal and interest

Unless the contrary intention appears, in these Conditions:

- (a) any reference to "**principal**" is taken to include the Redemption Amount, any additional amounts in respect of principal which may be payable under Condition 11 ("Taxation"), any premium payable by the Issuer in respect of a Note, and any other amount in the nature of principal payable in respect of the Notes under these Conditions;
- (b) the principal amount of a Note issued at a discount is to be taken as at any time to equal its Denomination:
- (c) the principal amount of a Note which is to vary by reference to a schedule or formula (where such determination has been previously made in accordance with these Conditions) is to be taken as at any time to equal its varied amount; and
- (d) any reference to "**interest**" is taken to include any Additional Amounts and any other amount in the nature of interest payable in respect of the Notes under these Conditions.

## 1.5 Headings

Headings (including those in brackets at the beginning of paragraphs) are for convenience only and do not affect the interpretation of these Conditions.

## 1.6 Terms defined in Pricing Supplement

Terms which are defined in the Pricing Supplement as having a defined meaning have the same meaning when used in these Conditions but if the Pricing Supplement gives no meaning or specifies that the definition is "Not Applicable", then that definition is not applicable to the Notes.

#### 2 The Notes

#### 2.1 Terms of issue

(a) Notes are issued under the Program.

- (b) Notes are issued in Series. A Series may comprise one or more Tranches having one or more Issue Dates and on conditions otherwise identical (other than, to the extent relevant, in respect of the Issue Price, Issue Date and the first payment of interest).
- (c) The Issuer will issue Notes on the terms set out in these Conditions as supplemented, amended, modified or replaced by the Pricing Supplement applicable to those Notes. If there is any inconsistency between these Conditions and the Pricing Supplement, the Pricing Supplement prevails.
- (d) Copies of the Pricing Supplement for a Tranche of Notes are available for inspection or upon request by a Noteholder or prospective Noteholder during normal business hours at the Specified Office of the Issuer or the Registrar or are otherwise available on reasonable request from the Issuer or the Registrar.
- (e) A Note is either:
  - (i) a Fixed Rate Note; or
  - (ii) a Floating Rate Note,

or a combination of the above (or any other type of debt obligation), as specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement.

#### 2.2 Issue and transfer restrictions

Notes may only be offered (directly or indirectly) for issue or transfer, or applications invited for the issue or transfer of Notes, and may only be issued or transferred if:

- (a) where the offer or invitation is made in, or into, Australia:
  - (i) the aggregate consideration payable to the Issuer or the transferor by the relevant subscriber or person acquiring the Notes is at least A\$500,000 (or its equivalent in an alternative currency and, in either case, disregarding moneys lent by the Issuer or its associates) or the offer or invitation (including any resulting issue) or transfer does not otherwise require disclosure to investors under Parts 6D.2 or 7.9 of the Corporations Act; and
  - (ii) the offer or invitation (including any resulting issue) or transfer does not constitute an offer to a "retail client" as defined for the purposes of section 761G of the Corporations Act; and
- (b) at all times, the offer or invitation (including any resulting issue) or transfer complies with all applicable laws and directives in the jurisdiction in which the offer, invitation, issue or transfer takes place.

#### 2.3 Denomination

Notes are issued in the Denomination specified in the Pricing Supplement.

## 2.4 Currency

Subject to compliance with all applicable legal and regulatory requirements, Notes may be denominated in Australian dollars or such other currency or currencies specified in the Pricing Supplement.

#### 2.5 Clearing Systems

If the Notes are held in a Clearing System, the rights of a person holding an interest in those Notes are subject to the rules and regulations of the Clearing System including any removal, uplift or withdrawal (however described) of the Notes from that Clearing System or other action (including a transfer of the Notes) required by the rules and regulations of the Clearing System. The Issuer is not responsible for anything the Clearing System does or omits to do.

#### 3 Form

#### 3.1 Constitution

- (a) Notes are debt obligations of the Issuer constituted by, and owing under, the Deed Poll and the details of which are recorded in, and evidenced by entry in, the Register.
- (b) Noteholders are entitled to the benefit of, are bound by, and are deemed to have notice of all the provisions of the Deed Poll.

#### 3.2 Form

Notes are issued in registered uncertificated form by entry in the Register.

#### 3.3 No certificates

No certificates in respect of any Notes will be issued to Noteholders unless the Issuer determines that certificates should be available or are required by any applicable law or directive. If certificates are issued, they represent evidence of title only and the Notes will remain in registered form.

#### 4 Status, ranking and negative pledge

#### 4.1 Status and ranking

The Notes will constitute direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and (subject to Condition 4.2 ("Negative pledge")) unsecured obligations of the Issuer which rank *pari passu* among themselves and will rank at least *pari passu* with all other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer, save for such as may be preferred by mandatory provisions of applicable law.

## 4.2 Negative pledge

If, at any time, the Issuer mortgages, pledges or otherwise subjects to any lien the whole or any part of any property or assets now owned or hereafter acquired by it, except as provided in this Condition 4.2, the Issuer will accord the same security to any outstanding Notes, and any other obligations of the Issuer which may then be outstanding and entitled to the benefit of a covenant similar to this Condition 4.2, equally and rateably with the indebtedness or obligations secured by such mortgage, pledge or lien, for as long as any such indebtedness or obligation is so secured.

This Condition 4.2 does not apply to:

- (a) the creation, extension, renewal or refunding of purchase-money mortgages or liens, or other liens to which any property or asset is subject at the time it is acquired by the Issuer; or
- (b) the making of any deposit or pledge:
  - (i) to secure public or statutory obligations or with any governmental agency, at any time required by law, in order to:
    - (A) qualify the Issuer to conduct its business (or any part thereof); or
    - (B) entitle it to maintain self-insurance or to obtain the benefits of any law relating to workmen's compensation, unemployment insurance, old age pensions or other social security; or
  - (ii) with any court, board, commission or governmental agency as security incident to the proper conduct of any proceeding before it; or
- (c) the mortgage, pledge, or subjecting to a lien of any property or assets by an affiliate of the Issuer whether or not such property or assets were acquired by such affiliate from the Issuer.

## 4.3 Waiver of Negative pledge

The Issuer may omit in any particular instance to comply with any covenant or condition set forth in Condition 4.2 ("Negative pledge") if, before or after the time for such compliance, the Noteholders of more than 50% in principal amount of the outstanding Notes of each Series of Notes affected by the omission shall, in each case by notice of such Noteholders, either waive such compliance in such instance or generally waive compliance with such covenant or condition, but no such waiver shall extend to or affect such covenant or condition except to the extent so expressly waived, and, until such waiver shall become effective, the obligations of the Issuer with respect to any such covenant or condition shall remain in full force and effect.

#### 5 Title and transfer of Notes

## 5.1 Title

Title to a Note passes when details of the transfer are entered in the Register.

#### 5.2 Effect of entries in Register

Each entry in the Register in respect of a Note constitutes:

- (a) an irrevocable undertaking by the Issuer to the Noteholder to:
  - (i) pay principal, any interest and any other amounts in accordance with these Conditions; and
  - (ii) otherwise to comply with the Conditions; and
- (b) an entitlement to the other benefits given to Noteholders under these Conditions in respect of the Note.

#### 5.3 Ownership and non-recognition of interests

- (a) Entries in the Register in relation to a Note constitute conclusive evidence that the person so entered is the absolute owner of such Note subject to correction for fraud or proven error.
- (b) No notice of any trust or other interest in, or claim to, any Note will be entered in a Register. Neither the Issuer nor the relevant Registrar need take notice of any trust or other interest in, or claim to, any Note, except as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or required by any applicable law or directive. This Condition 5.3(b) applies whether or not a Note is overdue.

#### 5.4 Joint holders

Where two or more persons are entered in the Register as the joint holders of a Note then they are taken to hold the Note as joint tenants with rights of survivorship, but the Registrar is not bound to register more than four persons as joint holders of a Note.

#### 5.5 Transfer

- (a) Noteholders may only transfer Notes in accordance with these Conditions.
- (b) Notes may be transferred in whole but not in part.

## 5.6 Transfer procedures

- (a) Interests in Notes held in a Clearing System will be transferable only in accordance with the rules and regulations of that Clearing System. If a Note is lodged in the Austraclear System, neither the Issuer nor the relevant Registrar will recognise any such interest other than the interest of Austraclear as the Noteholder while that Note is lodged in the Austraclear System.
- (b) Application for the transfer of Notes not held in a Clearing System must be made by the lodgment of a transfer form with the Registrar at its Specified Office. Transfer forms must be in the form available from the Issuer or the Registrar (or such other person as may be specified in a Pricing Supplement) and:
  - (i) each transfer form must be:
    - (A) duly completed and stamped (if applicable);
    - (B) accompanied by any evidence the Registrar may require to establish that the transfer form has been duly executed; and
    - (C) signed by, or on behalf of, both the transferor and the transferee; and
  - (ii) transfers will be registered without charge provided all applicable Taxes have been paid.

#### 5.7 Austraclear as Noteholder

If Austraclear is recorded in the Register as the Noteholder, each person in whose Security Record a Note is recorded is taken to acknowledge in favour of the Issuer, the Registrar and Austraclear that:

- (a) the Registrar's decision to act as the Registrar of that Note is not a recommendation or endorsement by the Registrar or Austraclear in relation to that Note, but only indicates that the Registrar considers that the holding of the Note is compatible with the performance by it of its obligations as Registrar under the Agency Agreement; and
- (b) the Noteholder does not rely on any fact, matter or circumstance contrary to paragraph (a).

#### 5.8 Restrictions on transfers

Transfers of Notes which are not lodged in a Clearing System cannot be made between a Record Date and the relevant Interest Payment Date if a redemption of such Note is to occur during that period in accordance with these Conditions.

#### 5.9 Effect of transfer

Upon registration and entry of the transferee in the Register the transferor ceases to be entitled to future benefits under these Conditions in respect of the transferred Note and the transferee becomes so entitled in accordance with Condition 5.2 ("Effect of entries in Register").

#### **5.10 CHESS**

Notes which are listed on the Australian Securities Exchange operated by ASX Limited (ABN 98 008 624 691) will not be transferred through, or registered on, the Clearing House Electronic Subregister System operated by ASX Settlement Pty Limited (ABN 49 008 504 532) and will not be "Approved Financial Products" for the purposes of that system.

#### 5.11 Estates

A person becoming entitled to a Note as a consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a Noteholder or of a vesting order or a person administering the estate of a Noteholder may, upon producing such evidence as to that entitlement or status as the Registrar considers sufficient, transfer the Note or, if so entitled, become registered as the holder of the Note.

#### 5.12 Unincorporated associations

A transfer of a Note to an unincorporated association is not permitted.

#### 5.13 Transfer of unidentified Notes

If a Noteholder transfers some but not all of the Notes it holds and the transfer form does not identify the specific Notes transferred, the relevant Registrar may choose which Notes registered in the name of Noteholder have been transferred. However, the aggregate principal amounts of the Notes registered as transferred must equal the aggregate principal amount of the Notes expressed to be transferred in the transfer form.

#### 6 Fixed Rate Notes

This Condition 6 applies to the Notes only if the Pricing Supplement states that it applies.

#### 6.1 Interest on Fixed Rate Notes

Each Fixed Rate Note bears interest on its outstanding principal amount from (and including) its Interest Commencement Date to (but excluding) its Maturity Date at the Interest Rate. Interest is payable in arrear on each Interest Payment Date.

#### 6.2 Fixed Coupon Amount

Unless otherwise specified in the Pricing Supplement, the amount of interest payable on each Interest Payment Date in respect of the preceding Interest Period is the "Fixed Coupon Amount" specified in the Pricing Supplement.

#### 6.3 Calculation of interest payable

The amount of interest payable in respect of a Fixed Rate Note for any period for which a Fixed Coupon Amount is not specified in the Pricing Supplement is calculated by multiplying the Interest Rate for that period, by the outstanding principal amount of the Fixed Rate Note and by the applicable Day Count Fraction.

#### 7 Floating Rate Notes

This Condition 7 applies to the Notes only if the Pricing Supplement states that it applies.

#### 7.1 Interest on Floating Rate Notes

Each Floating Rate Note bears interest on its outstanding principal amount from (and including) its Interest Commencement Date to (but excluding) its Maturity Date at the Interest Rate.

Interest is payable in arrear:

- (a) on each Interest Payment Date; or
- (b) if no Interest Payment Date is specified in the Pricing Supplement, on each date which falls the number of months or other period specified as the "Specified Period" in the Pricing Supplement after the preceding Interest Payment Date (or in the case of the first Interest Payment Date, after the Interest Commencement Date).

#### 7.2 Interest Rate determination

The Interest Rate payable in respect of a Floating Rate Note must be determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with these Conditions.

#### 7.3 Fallback Interest Rate

Unless otherwise specified in the Pricing Supplement, if, in respect of an Interest Period, the Calculation Agent is unable to determine a rate in accordance with Condition 7.2 ("Interest Rate determination"), the Interest Rate for the Interest Period is the Interest Rate applicable to the Floating Rate Notes during the immediately preceding Interest Period.

#### 7.4 Screen Rate Determination

Where "Screen Rate Determination" is specified in the Pricing Supplement as the manner in which the Interest Rate is to be determined, the Interest Rate for each Interest Period is the sum of the Margin and the Screen Rate.

In this Condition, "Screen Rate" means, for an Interest Period, the quotation offered for the Reference Rate appearing on the Relevant Screen Page at the Relevant Time on the Interest Determination Date. However:

- (a) if there is more than one offered quotation displayed on the Relevant Screen Page at the Relevant Time on the Interest Determination Date, the "Screen Rate" means the rate calculated by the Calculation Agent as the average of the offered quotations. If there are more than five offered quotations, the Calculation Agent must exclude the highest and lowest quotations (or in the case of equality, one of the highest and one of the lowest quotations) from its calculation;
- (b) if an offered quotation is not displayed by the Relevant Time on the Interest Determination Date or if it is displayed but the Calculation Agent determines that there is an obvious error in that rate, the "Screen Rate" means:
  - (i) the rate the Calculation Agent calculates as the average mean of the Reference Rates that each Reference Bank quoted to the leading banks in the Relevant Financial Centre specified in the Pricing Supplement at the Relevant Time on the Interest Determination Date; or
  - (ii) where the Calculation Agent is unable to calculate a rate under paragraph (i) because it is unable to obtain at least two quotes, the rate the Calculation Agent calculates as the average of the rates (being the nearest equivalent to the Reference Rate) quoted by two or more banks chosen by the Calculation Agent in the Relevant Financial Centre at approximately the Relevant Time on the Interest Determination Date for a period equivalent to the Interest Period to leading banks carrying on business in the Relevant Financial Centre in good faith; or
- (c) if the Pricing Supplement specifies an alternative method for the determination of the Screen Rate Determination, then that alternative method applies.

## 7.5 BBSW Rate Determination

Where "BBSW Rate Determination" is specified in the Pricing Supplement as the manner in which the Interest Rate is to be determined, the Interest Rate applicable to the Floating Rate Notes for each Interest Period is the sum of the Margin and the BBSW Rate.

In this Condition, "BBSW Rate" means, for an Interest Period, the rate for prime bank eligible securities having a tenor closest to the Interest Period which is designated as the "AVG MID" on the Reuters Screen BBSW Page (or any designation which replaces that designation on that page, or any replacement page) at approximately 10.15 am (or such other time at which such rate customarily appears on that page) on the first day of that Interest Period. However, if such rate does not appear on the Reuters Screen BBSW Page (or any replacement page) by 10.30 am on that day (or such other time that is 15 minutes after the then prevailing time), or if it does appear but the Calculation Agent determines that there is an obvious error in that rate, "BBSW Rate" means the rate determined by the Calculation Agent having regard to comparable

indices then available. The rate calculated or determined by the Calculation Agent will be expressed as a percentage rate per annum and will be rounded up, if necessary, to the next higher one ten-thousandth of a percentage point (0.0001%).

## 7.6 Interpolation

If the Pricing Supplement states that "Linear Interpolation" applies to an Interest Period, the Interest Rate for that Interest Period is determined through the use of straight line interpolation by reference to two Screen Rates, BBSW Rates or other floating rates specified in the Pricing Supplement.

The first rate must be determined as if the Interest Period were the period of time for which rates are available next shorter than the length of the Interest Period (or any alternative Interest Period specified in the Pricing Supplement).

The second rate must be determined as if the Interest Period were the period of time for which rates are available next longer than the length of the Interest Period (or any alternative Interest Period specified in the Pricing Supplement).

## 8 General provisions applicable to interest

#### 8.1 Maximum or Minimum Interest Rate

If the Pricing Supplement specifies a "Maximum Interest Rate" or "Minimum Interest Rate" for any Interest Period, the Interest Rate for the Interest Period must not be greater than the maximum, or be less than the minimum, so specified. If no rate is specified, the Minimum Interest Rate shall be zero.

#### 8.2 Calculation of Interest Rate and interest payable

- (a) The Calculation Agent must, in relation to each Interest Period for each Floating Rate Note:
  - calculate the Interest Rate in accordance with these Conditions and the Pricing Supplement;
     and
  - (ii) as soon as practicable after determining the Interest Rate, calculate the amount of interest payable for the Interest Period in respect of the outstanding principal amount of that Note.
- (b) Unless otherwise specified in the Pricing Supplement, the amount of interest payable is calculated by multiplying the product of the Interest Rate for the Interest Period and the outstanding principal amount of the Note by the applicable Day Count Fraction.
- (c) The rate determined by the Calculation Agent must be expressed as a percentage rate per annum.

#### 8.3 Calculation of other amounts

If the Pricing Supplement specifies that any other amount is to be calculated by the Calculation Agent, the Calculation Agent must, as soon as practicable after the time at which that amount is to be determined, calculate the amount in the manner specified in the Pricing Supplement.

#### 8.4 Notification of Interest Rate, interest payable and other items

- (a) The Calculation Agent must notify the Issuer, the Registrar, the Noteholders, each other Agent and any stock or securities exchange or other relevant authority on which the Notes are listed, quoted and/or traded of:
  - (i) each Interest Rate, the amount of interest payable and each other amount, item or date calculated or determined by it together with the Interest Payment Date; and
  - (ii) any amendment to any amount, item or date referred to in paragraph (i) arising from any extension or reduction in any Interest Period or calculation period.
- (b) The Calculation Agent must give notice under this Condition as soon as practicable after it makes its determination. However, it must give notice of each Interest Rate, the amount of interest payable and each Interest Payment Date by the fourth day of the Interest Period.
- (c) The Calculation Agent may amend its determination of any amount, item or date (or make appropriate alternative arrangements by way of adjustment) as a result of the extension or reduction of the Interest Period or calculation period without prior notice but must notify the Issuer, the Registrar, the Noteholders, each other Agent and each stock or securities exchange or other relevant authority on which the Notes are listed, quoted and/or traded after doing so.

#### 8.5 Determination final

The determination by the Calculation Agent of all amounts, rates and dates falling to be determined by it under these Conditions is, in the absence of manifest or proven error, final and binding on the Issuer, the Registrar, each Noteholder and each other Agent.

#### 8.6 Rounding

For the purposes of any calculations required under these Conditions (unless otherwise specified in these Conditions or in the Pricing Supplement):

- (a) all percentages resulting from those calculations must be rounded, if necessary, to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point (with 0.000005% being rounded up to 0.00001%);
- (b) all figures resulting from those calculations must be rounded to five decimal places (with 0.000005 being rounded up to 0.00001); and
- (c) all amounts that are due and payable must be rounded (with halves being rounded up) to:
  - (i) in the case of Australian dollars, one cent; and
  - (ii) in the case of any other currency, the lowest amount of that currency available as legal tender in the country of that currency.

#### 9 Redemption and purchase

## 9.1 Redemption on maturity

Each Note must be redeemed by the Issuer on the Maturity Date at its Redemption Amount unless:

- (a) the Note has been previously redeemed;
- (b) the Note has been purchased and cancelled; or
- (c) the Pricing Supplement states that the Note has no fixed Maturity Date.

#### 9.2 Early redemption for taxation reasons

The Issuer may redeem all (but not some) of the Notes of a Series in whole before their Maturity Date at the Redemption Amount and any interest accrued on it to (but excluding) the Redemption Date if, as a result of any change in or amendment to the laws (or any regulations or rulings promulgated thereunder) of the United States or of any political subdivision thereof or taxing authority therein or thereof affecting taxation, or any change in official position regarding application or interpretation of such laws, regulations or rulings (including a holding by a court of competent jurisdiction in the United States), or any other action taken by any taxing authority or a court of competent jurisdiction in the United States, whether or not such action was taken or made with respect to the Issuer, or any change, amendment, application or interpretation shall be officially proposed, which becomes effective on or after the Issue Date with respect to any Notes, the Issuer is or will be required under Condition 11.2 ("Withholding tax") to pay an Additional Amount in respect of a Note and the Issuer, in its business judgment, determines that such obligation cannot be avoided by the Issuer taking reasonable measures available to it.

However, the Issuer may only do so if:

- (a) prior to the publication of any notice of redemption for taxation reasons, the Issuer shall deliver to the Registrar a certificate signed by two duly authorised officers of the Issuer stating that the Issuer is entitled to effect such redemption for taxation reasons and setting forth a statement of facts showing that the conditions precedent to the right of the Issuer so to redeem have occurred and an opinion of independent legal advisers or tax consultants of recognised standing to the effect that the Issuer has or will, in all material probability, become obliged to pay such Additional Amounts as a result of such change or amendment; and
- (b) the Issuer has given not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days' notice to the Registrar, the Noteholders, each other Agent and any stock or securities exchange or other relevant authority on which the Notes are listed, quoted and/or traded; and
- (c) in the case of Fixed Rate Notes, no notice of redemption is given earlier than 90 days before the earliest date on which the Issuer would be obliged to pay Additional Amounts;
- (d) in the case of Floating Rate Notes:

- (i) the proposed Redemption Date is an Interest Payment Date; and
- (ii) the notice of redemption is given at least 30 days and not more than 60 days before the Interest Payment Date occurring immediately before the earliest date on which the Issuer would be obliged to pay Additional Amounts.

#### 9.3 Early redemption at the option of Noteholders (Noteholder put)

If the relevant Pricing Supplement states that a Noteholder may require the Issuer to redeem all or some of the Notes of a Series held by that Noteholder before their Maturity Date under this Condition 9.3, the Issuer must redeem the Notes specified by the Noteholder at the Redemption Amount and any interest accrued on it to (but excluding) the Redemption Date if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (a) the amount of Notes to be redeemed is a multiple of their Denomination;
- (b) the Noteholder has given not less than 30 days nor more than 45 days (or any other period specified in the Pricing Supplement) notice, to the Issuer and the Registrar by delivering to the Specified Office of the Registrar during normal business hours a completed and signed redemption notice in the form obtainable from the Specified Office of the Registrar together with any evidence the Registrar may require to establish title of the Noteholder to the Note;
- (c) the notice referred to in paragraph (b) specifies an account in the country of the currency in which the Note is denominated to which the payment should be made or an address to where a cheque for payment should be sent;
- (d) the Redemption Date is an "Early Redemption Date (Put)" specified in the Pricing Supplement; and
- (e) any other relevant condition specified in the Pricing Supplement is satisfied.

A Noteholder may not require the Issuer to redeem any Note under this Condition 9.3 if the Issuer has given notice that it will redeem that Note under Condition 9.2 ("Early redemption for taxation reasons") or Condition 9.4 ("Early redemption at the option of the Issuer (Issuer call)").

#### 9.4 Early redemption at the option of the Issuer (Issuer call)

If the Pricing Supplement states that the Issuer may redeem all or some of the Notes of a Series before their Maturity Date under this Condition, the Issuer may redeem so many of the Notes specified in the Pricing Supplement at the Redemption Amount and any interest accrued on it to (but excluding) the Redemption Date.

However, the Issuer may only do so if:

- (a) the amount of Notes to be redeemed is, or is a multiple of, their Denomination;
- (b) the Issuer has given not less than 60 days (or such lesser period specified in the Pricing Supplement) notice to the Registrar, the Noteholders, each other Agent and any stock or securities exchange or other relevant authority on which the Notes are listed;
- (c) the proposed Redemption Date is an "Early Redemption Date (Call)" specified in the Pricing Supplement; and
- (d) any other relevant condition specified in the Pricing Supplement is satisfied.

## 9.5 Partial redemptions

If only some of the Notes are to be redeemed under Condition 9.4 ("Early redemption at the option of the Issuer (Issuer call)"), the Notes to be redeemed must be specified in the notice and selected:

- (a) in a fair and reasonable manner under the circumstances of the proposed redemption and having regard to prevailing market practice; and
- (b) in compliance with any applicable law, directive or requirement of any applicable Clearing System and stock or securities exchange or other relevant authority on which the Notes are listed.

#### 9.6 Effect of notice of redemption

Any notice of redemption given by the Issuer under this Condition 9 ("Redemption and purchase") is irrevocable.

#### 9.7 Late payment

If an amount is not paid under Condition 9 ("Redemption and purchase") when due, then interest continues to accrue on the unpaid amount (both before and after any demand or judgment) at the default rate specified in the Pricing Supplement (or, if no default rate is specified, the last applicable Interest Rate) until the date on which payment is made to the Noteholder.

#### 9.8 Purchase

The Issuer and any of its affiliates may at any time purchase Notes in the open market or otherwise and at any price. Such Notes may be held, reissued, resold, or at the option of such purchaser, cancelled by notice to the Registrar. Purchases may be made by tender offers or in any other manner at the discretion of the purchasers, in each case, subject to compliance with any applicable law, directive or requirement of any stock or securities exchange or other relevant authority on which the Notes are listed.

#### 10 Payments

#### 10.1 Payment of principal and interest

Payments of principal and interest in respect of a Note will be made to each person registered at the close of business on the Record Date as the holder of that Note (or the first person to be registered in the case of joint holders).

#### 10.2 Payments to accounts

Payments in respect of the Note will be made in Australia, unless prohibited by law, and:

- (a) if the Note is held in the Austraclear System, by crediting on the payment date, the amount due to:
  - (i) the account of Austraclear (as the Noteholder) in Australia previously notified to the Issuer and the Registrar; or
  - (ii) if requested by Austraclear, the accounts in Australia of the persons in whose Security Record a Note is recorded as previously notified by Austraclear to the Issuer and the Registrar in accordance with Austraclear Regulations; and
- (b) if the Note is not held in the Austraclear System, by crediting on the payment date, the amount then due under each Note to an account in the relevant jurisdiction or financial centre for the currency in which the payment is made previously notified by the Noteholder to the Issuer and the Registrar.

If a payment in respect of a Note is prohibited by law from being made in Australia, such payment will be made in an international financial centre for the account of the relevant payee, and on the basis that the relevant amounts are paid in immediately available funds, freely transferable at the order of the payee.

## 10.3 Payments by cheque

If the Noteholder has not notified the Registrar of an account to which payments to it must be made by the close of business on the Record Date, payments in respect of the Note will be made in the relevant jurisdiction or financial centre for the currency in which the payment is made by cheque drawn on a bank in that jurisdiction or financial centre sent by prepaid post on, or on the Business Day immediately before, the payment date, at the risk of the registered Noteholder, to the Noteholder (or to the first named joint holder of the Note) at its address appearing in the Register at the close of business on the Record Date. Cheques sent to the nominated address of a Noteholder are taken to have been received by the Noteholder on the payment date and, no further amount is payable by the Issuer in respect of the Notes as a result of the Noteholder not receiving payment on the due date.

#### 10.4 Payments subject to law

All payments are subject in all cases to:

- (a) any applicable fiscal or other laws and directives in any jurisdiction but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 11 ("Taxation"); and
- (b) any withholding or deduction required pursuant to FATCA.

#### 10.5 Payments on Business Days

If a payment is due on a day which is not a Business Day then the due date for payment is adjusted in accordance with the Business Day Convention specified in the Pricing Supplement. The Noteholder is not

entitled to any additional payment in respect of such delay.

#### 10.6 Currency of account

The Issuer waives any right it has in any jurisdiction to pay an amount other than in the currency in which it is due. However, if a Noteholder receives an amount in a currency other than that in which it is due:

- (a) it may convert the amount received into the due currency (even though it may be necessary to convert through a third currency to do so) on the day and at such rates (including spot rate, same day value rate or value tomorrow rate) as it reasonably considers appropriate. It may deduct its usual costs in connection with the conversion; and
- (b) the Issuer satisfies its obligation to pay in the due currency only to the extent of the amount of the due currency obtained from the conversion after deducting the costs of the conversion.

#### 11 Taxation

#### 11.1 No set-off, counterclaim or deductions

All payments of principal and interest in respect of the Notes by the Issuer will be made without withholding or deduction for or on account of any present or future Taxes unless such withholding or deduction is required by law.

#### 11.2 Withholding tax

Subject to Condition 11.3 ("Withholding tax exemptions"), if a law requires the Issuer to withhold or deduct an amount in respect of Taxes from a payment in respect of the Notes such that the Noteholder would not actually receive on the due date the full amount provided for under the Notes, then:

- (a) the Issuer agrees to deduct the amount for the Taxes (and any further withholding or deduction applicable to any further payment due under paragraph (b) below); and
- (b) if the amount deducted or withheld is in respect of Taxes imposed by the United States or any political subdivision thereof or any authority therein or thereof having power to tax, the Issuer will pay such additional amounts so that, after making the deduction and further deductions applicable to additional amounts payable under the Conditions, each Noteholder that is not a U.S. Person (as defined below) is entitled to receive (at the time a payment is due) the amount it would have received if no such deductions or withholdings had been required to be made.

As used in this Condition 11.3, a "**U.S. Person**" means any individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States for United States federal income tax purposes, a corporation, partnership or other entity created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state of the United States or the District of Columbia, or any estate or trust the income of which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of its source.

## 11.3 Withholding tax exemptions

No Additional Amounts shall be payable under Condition 11.2(b) ("Withholding tax") on any Note with respect to:

- (a) any Taxes that would not have been imposed but for the existence of any present or former connection between the Noteholder (or between a fiduciary, settlor, beneficiary of, or a person holding a power over, the Noteholder, if the Noteholder is an estate or trust, or a member or shareholder of the Noteholder, if the Noteholder is a partnership or corporation) and the United States, including, without limitation, that holder (or that fiduciary, settlor, beneficiary, person holding a power, member or shareholder) being or having been a citizen, resident or treated as a resident of the United States or being or having been engaged in trade or business or present in the United States or having or having had a permanent establishment in the United States;
- (b) any estate, inheritance, gift, sales, transfer, capital gains, excise, personal property, wealth or similar Taxes;
- (c) any Taxes imposed on foreign personal holding company income or by reason of the holder's or beneficial owner's past or present status as a personal holding company, controlled foreign corporation or passive foreign investment company with respect to the United States or as a corporation that accumulates earnings to avoid United States federal income tax;
- (d) any Taxes which are payable otherwise than by withholding or deducting from a payment on such Note;

- (e) any Taxes required to be withheld or deducted by any paying agent from any payment on such Note if that payment can be made without such withholding or deduction by any other paying agent;
- (f) any Taxes which would not have been imposed, withheld or deducted but for the failure of a beneficial owner or any holder of such Note or any other person to comply with any requirement or request to satisfy certification, identification, information, documentation or other reporting requirements concerning the nationality, residence, identity or connections with Australia or the United States of the beneficial owner or any holder of the Note that such beneficial owner or holder is legally able to deliver (including, but not limited to, the requirement to provide IRS Forms W-8BEN, W-8BEN-E, Forms W-8ECI, or any subsequent versions thereof or successor thereto, and including, without limitation, any documentation requirement under an applicable income tax treaty);
- (g) any Taxes imposed on a Noteholder who actually or constructively owns more than 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Issuer entitled to vote within the meaning of section 871(h)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or that is a controlled foreign corporation that is related to the Issuer;
- (h) any Taxes imposed as a result of the Noteholder's failure to comply with applicable certification, information, documentation or other reporting requirements concerning the nationality, residence, identity or connection with the United States of the Noteholder or beneficial owner of a Note, if such compliance is required by statute or regulation of the United States, as a precondition to relief or exemption from those Taxes; or
- (i) any combination of the above,

and nor will the Issuer pay any Additional Amounts to any holder of Notes who is a fiduciary, partnership, a limited liability company or a holder other than the sole beneficial owner of that payment to the extent that a beneficiary or settlor with respect to that fiduciary, a member of that partnership, an interest holder in such limited liability company or a beneficial owner of the payment would not have been entitled to the payment of those Additional Amounts had that beneficiary, settlor, member or beneficial owner been the holder of those Notes.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Conditions, the Issuer shall be entitled to make such withholding or deduction and shall have no obligation to gross up any payment under these Conditions or to pay any additional amount referred to in Condition 11.2 ("Withholding tax") or other amount for such withholding or deduction if the Issuer, or any other person through whom payments on the Notes are made, is required to withhold or deduct amounts under or in connection with, or in order to ensure compliance with FATCA.

Except as specifically provided under Condition 11.2 ("Withholding tax"), the Issuer will not be required to make any payment with respect to any Tax imposed by any government or any respective political subdivision or any taxing authority therein or thereof, as a consequence of the initial issuance of Notes.

#### 12 Time limit for claims

A claim against the Issuer for a payment under a Note is void unless made within ten years (in the case of principal) or five years (in the case of interest and other amounts) from the date on which payment first became due.

#### 13 Events of Default

#### 13.1 Events of Default

An event of default occurs with respect to a Series of Notes if any of the following events (each an "Event of Default") occurs and is continuing:

- (a) (non-payment of principal) default is made in the payment of any principal or other redemption amount in respect of the Notes;
- (b) (non-payment of interest) default is made in the payment of interest in respect of the Notes and such default remains unremedied for a period of 90 days;
- (c) (breach of other obligations) default in the performance of, or breach of, any covenant or warranty of the Issuer in respect of any Notes contained in these Conditions (other than a covenant or warranty, a default which is specifically dealt with elsewhere in this Condition) and continuance of such default for 90 days after there has been given by registered or certified mail written notice to the

Issuer requiring the same to be remedied and stating that the notice is a "Notice of Default" has been given to the Issuer by Noteholders holding at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the relevant Notes then outstanding:

#### (d) (insolvency) the Issuer:

- (i) commences any case or proceeding seeking to have an order for relief entered on its behalf as debtor or to adjudicate it as bankrupt or insolvent or seeking reorganization, liquidation, dissolution, winding-up, arrangement, composition or readjustment of its debts or any other relief under any bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, liquidation, dissolution, arrangement, composition, readjustment of debt or other similar act or law of any jurisdiction, domestic or foreign, now or hereafter existing;
- (ii) applies for a receiver, custodian or trustee (other than any trustee appointed as a mortgagee or secured party in connection with the issuance of indebtedness for borrowed money of the Issuer) of it or for all or a substantial part of its property;
- (iii) makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; or
- (iv) takes any corporate action in furtherance of any of the above; or
- (e) (court action) an involuntary case or other proceeding is commenced against the Issuer with respect to it or its debts under any bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law now or hereafter in effect seeking the appointment of a trustee, receiver, liquidator, custodian or similar official of the Issuer or any substantial part of the Issuer's property; and such case or other proceeding either results in the entry of an order for relief or a similar order against the Issuer or continues unstayed and in effect for a period of 60 consecutive days.

#### 13.2 Consequences of an Event of Default

- (a) If an Event of Default (other than an Event of Default specified in Condition 13.1(d) or Condition 13.1(e)) occurs with respect to the Notes of the relevant Series and is continuing, any Noteholder of the Notes of that Series may, by written notice to the Issuer, effective upon the date specified in paragraph (b) below, declare such Notes held by that Noteholder to be immediately due and payable.
- (b) Any notice given by a Noteholder under paragraph (a) above declaring the Notes due shall become effective, and all Notes then outstanding shall become immediately due and payable at their Redemption Amount, together with accrued interest (if any) to the date of repayment, when the Issuer has received such notices from Noteholders holding not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the relevant Notes then outstanding, unless, prior to the time the Issuer receives notice in respect of such aggregate amount, the situation giving rise to the notice has been cured.
- (c) At any time after a notice given by a Noteholder under paragraph (a) becomes effective and before the situation giving rise to the notice has been cured or a judgement or decree for payment of monies owing has been obtained, the notice may be rescinded and annulled by written notice to the Issuer from Noteholders holding not less than 50% in aggregate principal amount of the relevant Notes then outstanding, provided that:
  - (i) the Issuer has paid to the Noteholders of the relevant Notes:
    - (A) all overdue interest on the relevant Notes and any related coupons, together with accrued interest (if any);
    - (B) the principal of any Notes of the relevant Series which have become due otherwise than by such notice under paragraph (a) above, together with accrued interest (if any); and
  - (ii) the situation giving rise to any other Events of Default with respect to the relevant Notes has been cured or waived by Noteholders holding not less than 50% in aggregate principal amount of the relevant Notes then outstanding.
- (d) If an Event of Default specified in Condition 13.1(d) or Condition 13.1(e) occurs, all Notes of the relevant Series then outstanding shall automatically, and without any declaration or other action on the part of any Noteholder or any other person, become immediately due and payable.

#### 13.3 Notification

- (a) If an Event of Default (or, under Condition 13.1(c), an event which, after notice and lapse of time, would become an Event of Default) occurs, the Issuer must within 90 days after becoming aware of it, unless such default has been cured, notify the Registrar of the occurrence of the event (specifying details of it) and use its reasonable endeavours to ensure that the Registrar promptly notifies, the relevant Noteholders, each other Agent and any stock or securities exchange or other relevant authority on which such Notes are listed, quoted and/or traded, provided that:
  - (i) in the case of an Event of Default specified in Condition 13.1(a) or Condition 13.1(b), the Issuer is not required to give notice under this Condition 13.3 if and so long as it in good faith determines that the withholding of notice is in the interests of Noteholders of the relevant Series of Notes; and
  - (ii) in the case of an Event of Default specified in Condition 13.1(c), the Issuer is not to give notice until at least 60 days after becoming aware of the Event of Default.
- (b) The Issuer must promptly notify the Registrar once it has received notices under Condition 13.2 ("Consequences of an Event of Default") from Noteholders holding 25% or more in aggregate principal amount of the Notes of the relevant Series then outstanding and use its reasonable endeavours to ensure that the Registrar promptly notifies the relevant Noteholders, each other Agent and any stock or securities exchange or other relevant authority on which such Notes are listed, quoted and/or traded of the occurrence of the event.

## 14 Agents

- (a) In acting under an Agency Agreement, each Agent acts solely as agent of the Issuer and does not assume any obligations towards or relationship of agency or trust for or with any Noteholder.
- (b) Each initial Agent for a Series of Notes is specified in the Pricing Supplement. Subject to Condition 14(d), the Issuer reserves the right at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of any Agent and to appoint a successor.
- (c) Notice of any change of an Agent or its Specified Offices must promptly be given to the Noteholders by the Issuer or the Agent on its behalf.
- (d) The Issuer must, in respect of each Series of Notes:
  - (i) at all times maintain a Registrar; and
  - (ii) if a Calculation Agent is specified in the Pricing Supplement, at all times maintain a Calculation Agent.

#### 15 Meetings of Noteholders

The Meeting Provisions contain provisions (which have effect as if incorporated in these Conditions) for convening meetings of the Noteholders of any Series to consider any matter affecting their interests, including any variation of these Conditions.

#### 16 Variation

#### 16.1 Variation with consent

Unless Condition 16.2 ("Variation without consent") applies, any Condition may be varied by the Issuer in accordance with the Meeting Provisions.

#### 16.2 Variation without consent

Any Condition may be amended by the Issuer without the consent of the Noteholders if the amendment:

- (a) is of a formal, minor, administrative or technical nature;
- (b) is made to correct a manifest or proven error;
- is made to comply with the requirements or a modification of the requirements of any applicable law or directive;
- (d) is made to cure any ambiguity or correct or supplement any defective or inconsistent provision and,

in the reasonable opinion of the Issuer, is not materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders; or

(e) only applies to Notes issued by it after the date of amendment,

and, in any such case, the Issuer is of the opinion that such amendment will not be materially prejudicial to the interests of Noteholders generally.

#### 17 Further issues

The Issuer may from time to time, without the consent of the Noteholders, create and issue further Notes having the same Conditions as the Notes of any Series in all respects (or in all respects except for the Issue Price, Issue Date and the first payment of interest) so as to form a single series with the Notes of that Series.

#### 18 Substitution of Issuer

The Issuer will not consolidate with or merge into any other person or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to any person, and will not permit any person to consolidate with or merge into it or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to it, unless:

- (a) in the case of consolidating with or merging into another person or conveying, transferring or leasing its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to any person, the person formed by the consolidation or into which the Issuer is merged or the person which acquires by conveyance or transfer the properties and assets of the Issuer substantially as an entirety will expressly assume, by deed, the due and punctual payment of the principal and interest (including all Additional Amounts, if any) on all the Notes and any related coupons and the performance of every covenant of these Conditions on the part of the Issuer to be performed or observed;
- (b) immediately after giving effect to the transaction, no Event of Default with respect to any Series of Notes, and no event which, after notice or lapse of time, or both, would become an Event of Default with respect to any Series of Notes, shall have happened and be continuing;
- (c) the Issuer has delivered to the Registrar a certificate and an opinion of independent legal advisers of recognised standing each stating that the consolidation, merger, conveyance or transfer and the deed comply with this Condition and that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to the transaction have been complied with; and
- (d) if, as a result of any such consolidation or merger or such conveyance, transfer or lease, properties or assets of the Issuer would become subject to any mortgage, pledge, lien, security, interest, conditional sale or other title retention agreement or other similar encumbrance which would not be permitted by Condition 4.2 ("Negative pledge") without equally and ratably securing the Notes as required by that Condition, the Issuer shall take such steps as shall be necessary effectively to secure the Notes equally and ratably with (or prior to) all indebtedness secured thereby pursuant to Condition 4.2 ("Negative pledge").

Upon any consolidation of the Issuer with, or merger of the Issuer into, any other person, or any conveyance or transfer or lease of the properties and assets of the Issuer substantially as an entirety in accordance with this Condition 18, the successor person formed by the consolidation or into which the Issuer is merged or to which such conveyance or transfer is made shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Issuer under these Conditions with the same effect as if such successor person had been named as the Issuer herein and thereafter, except in the case of a lease, the Issuer shall be relieved of all obligations and covenants under these Conditions, the Notes and any related coupons and, in the event of any such consolidation, merger, conveyance or transfer, the Issuer as the predecessor corporation may thereupon or at any time thereafter be dissolved, wound up, or liquidated.

## 19 Notices

#### 19.1 To Noteholders

All notices and other communications to Noteholders must be in writing. Any such notice or other communication may be given by any of the following means:

(a) an advertisement published in the Australian Financial Review or The Australian;

- (b) if the Pricing Supplement specifies an additional or alternate newspaper, given by an advertisement published in that newspaper; or
- (c) prepaid post (airmail, if posted from a place outside Australia) or delivery by facsimile to the address or facsimile address, as the case may be, of the Noteholder as shown in the Register at the close of business 3 Business Days prior to the dispatch of the notice or communication).

#### 19.2 To the Issuer and the Agents

All notices and other communications to the Issuer or an Agent must be in writing and may be left at the address of, or sent by prepaid post (airmail, if appropriate) to, its respective Specified Office or by facsimile or email to the facsimile number or email address of the addressee specified:

- (a) in the Information Memorandum; or
- (b) as otherwise agreed between those parties from time to time and notified to the Noteholders.

#### 19.3 Effective on receipt

Unless a later time is specified in a notice, approval, consent or other communication, it takes effect from the time it is received under Condition 19.4 ("Proof of receipt"), except that if it is received under that Condition after 5.00 pm in the place of receipt or on a non-Business Day in that place, it is to be taken to be received at 9.00 am on the next succeeding Business Day in that place.

#### 19.4 Proof of receipt

Subject to Condition 19.3 ("Effective on receipt"), proof of posting a letter, dispatch of a facsimile, sending of an email or publication of a notice is proof of receipt:

- (a) in the case of a letter, on the third (seventh if outside Australia) day after posting;
- (b) in the case of a facsimile, on receipt by the sender of a successful transmission report;
- (c) in the case of an email, at the time the sender receives an automated message confirming delivery or four hours after the time sent (as recorded on the device from which the sender sent the email) unless the sender receives an automated message that the email has not been delivered; and
- (d) in the case of publication in a newspaper, on the date of such publication.

#### 20 Governing law, jurisdiction and service of process

#### 20.1 Governing law

The Notes are governed by, and construed in accordance with, the law in force in New South Wales, Australia.

#### 20.2 Jurisdiction

The Issuer irrevocably and unconditionally submits, and each Noteholder is taken to have submitted, to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of New South Wales and courts of appeal from them. The Issuer waives any right it has to object to any suit, action or proceedings ("**Proceedings**") being brought in those courts including by claiming that the Proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum or that those courts do not have jurisdiction.

#### 20.3 Serving documents

Without preventing any other method of service, any document in any Proceedings in the courts of New South Wales may be served on the Issuer by being delivered or left with its process agent referred to in Condition 20.4 ("Agent for service of process").

#### 20.4 Agent for service of process

For so long as any of the Notes issued by it are outstanding, the Issuer will ensure that there is an agent appointed to accept service of process on its behalf in New South Wales, Australia in respect of any Proceedings as may be brought in the courts of New South Wales, Australia or the Federal Courts of Australia.

The Issuer appoints Verizon Australia Pty Limited (ABN 62 081 001 194) of Level 3, 203 Pacific Highway, St Leonards, New South Wales, 2065, Australia, as its agent to receive any document referred to in

Condition 20.3 ("Serving documents"). If for any reason that person ceases to be able to act as such, the Issuer will immediately appoint another person with an office located in New South Wales to act as its agent to receive any such document and will promptly notify the Registrar and the Noteholders of such appointment.

## 7. Form of Pricing Supplement

The Pricing Supplement to be issued in respect of each Tranche of Notes will be substantially in the form set out below.

Series no.: [●]

Tranche no.: [●]



## **Verizon Communications Inc.**

**A\$[●]** Debt Issuance Program

Issue of

[A\$][Aggregate Principal Amount of Notes][Title of Notes] due [•] ("Notes")

The date of this Pricing Supplement is [●].

This Pricing Supplement (as referred to in the Information Memorandum dated [•] ("Information Memorandum") issued by the Issuer) relates to the Tranche of Notes referred to above. It is supplementary to, and should be read in conjunction with, the terms and conditions of the Notes contained in the Information Memorandum ("Conditions"), the Information Memorandum and the Note Deed Poll dated [•] made by the Issuer. Unless otherwise indicated, terms defined in the Conditions have the same meaning in this Pricing Supplement.

This Pricing Supplement does not constitute, and may not be used for the purposes of, an offer or solicitation by anyone in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation is not authorised or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation, and no action is being taken to permit an offering of the Notes or the distribution of this Pricing Supplement in any jurisdiction where such action is required.

The particulars to be specified in relation to the Tranche of Notes referred to above are as follows:

1 Issuer : Verizon Communications Inc.

2 Type of Notes : [Fixed Rate Notes / Floating Rate Notes / specify other]

3 Method of Distribution : [Private / Syndicated] Issue

4 [Joint] Lead Manager[s] : [Specify]
5 Dealer[s] : [Specify]

6 Registrar : [[●] (ABN [●]) / specify other]

7 Issuing and Paying Agent : [[●] (ABN [●]) / specify other]

8 Calculation Agent : [Not Applicable / [•] (ABN [•])]

9 Series Details : [Not Applicable / specify if Tranche is to form a single Series with

an existing Series, specify date on which all Notes of the Series become fungible (if no specific future date, specify the Issue Date)

10 Principal Amount of Tranche : [Specify]

11 Issue Date : [Specify]

12 Issue Price : [Specify]

13 Currency : [A\$ / specify other]

14 Denomination[s] : [Specify]

15 Maturity Date : [Specify]

16 Condition 6 (Fixed Rate Notes) : [Applicable / Not Applicable]

[If "Not Applicable", delete following Fixed Rate provisions]

Fixed Coupon Amount : [Specify]

Interest Rate : [Specify]

Interest Commencement Date : [Issue Date / specify]

Interest Payment Dates : [Specify]

Business Day Convention : [Following Business Day Convention / Preceding Business Day

Convention / No Adjustment / specify other]

Day Count Fraction : [RBA Bond Basis / specify other]

17 Condition 7 (Floating Rate Notes) : [Applicable / Not Applicable]

[If "Not Applicable", delete following Floating Rate provisions]

Interest Commencement Date : [Issue Date / specify]

Interest Rate : [Specify method of calculation]

Margin : [Specify (state if positive or negative)]

Interest Payment Dates : [Specify dates or the Specified Period]

Business Day Convention : [Floating Rate Convention / Following Business Day Convention /

Modified Following Business Day Convention / Preceding

Business Day Convention / No Adjustment / specify other]

Day Count Fraction : [Actual/365 (Fixed) / specify other]

Fallback Interest Rate : [Specify / Not Applicable]

Interest Rate Determination : [Screen Rate Determination / BBSW Rate Determination]

[If Screen Rate Determination applies, specify the following (otherwise delete provisions)]

Relevant Screen Page : [Specify]

Relevant Time : [Specify]

Reference Rate : [Specify]

Reference Banks : [Specify]

Interest Determination Date : [Specify]

[If BBSW Rate Determination applies, specify the following (otherwise delete provisions)]

BBSW Rate : [As per Condition 7.5 / specify any variation to the Conditions]

Maximum and Minimum Interest

Rate

[Not Applicable / specify]

Default Rate : [Specify (In the case of interest-bearing Notes, specify rate of

interest applying to overdue amounts (if different to usual Interest

Rate)]

Rounding : [As per Condition 8.6 / specify other]

Relevant Financial Centre : [Applicable / Not Applicable]

Linear Interpolation : [Applicable / Not Applicable]

[If applicable, provide details]

18 Condition 9.3 (Noteholder put) : [Not Applicable / Applicable, the Notes are redeemable before

their Maturity Date at the option of the Noteholders under

Condition 9.3]

[If "Not Applicable", delete following Noteholder put provisions]

Early Redemption Date(s) (Put) : [Specify]

Minimum / maximum notice period for exercise of Noteholder

put

[Specify]

Relevant conditions to exercise

of Noteholder put

[Specify]

Redemption Amount : [Specify]

19 Condition 9.3 (Issuer call) : [Not Applicable / Applicable, the Notes are redeemable before

their Maturity Date at the option of the Issuer]

[If "Not applicable", delete following Issuer call provisions]

Early Redemption Date(s) (Call) : [Specify]

Minimum / maximum notice period for exercise of Issuer call

[Specify]

Relevant conditions to exercise

of Issuer call

[Specify]

Redemption Amount : [Specify]

20 Minimum / maximum notice period for early redemption for taxation

purposes

[As per Condition 9.2 / specify]

21 Additional Conditions : [Specify any Conditions to be altered, varied, deleted otherwise

than as provided above and also any additional Conditions to be

included

22 Clearing System[s] : [Austraclear System / specify others]

23 ISIN : [Specify]

24 [Common Code] : [Specify (otherwise delete)]

25 [Selling Restrictions] : [Specify any variation to the selling restrictions set out in the

Information Memorandum]

26 Listing [Not Applicable / An application has been made for the Notes to be quoted on the Australian Securities Exchange / specify details of other listing or quotation on a relevant stock or securities exchange]

27 [Credit ratings]

> A credit rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold Notes and may be subject to revision, suspension or withdrawal

at any time by the assigning rating agency.

Credit ratings are for distribution only to a person who is (a) not a "retail client" within the meaning of section 761G of the Corporations Act and is also a sophisticated investor, professional investor or other investor in respect of whom disclosure is not required under Parts 6D.2 or 7.9 of the Corporations Act, and (b) otherwise permitted to receive credit ratings in accordance with applicable law in any jurisdiction in which the person may be located. Anyone who is not such a person is not entitled to receive this Pricing Supplement and anyone who receives this Pricing Supplement must not distribute

it to any person who is not entitled to receive it.]

28 [Use of proceeds] [Specify if materially different to that set out in the Information

Memorandum]

[[Specify]

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Pricing Supplement.

#### Confirmed

For and on behalf of

Verizon Communications Inc.

Ву:	
Date:	

# 8. Glossary

ABN	Australian Business Number.
AFSL	Australian financial services licence.
Agent	Each Registrar, Issuing and Paying Agent, Calculation Agent and any other person appointed by the Issuer to perform other agency functions with respect to any Tranche or Series of Notes (details of such appointment may be set out in the relevant Pricing Supplement).
Arranger	The person specified in section 1 ( <i>Program summary</i> ).
ASIC	Australian Securities and Investments Commission.
ASX	Australian Securities Exchange operated by ASX Limited (ABN 98 008 624 691).
Austraclear	Austraclear Ltd (ABN 94 002 060 773).
Austraclear System	The clearing and settlement system operated by Austraclear in Australia for holding securities and electronic recording and settling of transactions in those securities between participants of that system.
Calculation Agent	The person specified in section 1 ( <i>Program summary</i> ).
Clearing System	Austraclear System, Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other clearing and settlement system outside Australia specified in a relevant Pricing Supplement.
Clearstream, Luxembourg	The clearing and settlement system operated by Clearstream Banking S.A.
Conditions	The terms and conditions applicable to the Notes, as set out in section 6 ( <i>Conditions of the Notes</i> ), which may be supplemented, amended, modified or replaced by the Pricing Supplement applicable to those Notes.
Corporations Act	Corporations Act 2001 of Australia.
Dealer	Each person specified in section 1 ( <i>Program summary</i> ).
Dealer Agreement	Dealer Agreement dated 28 July 2017 entered into by, the Issuer and the Arrangers, as amended or supplemented from time to time.
Deed Poll	For any Notes, the deed poll executed by the Issuer and specified in an applicable Pricing Supplement. The Issuer has executed a Note Deed Poll dated 28 July 2017, which may be so specified.
Euroclear	The clearing and settlement system operated by Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V.
FATCA	Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Internal Revenue Code (or any amended or successor version of such sections).
Financial Instruments and Exchange Act	Financial Instruments and Exchange Act of Japan (Act No. 25 of 1948) (as amended).
GST	Goods and services or similar tax imposed in Australia.
Information Memorandum	This information memorandum, and any other document incorporated by reference in it, and any of them individually.
Internal Revenue Code	United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as amended).
IRS	United States Internal Revenue Service.
Issue Date	In respect of a Note, the date on which the Note is, or is to be, issued and as may be specified, or determined, in accordance with, the Pricing Supplement.
Issue Materials	For any Notes, the relevant Pricing Supplement and advertisement or other offering material issued by the Issuer in relation to those Notes.
Issue Price	The price as set out in the Pricing Supplement.
Issuer	Verizon Communications Inc.
Issuing and Paying Agent	The person specified in section 1 ( <i>Program summary</i> ).
	For a Note, each person whose name is entered in the Register as being the

Notes	Collectively, medium term notes and other debt securities issued by the Issuer under the Program (see the full definition set out in Condition 1.1 ("Definitions")).
Preparation Date	In relation to (1) this Information Memorandum, the date indicated on its face or, if this Information Memorandum has been amended or supplemented, the date indicated on the face of that amendment or supplement, (2) annual reports and any financial statements incorporated in this Information Memorandum, the date up to, or as at, the date on which such annual reports and financial statements relate, and (3) any other item of information which is to be read in conjunction with this Information Memorandum, the date indicated on its face as being its date of release or effectiveness.
Pricing Supplement	A pricing supplement and/or another supplement to this Information Memorandum to be issued for each Tranche or Series of Notes. The form of Pricing Supplement is set out in section 7 (Form of Pricing Supplement).
Program	The Issuer's A\$ Debt Issuance Program described in this Information Memorandum.
Program Participant	The Arranger, each Dealer and each Agent.
Program Participant Information	Information concerning the legal or marketing name, ABN, AFSL number, address, facsimile number, telephone number, email address and/or contact person for a Program Participant which is set out in section 1 ( <i>Program summary</i> ) or in the <i>Directory</i> section.
Program Participant Party	Each Program Participant and each of their respective affiliates, related entities, partners, directors, officers and employees.
Prospectus Directive	Directive 2003/71/EC (as amended, including by Directive 2010/73/EU), and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant EEA State.
Register	The register, including any branch register, of Noteholders established and maintained by the Issuer, or by a Registrar on its behalf.
Registrar	Each person specified in section 1 (Program Summary).
Regulation S	Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act.
Relevant EEA State	A Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive.
Relevant Implementation Date	For a Relevant EEA State, the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant EEA State.
SEC	United States Securities and Exchange Commission.
Securities and Futures Ordinance	Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong (as amended).
Securities and Futures Act	Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore (as amended).
Series	An issue of Notes made up of one or more Tranches all of which form a single Series and are issued on the same Conditions except that the Issue Price, Issue Date and first payment of interest may be different in respect of a different Tranche of a Series.
Tranche	An issue of Notes specified as such in the Pricing Supplement issued on the same Issue Date and on the same Conditions.
United States or U.S.	The United States of America and its territories and possessions.
U.S. Securities Act	United States Securities Act of 1933 (as amended).
U.S. Securities Exchange Act	United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (as amended).
U.S. person	As defined in Regulation S.

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