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PRESS NOTICE

REDEMPTION OF 4% CONSOLIDATED LOAN

The government has today announced that 4% Consolidated Loan will be redeemed in its entirety at par on its next coupon payment date, 1 February 2015.

Under the terms of its Prospectus dated 29 December 1926, 4% Consolidated Loan can be redeemed on any coupon date (either 1 February or 1 August) on or after 1 February 1957, subject to the government giving three months' notice in the London Gazette. A formal notice to this effect will be published in the London Gazette today.

Redemption monies (and the final interest payment) will be payable on 1 February 2015 to, or in accordance with the instructions of, the persons registered as holders on 22 January 2015.

4% Consolidated Loan has £218.4 million (nominal) in issue¹ and is one of eight outstanding undated gilts remaining in the gilt portfolio which together comprise 0.2% of the gilt portfolio. It is also one of seven 'rump' gilts, whose size is deemed by the DMO to be so small that Gilt-edged Market Makers (GEMMs) are not required to make a market in it, and the DMO acts as buyer of last resort, for holders wishing to sell.

NOTES TO EDITORS

4% Consolidated Loan was issued initially by conversion from 5% Treasury Bonds 1927, 5% National War Bonds 1927 and 4% National War Bonds 1927 in 1927. The government has held an option to redeem the bond since 1 February 1957.

¹ Of which, government holdings are currently £11.1 million (nominal).

The table below lists all the current undated gilts. All of these gilts, except 3½% War Loan, are rump gilts.

Undated gilts	£ million (nominal)
4% Consolidated Loan	218.4
3½% War Loan	1,938.6
3½% Conversion Loan	15.6
3% Treasury Stock	34.6
2¾% Annuities	0.7
2½% Treasury Stock	220.9
2½% Consolidated Stock	162.1
2½% Annuities	0.9

The redemption of 4% Consolidated Loan will increase the redemption total for 2014-15 accordingly and be factored into the DMO's financing remit at Autumn Statement on 3 December 2014, and be financed as part of the DMO's overall debt sales programme in 2014-15.

This press notice will be appearing on the DMO's website at: www.dmo.gov.uk

HM Treasury has also issued a press notice regarding the redemption of 4% Consolidated Loan, available at www.gov.uk/hm-treasury