

## **RNS ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **iShares III Public Limited Company – DE for IE ISIN Exchanges and the Closure of the Global Bearer Certificate Programme in Germany for Some Sub Funds of the Company**

18 September 2014

Statement regarding German listing and settlement structure changes and the closure of the Global Bearer Certificate Programme affecting two sub funds of iShares III plc (the “Company”).

The Directors of the Company wish to announce German listing and settlement structure changes in respect of two sub funds currently listed on Deutsche Börse.

The intention is to alter the settlement structure of these sub funds such that each converts from a dual ISIN structure (with a DE ISIN and an IE ISIN) to a single ISIN structure with only an IE ISIN (and its equivalent Irish WKN). The DE ISIN and associated WKN (Germany) are to be removed.

Simultaneously with these changes, the Directors intend to seek the listing of the sub funds on Deutsche Börse under their IE ISINs, and to de-list the DE ISINs from trading on Deutsche Börse.

Details of these sub funds can be found in the table below.

<b>Sub funds</b>	<b>DE ISIN</b>	<b>WKN (Germany)</b>	<b>IE ISIN</b>	<b>WKN (Ireland)</b>
iShares MSCI Australia UCITS ETF	DE000A1C2Y78	A1C2Y7	IE00B5377D42	A0YJ80
iShares Core Euro Corporate Bond UCITS ETF	DE000A0RM454	A0RM45	IE00B3F81R35	A0RGEP

#### Corporate Event Details

These settlement structure changes require a corporate action to be carried out in the German market and its terms are as follows:

Event Summary: A one-for-one DE-for-IE ISIN exchange with a closure of the Global Bearer Certificate Programme in Germany; DE ISIN and WKN (Germany) removal

Event Detail: Shareholders holding German Global Bearer Certificates with a DE ISIN on the Record Date will receive shares with an Irish ISIN via Clearstream Banking AG, Frankfurt/Main on the Effective Date. These shares will be equal in number and will be of equal value to the German Global Bearer Certificates being exchanged.

Deutsche Börse & Trading: On the Effective Date, the IE ISIN and its equivalent WKN (Ireland) identifier will be admitted to Deutsche Börse for trading and the DE ISIN and its equivalent WKN (Germany) identifier will no longer be tradable. Exchange Codes at Deutsche Börse will not be changed, however these will be aligned to the sub-funds' IE ISIN and WKN (Ireland) identifiers.

Clearstream Banking AG & Settlement: On the Effective Date, the IE ISIN and its equivalent WKN (Ireland) identifier will be eligible for settlement in Germany.

Corporate Event Timetable

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date / Time (all times Dublin time)</b>
Last day of trading for DE ISIN and WKN (Germany) at Deutsche Börse	7 November 2014
Record Date	7 November 2014
Effective Date	10 November 2014
First day of trading for IE ISIN and WKN (Ireland) at Deutsche Börse	10 November 2014

The timing of these ISIN changes for individual holdings may vary depending upon service levels agreed between shareholders and their broker / custodian / other intermediary. Shareholders should contact their broker / custodian / other intermediary for further details.

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