

## **PRESS NOTICE**

### **AUCTION OF BRITISH GOVERNMENT STOCK**

#### **Auction Details**

Auction Date	Thursday, 18 March 2010
Issue and Settlement Date	Friday, 19 March 2010
Bidding Convention	Fully paid Bid Price (see Note 1)
Accrued Interest payable with bid	£0.154891 per £100 nominal
Auction Close	10:30am London Time

#### **Details of Security**

Title	4¾% Treasury Stock 2020
Amount (nominal) for auction	£3,250 million (fungible with previous issues) (see Note 3)
Nominal outstanding after auction	£23,368 million
Maturity Date	7 March 2020 at par
Interest Dates	7 March – 7 September
Parent ISIN Code	GB00B058DQ55
Parent SEDOL Code	B-058-DQ5
Strippable	Yes, since 8 June 2005
Interest Payable	Gross (see Note 2)
Next Interest Date	7 September 2010 (Standard Coupon)

#### **“When Issued” Trading**

under London Stock Exchange Rule 1530

Commences	3:30pm London Time: 10 March 2010
Closes	Close of business: 18 March 2010
“When issued” ISIN Code	GB00B5237Y42
“When issued” SEDOL Code	B-523-7Y4
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 Thursday, 18 March 2010.

Note 2: 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 3: 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 Stock equivalent to 10% of the nominal amount of the Stock allocated at the auction. Details of the Post Auction Option Facility procedures are set out in the Information Memorandum.

## Documentation

Prospectus DMO : 10 March 2010	<a href="http://www.dmo.gov.uk/documentview.aspx?docName=/gilts/public/prospectus/prosp100310.pdf">http://www.dmo.gov.uk/documentview.aspx?docName=/gilts/public/prospectus/prosp100310.pdf</a>
Information Memorandum relating to the Issue, Stripping and Reconstitution of British Government Stock DMO : May 2009	<a href="http://www.dmo.gov.uk/documentview.aspx?docname=publications/operationalrules/infmem220509.pdf">www.dmo.gov.uk/documentview.aspx?docname=publications/operationalrules/infmem220509.pdf</a>
Formulae for Calculating Gilt Prices from Yields DMO : 16 March 2005	<a href="http://www.dmo.gov.uk/documentview.aspx?docname=/giltsmarket/formulae/yldeqns.pdf">www.dmo.gov.uk/documentview.aspx?docname=/giltsmarket/formulae/yldeqns.pdf</a>

## 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 Thursday, 18 March 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 Thursday, 18 March 2010.

The amount payable on application in the case of a non-competitive bid made by a member of the Approved Group is £108.50 per £100 nominal of the Stock.

## 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 10 March 2010 (£ millions)					
	Conventional Gilts			Index-linked	Total
	Short	Medium	Long	gilts	
<b>Total gilt sales to-date</b>	<b>75,398</b>	<b>67,484</b>	<b>50,410</b>	<b>28,364</b>	<b>221,656</b>
<b>Planned sales at auctions</b>	<b>74,200</b>	<b>70,100</b>	<b>27,500</b>	<b>12,300</b>	<b>184,100</b>
<b>1. Sales at auctions</b>	<b>75,398</b>	<b>67,484</b>	<b>27,900</b>	<b>11,441</b>	<b>182,223</b>
<b>Balance of auction sales to plan</b>		<b>2,616</b>		<b>859</b>	<b>1,877</b>
<b>Auctions remaining</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>2. Sales by syndication</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17,547</b>	<b>12,944</b>	<b>30,491</b>
<b>3. Sales by tender</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,963</b>	<b>3,979</b>	<b>8,942</b>
<b>Total supplementary sales</b>					<b>39,433</b>
<b>Balance of sales to plan</b>					<b>1,567</b>
<b>Total planned sales</b>					<b>225,100</b>

