

DMO SCREEN ANNOUNCEMENT: 19 MARCH 2009

**NEW GILT-EDGED MARKET MAKER – NOMURA INTERNATIONAL PLC**

The UK Debt Management Office (DMO), jointly with the London Stock Exchange, today announces that Nomura International plc is to be recognised as a Gilt-edged Market Maker (GEMM), in both conventional and index-linked gilts, with effect from the opening of business on Monday 23 March 2009. This appointment brings the total number of primary dealer firms in the UK government bond market to sixteen (all of which are primary dealers in both conventional and index-linked gilts).