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## **PRESS NOTICE**

### **GILT-EDGED CONVERSION: FROM 11¾% TREASURY STOCK 2003-2007 INTO 6½% TREASURY STOCK 2003**

The final figures for the above conversion offer are that acceptances were received for 92.6% (£2,916,495,454.28) of the £3,150 million of 11¾% Treasury Stock 2003-2007 outstanding prior to the offer. The nominal amount of this stock outstanding following the conversion is £233,504,545.72 of which approximately £21 million is held in official portfolios.

The nominal amount of 6½% Treasury Stock 2003 outstanding prior to the conversion was £2,000 million; the nominal amount outstanding following the conversion is £5,445,839,378.59.

11¾% Treasury Stock 2003-2007 has been added to the list of stocks for which the Debt Management Office ("DMO") will make a bid on request from a Gilt-Edged Market Maker ("GEMM").

A daily price for this stock will continue to be made available on the DMO's wire services pages and this will also be provided to the Stock Exchange for onward transmission to the press.

#### **NOTE TO EDITORS**

This Notice gives details of the final amount of 11¾% Treasury Stock 2003-2007 converted into 6½% Treasury Stock 2003 as a result of the gilt-edged conversion offer, the terms of which were announced on 22 June 1998.

Provisional figures on the amount of 11¾% Treasury Stock 2003-2007 to be converted into 6½% Treasury Stock 2003 were announced on 13 July 1998.

The Operational Notice issued by the Bank of England in July 1997 states (in paragraph 50) that the Bank, and now the DMO, is prepared, when asked by a GEMM, to bid a price of its own choosing for stock where the amount in issue is too small for a two-way market to be expected to exist (eg the rumps of certain stocks which have previously been subject to conversion offers).