

PRESS NOTICE

SYNDICATED OFFERING OF AN INDEX-LINKED GILT MATURING IN THE 30-40 YEAR AREA: APPOINTMENT OF SYNDICATE

The United Kingdom Debt Management Office ("the DMO") announces the appointment of a syndicate to sell by subscription an index-linked gilt maturing in the 30-40 year area.

Joint Bookrunners: Goldman Sachs International, HSBC Bank plc, JP Morgan Securities Limited and UBS Investment Bank.

Co-Lead Managers: All other panel member index-linked Gilt-edged Market Makers ("GEMMs") have been invited to be Co-Lead Managers.

The DMO has appointed a panel comprising exclusively wholesale GEMM firms from which it will choose syndicate members for the conduct of the programme of syndicated offerings in 2010-11. The current planning assumption is that syndicated offerings will raise approximately £29.2 billion in 2010-11.

The DMO expects the sale will take place in the second half of May, subject to market and demand conditions. Further information about the conduct of the offer, including details of the gilt to be sold, will be announced in due course.

NOTES TO EDITORS

The DMO financing remit for 2010-11 published alongside Budget 2010 on 24 March 2010, included the provision for a programme of up to 10 syndicated offerings to be held in 2010-11 to raise £29.2 billion (through sales of long-dated conventional and index-linked gilts) as part of an overall gilt sales target of £187.3 billion (the total gilt sales target was revised down to £185.2

billion on 22 April 2010, following the publication of the CGNCR outturn for 2009-10).. The forthcoming syndicated offer will be the first of the 2010-11 programme.

On 31 March 2010 the DMO announced plans to hold two syndicated offerings in the April-June 2010 period:

- Second half of May: an index-linked gilt maturing in the 30-40 year area.
- Second half of June: a long-dated conventional gilt.

This press notice will be appearing on the DMO's website at: www.dmo.gov.uk