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PRESS NOTICE

RESULT OF THE POST-AUCTION OPTION FACILITY FOR 4¼% TREASURY GILT 2049

An additional £175.4 million nominal of 4¼% Treasury Gilt 2049 will be created for settlement on 14 January 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 £98.22 and will take the total amount outstanding of 4¼% Treasury Gilt 2049 to £16,435,807,000.00 nominal.