

SCREEN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR 3:30 PM FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2006.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW INDEX-LINKED GEMM

The UK Debt Management Office, jointly with the London Stock Exchange, today announces that ABN Amro Bank NV (London branch) is to be recognised as an Index-linked Gilt-edged Market Maker (IL GEMM), with effect from the opening of business on Monday 20 November 2006. This is in addition to the bank's existing status as a primary dealer in conventional gilts, and means that all seventeen primary dealer firms in gilts are now recognised as market makers in all gilt instruments.