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**CPPGROUP PLC  
Document available for inspection: Prospectus**

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UK Listing Authority  
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In connection with the Global Offer, the Banks and any of their affiliates, acting as investors for their own accounts, may subscribe for or purchase Ordinary Shares and in that capacity may retain, purchase, sell, offer to sell or otherwise deal for their own accounts in such Ordinary Shares and other securities of the Company or related investments in connection with the Global Offer or otherwise. Accordingly, references in the Prospectus, once published,

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In connection with the Global Offer, UBS, as stabilising manager, may for stabilisation purposes, over-allot Ordinary Shares up to a maximum of 10% of the total number of Ordinary Shares comprised in the Global Offer. For the purposes of allowing it to cover short positions resulting from any such over-allotments and/or from sales of Ordinary Shares effected by it during the stabilisation period, the stabilising manager has entered into over-allotment arrangements pursuant to which it may purchase or procure purchasers for additional Ordinary Shares up to a maximum of 10% of the total number of Ordinary Shares comprised in the Global Offer (the "Over-Allotment Shares") at the offer price. The over-allotment arrangements will be exercisable in whole or in part, upon notice by the stabilising manager, at any time on or before 16 April 2010. Any Over-Allotment Shares made available pursuant to the Global Offer will rank *pari passu* in all respects with any Ordinary Shares being sold in the Global Offer and will be purchased on the same terms and conditions as the other Ordinary Shares being issued or sold in the Global Offer and will form a single class for all purposes with the other Ordinary Shares.

In connection with the Global Offer, UBS, as stabilising manager, or any of its agents, may to the extent permitted by applicable law, over-allot Ordinary Shares or effect other transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the Ordinary Shares at a higher level than that which might otherwise prevail in the open market. The stabilising manager is not required to enter into such transactions and such transactions may be effected on any stock market, over-the-counter market, stock exchange or otherwise and may be undertaken at any time during the period commencing on the date of the commencement of conditional dealings of the Ordinary Shares on the London Stock Exchange and ending no later than 16 April 2010. However, there will be no obligation on the stabilising manager or any of its agents to effect stabilising transactions and there is no assurance that stabilising transactions will be undertaken. Such stabilising measures, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time without prior notice. In no event will measures be taken to stabilise the market price of the Ordinary Shares above the offer price. Save as required by law or regulation, neither the stabilising manager nor any of its agents intends to disclose the extent of any over-allotments made and/or stabilisation transactions conducted in relation to the Global Offer.