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PRESS NOTICE

RESULT OF THE POST-AUCTION OPTION FACILITY FOR 4½% TREASURY GILT 2034

An additional £159.24 million nominal of 4½% Treasury Gilt 2034 will be created for settlement on 10 February 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 £100.02 and will take the total amount outstanding of 4½% Treasury Gilt 2034 to £11,159,240,000.00 nominal.