

Lloyds Banking Group plc  
Form 6-K  
February 26, 2009

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C.20549**

**FORM 6-K**

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**  
**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16**  
**of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

26 February 2009

**LLOYDS BANKING GROUP plc**  
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**5th Floor**  
**25 Gresham Street**  
**London**  
**EC2V 7HN**  
**United Kingdom**

(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports  
under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information  
contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the  
Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes .....No ..X..

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No. 1      Regulatory News Service Announcement, dated

re: Government Asset Protection Scheme

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**Government Asset protection Scheme**

Lloyds Banking Group  
notes today'  
s announcement  
by  
The  
Royal Bank of Scotland  
Group  
(RBS')  
and confirms that it is in discussions with HM

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reasury with regard to  
participating in the Government Asset Protection Scheme. These discussions are ongoing  
and no terms have been agreed. There can be no certainty that Lloyds' participation  
would  
be on the same terms as those announced by RBS.

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he Group aims to provide a further update to the market tomorrow morning  
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in conjunction with its 2008 preliminary results announcement.

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This announcement contains forward looking statements with respect to the business, strategy and plans of the Lloyds Banking Group, its current goals and expectations relating to its future financial condition and performance. By their nature, forward looking statements involve risk and uncertainty because they relate to events and depend on circumstances that will occur in the future. The Group's actual future results may differ materially from the results expressed or implied in these forward looking statements as a result of a variety of factors, including UK domestic and global economic and business conditions, the ability to derive cost savings and other benefits as well as to mitigate exposures from the acquisition and integration of HBOS, risks concerning borrower quality, market related trends and developments, changing demographic trends, changes in customer preferences, changes to regulation, the policies and actions of governmental and regulatory authorities in the UK or jurisdictions outside the UK, including other European countries and the US, exposure to regulatory scrutiny, legal proceedings or complaints, competition and other factors. Please refer to the latest Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the US Securities and Exchange Commission for a discussion of such factors. The forward looking statements contained in this announcement are made as at the date of this announcement, and the Group undertakes no obligation to update any of its forward looking statements.

**Signatures**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

LLOYDS BANKING GROUP plc  
(Registrant)

By: M D Oliver

Name: M D Oliver

Title: Director of Investor

Relations

Date: 26 February 2009