

**EXECUTION VERSION**

**DEED OF COVENANT**

**DATED 29 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**SPAREBANKEN SØR**

**€3,000,000,000**

**EURO MEDIUM TERM NOTE PROGRAMME**

**THIS DEED OF COVENANT** is made on 29 September 2023 by Sparebanken Sør (the **Issuer**) in favour of the account holders or participants specified below of Clearstream Banking S.A. (**Clearstream, Luxembourg**), Euroclear Bank SA/NV (**Euroclear**) and/or any other additional clearing system or systems as is specified in Part B of the Final Terms relating to any Note (other than VPS Notes (as defined in the Programme Agreement)) (as defined below) (each a **Clearing System**).

**WHEREAS:**

- (A) The Issuer has entered into an Amended and Restated Programme Agreement (the **Programme Agreement**, which expression includes the same as it may be amended, supplemented, novated or restated from time to time) dated 29 September 2023 with the Dealers named in it under which the Issuer proposes from time to time to issue Notes (the **Notes**).
- (B) The Issuer has also entered into an Amended and Restated Agency Agreement (the **Agency Agreement**, which expression includes the same as it may be amended, supplemented, novated or restated from time to time) dated 29 September 2023 between, amongst others, the Issuer and Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch (the **Agent**).
- (C) The Notes (other than VPS Notes (as defined in the Programme Agreement)) will initially be represented by, and comprised in, Global Notes (as defined in the Agency Agreement), in each case representing a certain number of underlying Notes (the **Underlying Notes**).
- (D) Each Global Note may, after issue, be deposited with a depository for one or more Clearing Systems (together, the **Relevant Clearing System**). Upon any deposit of a Global Note the Underlying Notes represented by the Global Note will be credited to a securities account or securities accounts with the Relevant Clearing System. Any account holder with the Relevant Clearing System which has Underlying Notes credited to its securities account from time to time (each a **Relevant Account Holder**) will, subject to and in accordance with the terms and conditions and operating procedures or management regulations of the Relevant Clearing System, be entitled to transfer the Underlying Notes and (subject to and upon payment being made by the Issuer to the bearer in accordance with the terms of the relevant Global Note) will be entitled to receive payments from the Relevant Clearing System calculated by reference to the Underlying Notes credited to its securities account.
- (E) In certain circumstances specified in each Global Note, a Global Note will become void. The time at which a Global Note becomes void is referred to as the **Relevant Time**. In those circumstances, each Relevant Account Holder will, subject to and in accordance with the terms of this Deed, acquire against the Issuer all those rights which the Relevant Account Holder would have had if, prior to the Global Note becoming void, duly executed and authenticated Definitive Notes had been issued in respect of its Underlying Notes and the Definitive Notes were held and beneficially owned by the Relevant Account Holder.

**NOW THIS DEED WITNESSES** as follows:

1. If any Global Note becomes void in accordance with its terms the Issuer covenants with each Relevant Account Holder (other than any Relevant Clearing System which is an account holder of any other Relevant Clearing System) that each Relevant Account Holder shall automatically acquire at the Relevant Time, without the need for any further action on behalf of any person, against the Issuer all those rights which the Relevant Account Holder would have had if at the Relevant Time it held and beneficially owned executed and authenticated Definitive Notes in respect of each Underlying Note represented by the Global Note which the Relevant Account Holder has credited to its securities account with the Relevant Clearing System at the Relevant Time.

The Issuer's obligation under this clause shall be a separate and independent obligation by reference to each Underlying Note which a Relevant Account Holder has credited to its securities account with

the Relevant Clearing System and the Issuer agrees that a Relevant Account Holder may assign its rights under this Deed in whole or in part.

2. The records of the Relevant Clearing System shall be conclusive evidence of the identity of the Relevant Account Holders and the number of Underlying Notes credited to the securities account of each Relevant Account Holder. For these purposes a statement issued by the Relevant Clearing System stating:

- (a) the name of the Relevant Account Holder to which the statement is issued; and
- (b) the aggregate nominal amount of Underlying Notes credited to the securities account of the Relevant Account Holder as at the opening of business on the first day following the Relevant Time on which the Relevant Clearing System is open for business,

shall be conclusive evidence of the records of the Relevant Clearing System at the Relevant Time.

3. In the event of a dispute, the determination of the Relevant Time by the Relevant Clearing System shall (in the absence of manifest error) be final and conclusive for all purposes in connection with the Relevant Account Holders with securities accounts with the Relevant Clearing System.

4. The Issuer undertakes in favour of each Relevant Account Holder that, in relation to any payment to be made by it under this Deed, it will comply with the provisions of Condition 8 to the extent that they apply to any payments in respect of Underlying Notes as if those provisions had been set out in full in this Deed.

5. The Issuer will pay any stamp and other duties and taxes, including interest and penalties, payable on or in connection with the execution of this Deed and any action taken by any Relevant Account Holder to enforce the provisions of this Deed.

6. The Issuer represents, warrants and undertakes with each Relevant Account Holder that it has all corporate power, and has taken all necessary corporate or other steps, to enable it to execute, deliver and perform this Deed, and that this Deed constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Issuer enforceable in accordance with its terms subject to the laws of bankruptcy and other laws affecting the rights of creditors generally.

7. This Deed shall take effect as a Deed Poll for the benefit of the Relevant Account Holders from time to time. This Deed shall be deposited with and held by the common depositary or common safekeeper, as the case may be, for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (being, at the date of this Deed, Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch at Winchester House, 1 Great Winchester Street, London EC2N 2DB) until all the obligations of the Issuer under this Deed have been discharged in full.

8. The Issuer acknowledges the right of every Relevant Account Holder to the production of, and the right of every Relevant Account Holder to obtain (upon payment of a reasonable charge) a copy of, this Deed, and further acknowledges and covenants that the obligations binding upon it contained in this Deed are owed to, and shall be for the account of, each and every Relevant Account Holder, and that each Relevant Account Holder shall be entitled severally to enforce those obligations against the Issuer.

9. This Deed and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with it are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, the laws of England.

Subject as provided below, the English courts have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute arising out of or in connection with this Deed, including any dispute as to its existence, validity, interpretation, performance, breach or termination or the consequences of its nullity and any dispute relating to any

non contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with this Deed (a **Dispute**) and all Disputes will be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

For the purposes of this clause 9, each of the Issuer and any Relevant Account Holder taking proceedings in relation to any Dispute waives any objection to the English courts on the grounds that they are an inconvenient or inappropriate forum to settle any Dispute. This paragraph is for the benefit of the Relevant Account Holders only. To the extent allowed by law, the Relevant Account Holders may, in respect of any Dispute or Disputes, take (i) proceedings in any other court with jurisdiction; and (ii) concurrent proceedings in any number of jurisdictions.

The Issuer irrevocably appoints Law Debenture Corporate Services Limited at its registered office at Fifth Floor, 100 Wood Street, London, EC2V 7EX, United Kingdom as its agent for service of process in any proceedings before the English courts in relation to any Dispute, and agrees that, in the event of Law Debenture Corporate Services Limited being unable or unwilling for any reason to act or ceasing to be registered in England, it will immediately appoint another person as its agent for service of process in England in respect of any Dispute. Nothing in this clause shall affect the right to serve process in any other manner permitted by law.

- Condition 19 (*Contractual Recognition of Norwegian Statutory Loss Absorption Powers*) and the associated definitions shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to any liabilities of the Issuer to a Relevant Account Holder arising hereunder and Condition 19 (*Contractual Recognition of Norwegian Statutory Loss Absorption Powers*) shall be construed accordingly.

**IN WITNESS** whereof the Issuer has caused this Deed to be duly executed the day and year first above mentioned.

Executed as a deed )  
by **Sparebanken Sør** )  
acting by )  
acting on the authority )  
of that company )  
in the presence of: )

Marianne Lotthus  
MARIANNE LOTTHUS

Witness:

Steinar Vigsmes  
STEINAR VIGSMES

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