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Royal Visit - Thursday 13 December 2012

Her Majesty The Queen, accompanied by His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, will visit the Bank of England on Thursday 13 December.

The Queen and The Duke will be greeted on arrival by the Governor, Sir Mervyn King, and the Lord Mayor of the City of London, Alderman Roger Gifford, before proceeding on a tour of the Bank where they will have the opportunity to meet and speak to staff members drawn from across the organisation. During their visit they will be accompanied by two of the Bank's Heads of Division, Victoria Cleland and Gareth Ramsay. The Queen and The Duke will be invited to sign an unissued £1 million banknote to record their visit, a tradition that dates back to the early part of the 19th century. The signed note is placed in the Distinguished Visitors Book.

Notes to Editors

A Royal Rota media facility will cover the visit. For further details contact the Buckingham Palace Press Office – laura.king@royal.gov.uk or 020 7024 4353.

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The Queen first visited the Bank in November 1937, when she accompanied HM Queen Mary. Since then The Queen has returned on seven occasions, including in 1988 to open the Bank's museum and in 1994, the 300th anniversary of the institution. The Queen last visited the Bank on 18 November 1998. They were received by the then Governor, Sir Edward George.