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"WHEN ISSUED" TRADING IN 01/2% INDEX-LINKED TREASURY GILT 2050 TO BE SOLD BY SYNDICATED OFFERING — BOOKS PLANNED TO OPEN THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

The DMO, with the agreement of the London Stock Exchange, announces the sanctioning of "When Issued" trading, under London Stock Exchange Rule 1530, in the new $0\frac{1}{2}$ % Index-linked Treasury Gilt 2050 (expected to be sold by a syndicated offer later this week, with books opening on Thursday 24 September).

"When Issued" trading will be permitted, from the time that final pricing of the offer is published and the gilt is pronounced 'free to trade', until the close of business on that same day, which will be the day prior to settlement of the syndicated offer and the day the new gilt is issued.

The TIDM code to be used for trade reporting any such WI trades will be SYND.

The ISIN code for the new gilt, to be used for WI trading and following the gilt's issue, is GB00B421JZ66.