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PROSPECTUS



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INTEREST PAYABLE HALF-YEARLY ON 7 MARCH AND 7 SEPTEMBER

PAYABLE IN FULL WITH APPLICATION

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| | With a competitive bid: | Price bid (in accordance with paragraph 10) |
| With a non-competitive bid by a gilt-edged market maker: | | Non-competitive sale price (in accordance with paragraph 10) |
| With a non-competitive bid by any other applicant: | | £103.50 per £100 nominal of stock |

Application has been made to the UK Listing Authority for the stock to be admitted to the Official List on 29 March 2005. Application has also been made to the London Stock Exchange for the stock to be traded on the Main Market.

Auction of Stock

1. THE UNITED KINGDOM DEBT MANAGEMENT OFFICE ("DMO") invites bids for the above stock.

General

2. This prospectus is issued under the arrangements described in the Information Memorandum relating to the Issue, Stripping and Reconstitution of British Government Stock published by the DMO dated December 2004 (the "Information Memorandum"). The terms of the Information Memorandum apply to the above stock and to the auction described in this prospectus except where expressly varied.

Maturity

3. The stock will be repaid at par on 7 March 2020.

Interest

4. Interest will be payable half-yearly on 7 March and 7 September. Interest on the stock will accrue from 29 March 2005, the issue date of the stock, and the first interest payment will be due on 7 September 2005 at the rate of £2.091033 per £100 nominal of stock.

FOTRA exemptions

5. The stock and the interest payable on it will benefit from the exemptions from United Kingdom taxation in favour of non-resident holders described in paragraph 75 of the Information Memorandum.

Gross payment of interest

6. Interest will be paid without deduction of income tax. However, stockholders may elect to have UK income tax deducted from interest payments on application to the Registrar, Computershare Investor Services PLC.

Stripping

7. The stock may not be stripped and reconstituted until so specified in a notice issued by the DMO.

Methods of application

8. Bids may be made on either a competitive or non-competitive basis in accordance with paragraphs 58 to 69 of the Information Memorandum.

Non-competitive bids: amount payable on application

9. The amount payable on application in the case of a non-competitive bid (except in the case of a non-competitive bid made by a gilt-edged market maker ("GEMM")) is £103.50 per £100 nominal of stock.

Settlement of competitive bids and GEMMs' non-competitive bids

10. For those competitive bids which are accepted and those non-competitive bids from GEMMs which are accepted, settlement must be effected in accordance with paragraphs 60(iii) and 62(v) of the Information Memorandum. For these purposes, the latest time and date for CHAPS payments to be sent to the Bank of England is **1.30 PM ON TUESDAY, 29 MARCH 2005**.

Latest times for receipt of applications

11. Application forms from Approved Group members must be sent to Computershare Investor Services PLC, PO Box 2411, The Pavilions, Bristol, BS3 9WX, who are acting on behalf of the DMO, to arrive not later than **10.00 AM ON THURSDAY, 24 MARCH 2005**; or lodged by hand at the DMO, Eastcheap Court, 11 Philpot Lane, London, EC3M 8UD not later than **10.00 AM ON THURSDAY, 24 MARCH 2005**. GEMMs may bid by telephone to the DMO not later than **10.30 AM ON THURSDAY, 24 MARCH 2005**.

Bids irrevocable

12. Bids will not be revocable between 10.30 am on Thursday, 24 March 2005 and 10.00 am on Thursday, 31 March 2005.

United Kingdom Debt Management Office

LONDON

15 March 2005