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Request for Information on the Valuation of Bradford & Bingley

The Chairman of the Bradford & Bingley Action Group, David Blundell, has written to Peter Clokey, the Independent Valuer, asking him to provide all the information to the Action Group and to all other investors that was available to him while making his assessment.

Transparency is critically important. Without that our complaint is that we are not in a position to assess whether the basis of the valuation is fair and to make representations on this matter.

We are particularly concerned that the valuation of the company as "in Administration" is prejudicial to the shareholders, and this seems to depend on two decisions taken by the valuer:

1. That the Special Liquidity Scheme (SLS) loans were not "ordinary market assistance", and hence had to be assumed to be immediately withdrawn, when more than 30 banks had used and continued to use that facility and it had in effect become a part of the normal operations of the Bank of England to maintain adequate market liquidity.
2. That the company would have been put into Administration by the board of directors if it had not been nationalised by the Government. This is contrary to the evidence given by the directors to the Treasury Select Committee.

Bradford & Bingley had completed a large rights issue only weeks before nationalisation, and claimed as a result to have a stronger balance sheet than most other banks. There seems to be no obvious reason why it was not eligible for further support under the SLS if necessary to meet short term liquidity requirements, as was made available to other banks.

We are also unable to judge the basis of the valuation without more details of the assumptions on asset value trends and asset disposals, mortgage default levels and the impact of Administration used in the valuation process.

With the valuer only allowing seven weeks in which representations can be made, this information is needed urgently to enable us to make adequate submissions.

David Blundell
Chairman

For more information:

Please refer to our web site at www.bbactiongroup.org for more background information or call David Blundell on 0113-281-3941 or Roger Lawson on 020-8467-2686 if you have some questions.

The independent valuer is Peter Clokey of PwC and his web site is at: www.bandbvaluer.org.uk .

Bradford & Bingley Plc was nationalised on the 29th September 2008 and the retail branch network and associated depositors' accounts were then immediately sold off to Santander. All shares held by the general public, which we believe includes more than 1 million individuals, were confiscated by the nationalisation and the company is now owned by the Government.

Please note that the Bradford & Bingley Shareholders Action Group has recently been established as an incorporated body (a company limited by guarantee) so that it is clearly separate from the UK Shareholders Association (UKSA) who assisted in the initial formation of this Group. A note to our supporters that explains that in more detail is also obtainable from the aforementioned web site.

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