ANNOUNCEMENT OF INDEX-LINKED GILT INTEREST PAYMENTS

2% INDEX-LINKED TREASURY STOCK 2035

In accordance with the terms of the prospectus dated 2 July 2002, the United Kingdom Debt Management Office announces that the rate of interest payable on the above stock for the interest payment due on 26 January 2006 will be £1.105991 per £100 nominal of stock.

The following announcements were made today by the Bank of England, and can also be viewed on its website www.bankofengland.co.uk

2% INDEX-LINKED TREASURY STOCK 2006

In accordance with the terms of the prospectus dated 3 July 1981, the Bank of England announces that the rate of interest payable on the above stock for the interest payment due on 19 January 2006 will be £2.76 per £100 nominal of stock.

2 1/2% INDEX-LINKED TREASURY STOCK 2016

In accordance with the terms of the prospectus dated 14 January 1983, the Bank of England announces that the rate of interest payable on the above stock for the interest payment due on 26 January 2006 will be £2.9403 per £100 nominal of stock.

2 1/2% INDEX-LINKED TREASURY STOCK 2024

In accordance with the terms of the prospectus dated 19 December 1986, the Bank of England announces that the rate of interest payable on the above stock for the interest payment due on 17 January 2006 will be £2.4573 per £100 nominal of stock.

4 1/8 INDEX-LINKED TREASURY STOCK 2030

In accordance with the terms of the prospectus dated 12 June 1992, the Bank of England announces that the rate of interest payable on the above stock for the interest payment due on 22 January 2006 will be £2.9311 per £100 nominal of stock.