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BARCLAYS PLC

Barclays completes acquisition of Akita

Barclays PLC ("Barclays") has completed the acquisition of PT Bank Akita ("Akita"), which was announced initially on 17 September 2008, following the approval of the Central Bank of Indonesia. As at 31 December 2008, Akita had total assets of £53.7 million.

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About Akita

PT Bank Akita, established in 1990 and based in Jakarta, holds a general banking license and focuses mainly on the small and medium-sized business

banking segments, offering transaction banking, lending and money transfer services. In addition to their head office premises in Jakarta, Akita has 4 branches (1 in Bandung, 1 in Surabaya and 2 in Jakarta), 4 sub-branches (3 in Jakarta and 1 in Surabaya) and 2 cash offices (both in Jakarta). Akita employs approximately 270 staff members.

In September 2008, Barclays announced that it had entered into an agreement to acquire 99% of PT Bank Akita.

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