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On Wednesday, April 18, 2007, the following was posted on Barclays Group  
Intranet site:

John Varley: Our discussions are progressing

Dear Colleague

I am very conscious that I have been silent for a while on the subject of our  
discussions with ABN Amro. I wanted to give you this update and also explain  
why I've not been writing as often as I would like. For legal and regulatory  
reasons I am severely limited in what I can share with you.

I know that you will have been reading all the coverage in the press, and you  
may have seen our announcement yesterday that we and ABN Amro have extended  
the exclusive conversations to the end of this week. I know that it is  
unsettling to have all this coverage about Barclays in the press - I feel it  
myself. But if you ask me 'is it worth it?', then my answer is a clear yes.  
Our discussions are progressing and if we are able to conclude, in due course,  
the right combination with ABN Amro then that would be a great outcome for the  
employees of Barclays, for our shareholders and for our customers and clients.  
That's why I want to do it. But as I have said to you before, were we to decide  
that we should not proceed then we have plenty of momentum of our own and plenty  
of opportunities. We are examining the ABN Amro combination from a position of  
strength, and that means if we choose to walk away, we can.

Thank you for being patient.

John

John Varley  
Group Chief Executive

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