

USE OF THE DMO'S STANDING REPO FACILITY 18 SEPTEMBER 2008

A further £670 million (nominal) of 4% Treasury Stock 2009 has today been created and made available to the market under the terms of the DMO's standing repo facility, which was introduced on the 1 June 2000, and revised with effect from 1 April 2008. It is intended that this additional stock will be cancelled upon return, but the DMO will make an announcement at that time. The DMO has been given general collateral at the Bank of England's Official Bank Rate against the stock it has lent at Bank Rate less 300 bps.

The additional £670 million of stock created this morning is NOT eligible for inclusion in FTSE indices calculations and the amount in issue following cancellation of this stock will remain at £17,141 million nominal.