

PRESS NOTICE

FORTHCOMING SALE BY SYNDICATED OFFERING IN THE WEEK COMMENCING 25 JANUARY 2010 OF AN INDEX-LINKED GILT MATURING IN THE 30-YEAR AREA

The United Kingdom Debt Management Office ("the DMO") announces that it expects that the next syndicated gilt offering, of an index-linked gilt maturing in the 30-year area, will be conducted in the week commencing 25 January 2010 (subject to market and demand conditions).

Further details about the offering, including the appointment of the Lead Managers and Co-Lead Managers and more details about the gilt to be sold will be announced in due course.

NOTES TO EDITORS

The DMO financing remit for 2009-10 published alongside Budget 2009 on 22 April, included the provision for a programme of up to 8 syndicated offerings to be held in 2009-10 to raise £25.0 billion (through sales of long-dated and index-linked gilts) as part of an overall gilt sales target of £220.0 billion.

At the Pre-Budget Report (PBR) on 9 December 2009 the DMO's financing remit for 2009-10 was revised with total planned gilt sales rising by £5.1 billion to £225.1 billion. The remit revision included a £5.0 billion increase in the planning assumption of proceeds from syndications, to £30.0 billion; it was also announced that up to two syndications will be held in the final quarter of 2009-10.

Four syndicated offerings have been held to date, two of new conventional gilts (maturing in 2034 and 2060) and two of new index-linked gilts (maturing in 2042 and 2050). Proceeds from the syndication programme to-date are £23.1 billion.

On 18 December 2009 the DMO announced plans to hold up to two syndicated offerings in the January-March 2010 period:

- Second half of January: an index-linked gilt maturing in the 30-year area.
- A decision to proceed with any second offering would be taken after the first offering.

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