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Preliminary Pricing Supplement No. 18 - Dated Monday, December 5, 2011 (To: Prospectus Dated November 16, 2011)

CUSIP	Principal	Gross	Net	Coupon	Coupon	Coupon	Day	Maturity	1st	1st	Survivor	FDIC	
Number	Amount	Selling Price	Concession	Proceeds	Type	Rate	Frequency	Basis	Date	Date	Amount	Option	Guarante
96121BAT4	\$ 100.000%	1.250%	\$	Fixed	2.500%	Monthly	30/360	12/15/2016	01/15/2012	\$2.08	Yes	No	

Redemption Information: Non-Callable

Trade Date: Monday, December 12, 2011 @ 12:00 PM ET

Westpac Banking Corporation

Settle Date: Thursday, December 15, 2011

Prospectus dated November 16, 2011

Minimum Denomination/Increments:\$1,000.00/\$1,000.00

Initial trades settle flat and clear SDFS: DTC Book Entry only

Westpac Banking Corporation

Joint Lead Managers and Lead Agents: BofA Merrill Lynch, Incapital LLC **Agents:** Citigroup, Deutsche Bank Securities,

Goldman, Sachs & Co., HSBC, J.P. Morgan, Morgan Stanley, UBS Investment Bank, Wells Fargo Advisors

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