

WESTPAC BANKING CORP
 Form 424B2
 July 24, 2012

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of Each Class of Securities Offered | Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price | Amount of Registration Fee(1)(2) |
|---|---|----------------------------------|
| 1.8000% Fixed Rate Notes due July 2017 | \$3,436,000.00 | \$398.92 |

(1) Calculated in accordance with Rule 457(r) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

(2) Paid herewith.

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Pricing Supplement No. 40 - Dated Monday, July 23, 2012 (To: Prospectus Dated May 10, 2012)

| CUSIP Number | Principal Amount | Selling Price | Gross Proceeds | Net Proceeds | Coupon Type | Rate | Coupon Frequency | Day Count Basis | Maturity Date | 1st Coupon Date | 1st Coupon Amount | Survivor s Option | FDIC Guaranteed |
|--------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|--------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 96121BBS5 | \$3,436,000.00 | 100.000% | \$3,393,056.00 | \$3,393,056.00 | Fixed | 1.800% | Monthly | 30/360 | 07/15/2017 | 08/15/2012 | \$0.95 | Yes | No |

Redemption Information: Non-Callable

Trade Date: Monday, July 23, 2012 @ 12:00 PM ET

Settle Date: Thursday, July 26, 2012

Minimum Denomination/Increments: \$1,000.00/\$1,000.00

Initial trades settle flat and clear SDFS: DTC Book Entry only

Westpac Banking Corporation

Joint Lead Managers and Lead Agents: BofA Merrill Lynch, Incapital LLC **Agents:** Citigroup, Deutsche Bank Securities,

Goldman, Sachs & Co., HSBC, J.P. Morgan, Morgan Stanley, UBS Investment Bank, Wells Fargo Advisors

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