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**PRESS NOTICE**

**RESULT OF THE POST-AUCTION OPTION FACILITY FOR 4¼% TREASURY GILT 2039**

An additional £169.345 million nominal of 4¼% Treasury Gilt 2039 will be created for settlement on 03 March 2010 in respect of the amount purchased by the Gilt-edged Market Makers and investors during the Post-Auction Option Facility which closed at 2pm today.

This additional stock will be sold at the average accepted price of £94.54 and will take the total amount outstanding of 4¼% Treasury Gilt 2039 to £13,942,767,000.00 nominal.