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Dear Sir

CommBank PERLS VIII Capital Notes Offer – Communication to Eligible Securityholders

I attach an example of the brochure being distributed from today to those Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA) eligible securityholders who have elected to receive CBA communications by email.

Yours sincerely

Taryn Morton **Group Company Secretary**

COMMBANK PERLS VIII CAPITAL NOTES OFFER.

Invitation to register to receive a Prospectus

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CommBank PERLS VIII Capital Notes ("PERLS VIII") Offer – A new opportunity to invest in capital securities issued by CommBank.

How to obtain a Prospectus:

- Online: www.commsec.com.au
- By post: To receive a Prospectus together with a personalised Securityholder Application Form, call the PERLS VIII Information Line¹.

To apply for PERLS VIII:

- Apply online at www.commsec.com.au and follow the instructions in relation to payment of your Application Monies before the Closing Date, being 5pm (Sydney time) on 18 March 2016; or
- If you received a personalised Securityholder Application Form, complete and return the form along with your Application Monies to the Registry before the Closing Date, being 5pm (Sydney time) on 18 March 2016.

If you have been contacted by a Syndicate Broker about the Offer, you should contact your Syndicate Broker for information about how and when to lodge your Application Form. Generally, you will lodge your Application Form with your Syndicate Broker. PERLS VIII are subordinated, unsecured notes issued by CommBank through its New Zealand branch. PERLS VIII are scheduled to pay quarterly, floating rate, non-cumulative Distributions (subject to the distribution payment conditions being satisfied) which are expected to be fully franked. PERLS VIII are expected to be quoted on ASX. To apply, you should obtain a copy of the Prospectus.

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To learn more, visit www.commsec.com.au. You can also call the PERLS VIII Information Line on 1800 218 694 Monday to Friday 8:00am - 7:30pm (Sydney time) during the Offer Period.

CommBank has developed an interactive module on bank hybrid securities which may assist you to better understand bank hybrid securities, their features and risks. The module is available at www.commbank.com.au/ about-us/shareholders/securities/bank-hybrid-securities-basics.html

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^{1.} To help with the identification process when calling the PERLS VIII Information Line, please have your SRN/HIN available. Your SRN/HIN can be found on your latest CommBank dividend statement or other hybrid distribution statements.

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