PRESS NOTICE

GILT AUCTIONS: JULY-SEPTEMBER 2005

In the second quarter of the 2005-06 financial year, the UK Debt Management Office ("DMO") plans to hold six outright auctions of gilts, as set out below.

Outright auctions

- Thursday 14 July 2005: 4¼% Treasury Gilt 2055
- Tuesday 26 July 2005: 2½% Index-linked Treasury Stock 2020
- Tuesday 2 August 2005: 4% Treasury Stock 2009
- Tuesday 6 September 2005: 4¼% Treasury Stock 2036
- Tuesday 27 September 2005: 4¾% Treasury Stock 2020

Auction pre-announcements

The nominal amounts to be auctioned outright and the other terms of each auction will be announced at 3.30pm on the following dates:

- Tuesday 5 July 2005 for the auction on 14 July
- Tuesday 19 July 2005 for the auction on 26 July.
- Tuesday 26 July 2005 for the auction on 2 August.
- Tuesday 30 August 2005 for the auction on 6 September.
• Tuesday 13 September 2005 for the auction on 22 September. The coupon on the new index-linked gilt maturing on 22 November 2055 will also be announced on this date.
• Tuesday 20 September for the auction on 27 September.

NOTES TO EDITORS

Gilt sales of £51.1 billion (cash) in 25 auctions are planned in the DMO remit for 2005-06, split as follows:

• Short conventionals: £12.1 billion in 4 auctions.
• Medium conventionals: £11.1 billion in 4 auctions.
• Long conventionals: £17.9 billion in 7 auctions.
• Index-linked gilts: £10.0 billion in 10 auctions.

Seven gilt auctions were held in the first quarter of 2005-06, together raising £14.0 billion (cash). Progress against the remit to end-June 2005 is shown in the table below.

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<td>Shorts (1-7 yrs)</td>
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<td>Outright auction sales</td>
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