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**PROSPECTUS**



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INTEREST PAYABLE HALF-YEARLY ON 7 MARCH AND 7 SEPTEMBER

## PAYABLE IN FULL WITH APPLICATION

	<b>With a competitive bid:</b>	<b>Price bid (in accordance with paragraph 10)</b>
<b>With a non-competitive bid by a Gilt-edged Market Maker:</b>		<b>Non-competitive sale price (in accordance with paragraph 10)</b>
<b>With a non-competitive bid by any other applicant:</b>		<b>£108 per £100 nominal of the Gilt</b>

Application has been made to the UK Listing Authority for the Gilt to be admitted to the Official List on 5 March 2009.

Application has also been made to the London Stock Exchange for the Gilt to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market.

### Auction of the Gilt

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

### 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 August 2007 (the "Information Memorandum"). The terms of the Information Memorandum apply to the above Gilt and to the auction described in this prospectus except where expressly varied.

### Maturity

3. The Gilt will be repaid at par on 7 September 2039.

### Interest

4. Interest on 4¼% Treasury Gilt 2039 will be payable half-yearly on 7 March and 7 September. Interest on the Gilt will accrue from 5 March 2009, the issue date of the Gilt, and the first interest payment will be due on 7 September 2009 at the rate of £2.148481 per £100 nominal of the Gilt.

### FOTRA exemptions

5. 4¼% Treasury Gilt 2039 will be first issued on 5 March 2009 and, consequently, the Gilt and the interest payable on it will benefit from the exemptions from United Kingdom taxation in favour of non-resident holders described in paragraph 96 of the Information Memorandum.

### Gross payment of interest

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

## **Stripping**

7. The Gilt 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 72 to 85 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 £108 per £100 nominal of the Gilt.

## **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 76(iii) and 78(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 THURSDAY, 5 MARCH 2009**.

## **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, BS99 6WX, who are acting on behalf of the DMO, to arrive not later than **10.00 AM ON WEDNESDAY, 4 MARCH 2009**; or lodged by hand at the DMO, Eastcheap Court, 11 Philpot Lane, London, EC3M 8UD not later than **10.00 AM ON WEDNESDAY, 4 MARCH 2009**. GEMMs may bid by means of the Bloomberg Bond Auction System to the DMO not later than **10.30 AM ON WEDNESDAY, 4 MARCH 2009**.

## **Bids irrevocable**

12. Bids will not be revocable between 10.30 am on Wednesday, 4 March 2009 and 10.00 am on Monday, 9 March 2009.

*United Kingdom* **Debt Management Office**

**LONDON**

24 February 2009