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29 December 2009

PRESS NOTICE

AUCTION OF BRITISH GOVERNMENT STOCK

Auction Details

Auction Date	Wednesday, 6 January 2010
Issue and Settlement Date	Thursday, 7 January 2010
Bidding Convention	Fully paid Bid Price (see Note 1)
Accrued Interest payable with bid	£0.478261 per £100 nominal
Auction Close	10:30am London Time

Details of Security

Title	2¾% Treasury Gilt 2015
Amount (nominal) for auction	£4,000 million (fungible with previous issues) (see Note 4)
Nominal outstanding after auction	£14,661 million
Maturity Date	22 January 2015 at par
Interest Dates	22 January – 22 July
Parent ISIN Code	GB00B4LFZR36
Parent SEDOL Code	B-4LF-ZR3
Strippable	No (see Note 2)
Interest Payable	Gross (see Note 3)
Next Interest Date	22 January 2010 - £0.590353 per £100 nominal (Short First Coupon)

“When Issued” Trading

under London Stock Exchange Rule 1530

Commences	3:30pm London Time: 29 December 2009
Closes	Close of business: 6 January 2010
“When issued” ISIN Code	GB00B585KL20
“When issued” SEDOL Code	B-585-KL2
TIDM (for trade reporting)	AUC

Note 1: Bids may be made on either a competitive or a non-competitive basis. Details of the bidding procedures are set out in the prospectus and in the Information Memorandum. Gilt-edged Market Makers may bid by means of the Bloomberg Bond Auction System to the DMO not later than 10.30 am on Wednesday, 6 January 2010.

Note 2: The Gilt may not be stripped and reconstituted until so specified in a notice issued by the DMO.



Note 3: Holders may elect to have United Kingdom income tax deducted from interest payments, should they so wish, on application to the Registrar, Computershare Investor Services PLC.

Note 4: Subject to the provisions of the Information Memorandum, this auction will be eligible for the Post Auction Option Facility of an additional amount of the Gilt equivalent to 10% of the nominal amount of the Gilt allocated at the auction. Details of the Post Auction Option Facility procedures are set out in the Information Memorandum.

Documentation

Prospectus DMO : 29 December 2009	http://www.dmo.gov.uk/documentview.aspx?docName=/gilts/public/prospectus/prosp291209.pdf
Information Memorandum relating to the Issue, Stripping and Reconstitution of British Government Stock DMO : May 2009	www.dmo.gov.uk/documentview.aspx?docname=publications/operationalrules/infmem220509.pdf
Formulae for Calculating Gilt Prices from Yields DMO : 16 March 2005	www.dmo.gov.uk/documentview.aspx?docname=/giltsmarket/formulae/yld eqns.pdf

Applications from Members of the Approved Group of Investors

Application forms from Approved Group members must be sent to Computershare Investor Services PLC, who are acting on behalf of the DMO, at the following address: PO Box 2411, The Pavilions, Bristol, BS99 6WX to arrive not later than 10.00 am on Wednesday, 6 January 2010. They may also be lodged by hand at the DMO, Eastcheap Court, 11 Philpot Lane, London, EC3M 8UD not later than 10.00 am on Wednesday, 6 January 2010.

The amount payable on application in the case of a non-competitive bid made by a member of the Approved Group is £100.50 per £100 nominal of the Gilt.

Remit 2009-10

Gilt sales of £225.1 billion (cash) are planned in 2009-10 and progress against the remit is summarised in the table below (which may not include the amount of gilts issued under the Post Auction Option Facility for the most recent auction, if any).

Gilt sales v remit 18 December 2009 (£ millions)					
	Conventional Gilts			Index-linked	Total
	Short	Medium	Long	gilts	
Total gilt sales to-date	62,410	54,343	39,829	22,788	179,371
Planned sales at auctions	74,200	70,100	27,500	12,300	184,100
1. Sales at auctions	62,410	54,343	21,309	10,414	148,477
Remaining auction sales	11,790	15,757	6,191	1,886	35,623
Auctions remaining	3	5	3	2	13
2. Sales by syndication	0	0	13,558	9,531	23,089
3. Sales by tender	0	0	4,963	2,843	7,806
Total supplementary sales					30,894
Remaining supplementary sales					10,106
Total planned sales					225,100

