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FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER

PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date: October 14, 2008

BARCLAYS PLC and BARCLAYS BANK PLC

(Registrant's Name)

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England

(Registrant's Address)

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Yes ☐

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Update on Capital, Dividend and Current Trading, dated October 13, 2008

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.

BARCLAYS PLC

By: /s/ Patrick Gonsalves
Name: Patrick Gonsalves
Title: Deputy Company Secretary

BARCLAYS BANK PLC

By: /s/ Patrick Gonsalves
Name: Patrick Gonsalves
Title: Joint Secretary

Date: October 14, 2008

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13 October 2008

BARCLAYS PLC

Update on capital, dividend and current trading

Following the announcement made by the UK Government on 8 October 2008 in relation to UK banking sector capital and funding, Barclays has been in detailed discussions with the UK Financial Services Authority (FSA) and HM Treasury.

Capital and dividend

Barclays is well capitalised, profitable and has access to the liquidity required to support its business. Taking into account the new higher capital targets which the FSA has set for all UK banks, the Board has determined that it will raise in excess of £6.5bn of Tier 1 Capital. This would result in a pro forma Tier 1 Capital ratio as at 30 June 2008 of over 11%.

Given the strength of Barclays well diversified business and the existing capital base, the Board expects that the additional capital will be raised from investors without calling on the Government funding which has been offered to UK Banks. Accordingly, a plan has been agreed with and approved by the FSA which envisages:

The issue of preference shares to raise c£3bn by 31 December 2008 as Barclays contribution to the commitment made by UK banks to increase Tier 1 capital by £25 billion in aggregate by year-end.

The issue of new ordinary shares to raise £0.6bn (\$1bn) as announced on 17 September as part of our announcement concerning the acquisition of Lehman Brothers North American investment banking and capital markets businesses (the Lehman Acquisition).

The issue of new ordinary shares to raise a further c£3bn as soon as practicable after the announcement of our full year 2008 results and our intention is that this should be before 31 March 2009. The offer of such shares will be structured so as to give existing shareholders full rights of participation.

Balance sheet management and operational efficiencies to release at least a further £1.5bn in equity resources.

As part of the above issuance of shares, Barclays has agreement in principle with an existing shareholder to contribute £1bn in new capital, to be allocated between the component parts listed above.

In the light of the new capital ratios agreed with the FSA and in recognition of the need to maximise capital resources in the current economic climate, the Board of Barclays has concluded that it would not be appropriate to recommend the payment of a final dividend for 2008. This dividend, amounting to c£2bn, would otherwise have been payable in April 2009. Our intention is to resume dividend payments in the second half of 2009.

The effect of the above is that more than £6.5bn is raised through capital issuance and at least a further £3.5bn through dividend and other actions.

In the event that any of the proposed capital issuances do not proceed, Barclays, along with the other UK banks, would be eligible to have access to the capital facilities announced by the UK Government on 8 October 2008. The terms of such facilities would be negotiated at the time and may be on terms less favourable than those made available today. The UK Government has also confirmed that Barclays is eligible to use the extended facilities with the Bank of England and the UK Government guarantee of term unsecured issuance which have been made available to UK Banks.

Current trading

We will provide our usual Interim Management Statement on 18 November 2008. When we announced the Lehman Acquisition on 17 September 2008, we commented that Barclays had traded satisfactorily during the months of July and August. In the month of September, profit before tax very significantly exceeded the monthly run rate for the first half of the year, with strong contributions from Global Retail and Commercial Banking and from Investment Banking and Investment Management, and strong inflows of new customers and customer deposits.

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