

BARCLAYS BANK PLC /ENG/
Form 6-K
May 15, 2009

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549**

FORM 6-K

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-16 OR 15D-16
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

May, 2009

**Barclays PLC and
Barclays Bank PLC
(Names of Registrants)**

**1 Churchill Place
London E14 5HP
England
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports
under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.**

Form 20-F x Form 40-F

**Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information
contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the
Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.**

Yes No x

**If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant
in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b):**

**This Report is a joint Report on Form 6-K filed by Barclays PLC and Barclays
Bank PLC. All of the issued ordinary share capital of Barclays Bank PLC is
owned by Barclays PLC.**

This Report comprises:

**Information given to The London Stock Exchange and furnished pursuant to
General Instruction B to the General Instructions to Form 6-K.**

EXHIBIT INDEX

Statement re Press Comment

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each of the registrants has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

BARCLAYS PLC
(Registrant)

Date: May 15, 2009

By: /s/ Patrick Gonsalves

Patrick Gonsalves
Deputy Secretary

BARCLAYS BANK PLC
(Registrant)

Date: May 15, 2009

By: /s/ Patrick Gonsalves

Patrick Gonsalves
Joint Secretary

BARCLAYS PLC

15 May 2009

Barclays notes press speculation about a possible sale of BGI

On 9th April 2009, Barclays announced the sale of its iShares business ("iShares") to a new limited partnership established by CVC Capital Partners Group SICAV-FIS S.A. for a total consideration of approximately US\$4.4 billion (£3.0 billion).

Under the transaction agreement, Barclays may solicit proposals for iShares from third parties for at least 45 business days from 15th April 2009. Barclays has received a number of expressions of interest, including unsolicited interest in the broader BGI business. There can be no certainty that any of these approaches will result in a different transaction. Barclays will update the market further upon the conclusion of the go-shop process.

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About Barclays

Barclays is a major global financial services provider engaged in retail and commercial banking, credit cards, investment banking, wealth management and investment management services with an extensive international presence in Europe, the United States, Africa and Asia. With over 300 years of history and expertise in banking, Barclays operates in over 50 countries and employs 156,000 people. Barclays moves, lends, invests and

protects money for 48 million customers and clients worldwide. For further information about Barclays, please visit our website www.barclays.com

Forward-looking Statements

This announcement contains (or may contain) certain forward-looking statements with respect to certain of Barclays plans and its current goals and expectations relating to its future financial condition and performance and which involve a number of risks and uncertainties. Barclays cautions readers that no forward-looking statement is a guarantee of future performance and that actual results could differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate only to historical or current facts. Forward-looking statements sometimes use words such as 'will', 'would', 'could', 'aim', 'anticipate', 'target', 'expect', 'envisage', 'estimate', 'intend', 'intention', 'plan', 'goal', 'believe', or other words of similar meaning. Examples of forward-looking statements include, among others, statements regarding Barclays future financial position, income growth, profit before tax, impairment charges, business strategy, projected levels of growth in the banking and financial markets, projected costs, estimates of capital expenditure, expected capital ratios, plans with respect to dividend payments, and plans and objectives for future operations of Barclays and other statements that are not historical fact.

By their nature, forward-looking statements involve risk and uncertainty because they relate to future events and circumstances, including, but not limited to, UK domestic and global economic and business conditions, the effects of continued volatility in credit markets, liquidity conditions in the market, market-related risks such as changes in interest rates and exchange rates, the policies and actions of governmental and regulatory authorities, changes in legislation, the further development of standards and interpretations under International Financial Reporting Standards ('IFRS') applicable to past, current and future periods, evolving practices with regard to the interpretation and application of standards under IFRS, the outcome of pending and future litigation, the success of future acquisitions and other strategic transactions and the impact of competition, a number of which factors are beyond Barclays control. As a result, Barclays actual future results may differ materially from the plans, goals, and expectations set forth in Barclays forward-looking statements. Any forward-looking statements made herein by or on behalf of Barclays speak only as of the date they are made. Except as required by the FSA, the London Stock Exchange or applicable law, Barclays expressly disclaims any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statements contained in this announcement to reflect any changes in Barclays expectations with regard thereto or any changes in events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statement is based.