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Preliminary Pricing Supplement No. 45 - Dated Monday, August 20, 2012 (To: Prospectus Dated May 10, 2012)

| CUSIP Number | Principal Amount | Selling Price | Gross Concessions | Net Proceeds | Coupon Type | Coupon Rate | Coupon Frequency | Day Count Basis | Maturity Date | 1st Coupon Date | 1st Coupon Amount | Survivor s Option | FDIC Guaranteed | Pro |
|--------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 96121BBX4 | \$ 100.000% | | 1.250% | \$ | Fixed | 1.700% | Monthly | 30/360 | 08/15/2017 | 09/15/2012 | \$0.71 | Yes | No | Se Unse N |

Redemption Information: Non-Callable

Trade Date: Monday, August 27, 2012 @ 12:00 PM ET

Westpac B
 Corp

Settle Date: Thursday, August 30, 2012

Prospectus date
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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 Securities,

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

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