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PRESS NOTICE

AUCTION OF UK GOVERNMENT SECURITY (GILT)

Auction Details

| Auction Date | Tuesday, 5 September 2006 |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Issue and Settlement Date | Wednesday, 6 September 2006 |
| Bidding Convention | Fully paid Bid Price (see Note 1) |
| Auction Close | 10:30am London Time |

Details of Security

| Title | 4¼% Treasury Gilt 2027 | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| Amount (nominal) for issue | £2,250 million | | | | |
| Nominal outstanding after issue | £2,250 million | | | | |
| Maturity Date | 7 December 2027 at par | | | | |
| Interest Dates | 7 June – 7 December | | | | |
| Parent ISIN Code | GB00B16NNR78 | | | | |
| Parent SEDOL Code | B-16N-NR7 | | | | |
| Strippable | No (see Note 3) | | | | |
| Interest Payable | Gross (see Note 2) | | | | |
| Next Interest Date | 7 December 2006 - £1.068306 per £100 nominal (Short Coupon) | | | | |

"When Issued" Trading

under London Stock Exchange Rule 7265

| Commences | 3:30pm : 29 August 2006 |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Closes | Close of business : 5 September 2006 |
| "When issued" ISIN Code | GB00B16NNR78 |
| "When issued" SEDOL Code | B-16N-NR7 |
| TIDM (for trade reporting) | AUC |

Note 1: Bids may be made on either a competitive or a non-competitive basis. Details of the bidding procedures are set out in the prospectus and in the Information Memorandum (as amended). Gilt-edged Market Makers may bid by telephone to the DMO not later than 10.30 am on Tuesday, 5 September 2006.



Note 2: Holders may elect to have United Kingdom income tax deducted from interest payments, should they so wish, on application to the Registrar, Computershare Investor Services PLC.

Note 3. The Gilt may not be stripped and reconstituted until so specified in a notice issued by the DMO.

Documentation

| Prospectus DMO : 29 August 2006 | www.dmo.gov.uk/gilts/public/prospectus/prosp290806.pdf |
|--|---|
| Information Memorandum relating to the Issue, Stripping and Reconstitution of British Government Stock DMO: December 2004 | www.dmo.gov.uk/gilts/public/technical/infmem211204.pdf |
| Notice of Amendment DMO: 13 May 2005 | www.dmo.gov.uk/gilts/public/technical/infmemadd130505.pdf |
| Notice of Amendment DMO: 13 September 2005 | www.dmo.gov.uk/gilts/public/technical/infmemadd130905.pdf |

Applications from Members of the Approved Group of Investors

Application forms from Approved Group members must be sent to Computershare Investor Services PLC, who are acting on behalf of the DMO, at the following address: PO Box 2411, The Pavilions, Bristol, BS3 9WX to arrive not later than 10.00 am on Tuesday. 5 September 2006. They may also be lodged by hand at the DMO, Eastcheap Court, 11 Philpot Lane, London, EC3M 8UD not later than 10.00 am on Tuesday. 5 September 2006.

The amount payable on application in the case of a non-competitive bid made by a member of the Approved Group is £104.50 per £100 nominal of the Gilt.

Remit 2006-07

Gilt sales of £63.0 billion (cash) are planned in 2006-07, the split is summarised in the table below.

| Gilt sales v remit at 23 August 2006 (£ millions). | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------|--|--|
| | Conventional Gilts | | | Index-linked | Total | | |
| | Shorts (1-7 yrs) | Mediums (7-15yrs) | Longs (15 yrs+) | gilts | | | |
| Gilt sales to date | 2,442 | 5,002 | 9,407 | 7,172 | 24,023 | | |
| Core gilt programme | 10,000 | 10,000 | 17,000 | 16,000 | 53,000 | | |
| Programme to be allocated in-year | | | | | | | |
| Allocated in-year to date | 0 | 0 | 3,750 | 1,250 | 5,000 | | |
| Currently allocated programme | 10,000 | 10,000 | 20,750 | 17,250 | 58,000 | | |
| Remaining to be allocated | | | | | | | |
| Total planned sales | | | | | | | |
| Remaining to meet allocated programme | 7,558 | 4,998 | 11,343 | 10,078 | 33,977 | | |
| Auctions remaining in current programme | 3 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 20 | | |

