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On March 19, 2007, Barclays PLC issued the following press release.

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**BARCLAYS PLC**

**Barclays Confirms Exploratory Discussions With ABN AMRO**

Further to its announcement this morning, Barclays PLC ( Barclays ) confirms that it is in exclusive preliminary discussions with ABN AMRO Holding N.V. ( ABN AMRO ) concerning a potential combination of the two organisations which will create value for both sets of shareholders. These discussions are the result of careful consideration to create a highly complementary partnership. The talks are at an early and exploratory stage and there can be no certainty that they will lead to a transaction.

A further announcement will be made in due course.

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