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PRESS NOTICE

RESULT OF THE POST-AUCTION OPTION FACILITY FOR 4¾% TREASURY STOCK 2020

An additional £324.925 million nominal of 4¾% Treasury Stock 2020 will be created for settlement on 19 March 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 £106.19 and will take the total amount outstanding of 4¾% Treasury Stock 2020 to £23,692,925,000.00 nominal.