

PRESS NOTICE

AUCTION OF BRITISH GOVERNMENT STOCK

Auction Details

Auction Date	Thursday, 12 April 2012
Issue and Settlement Date	Friday, 13 April 2012
Bidding Convention	Fully paid Bid Price (see Note 1)
Accrued Interest payable with bid	£1.486339 per £100 nominal
Auction Close	10:30am London Time

Details of Security

Title	4¼% Treasury Stock 2032
Amount (nominal) for auction	£2,000 million (fungible with previous issues) (see Note 3)
Nominal outstanding after auction	£30,173.2 million
Maturity Date	7 June 2032 at par
Interest Dates	7 June – 7 December
Parent ISIN Code	GB0004893086
Parent SEDOL Code	0-489-308
Strippable	Yes, since 27 September 2000
Interest Payable	Gross (see Note 2)
Next Interest Date	7 June 2012 (Standard Coupon)

“When Issued” Trading

under London Stock Exchange Rule 1530

Commences	3:30pm London Time: 3 April 2012
Closes	Close of business: 12 April 2012
“When issued” ISIN Code	GB00B7SHMX80
“When issued” SEDOL Code	B-7SH-MX8
TIDM (for trade reporting)	AUCB

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. Gilt-edged Market Makers may bid by means of the Bloomberg Bond Auction System to the DMO not later than 10.30 am on Thursday, 12 April 2012.

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: Subject to the provisions of the Information Memorandum, this auction will be eligible for the Post Auction Option Facility of an additional amount of the Stock equivalent to 10% of the nominal amount of the Stock allocated at the auction. Details of the Post Auction Option Facility procedures are set out in the Information Memorandum.

Documentation

Prospectus DMO : 3 April 2012	http://www.dmo.gov.uk/documentview.aspx?docName=/gilts/public/prospectus/prosp030412b.pdf
Information Memorandum relating to the Issue, Stripping and Reconstitution of British Government Stock DMO : August 2011	http://www.dmo.gov.uk/documentview.aspx?docName=/publications/operationalrules/infmemadd150811.pdf
Formulae for Calculating Gilt Prices from Yields DMO : 16 March 2005	www.dmo.gov.uk/documentview.aspx?docname=/giltsmarket/formulae/yldeqns.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, BS99 6WX to arrive not later than 10.00 am on Thursday, 12 April 2012. 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 Thursday, 12 April 2012.

The amount payable on application in the case of a non-competitive bid made by a member of the Approved Group is £124 per £100 nominal of the Stock.

Remit 2012-13

Gilt sales of £167.7 billion (cash) are planned in 2012-13 and progress against the remit is summarised in the table below (which may not include the amount of gilts issued under the Post Auction Option Facility for the most recent auction, if any).

Gilt sales relative to remit plans at 3 April (£ millions)					
	Conventional Gilts			Index-linked gilts	Total
	Short	Medium	Long		
Auction sales to-date	0	3,760	0	0	3,760
PAOF proceeds to-date	0	376	0	0	376
Syndication sales to-date			0	0	0
Mini-tender sales to date	0	0	0	0	0
Total gilt sales to date	0	4,136	0	0	4,136
Auction sales required to meet plans (excludes PAOF proceeds)	51,600	31,140	23,600	16,600	122,940
Number of auctions remaining	12	9	11	12	44
Currently required average auction sizes	4,300	3,460	2,145	1,383	
Syndication sales required to meet plan			14,000	19,500	33,500
Mini-tender sales required to meet plan					7,500
Planned gilt sales at auctions	51,600	34,900	23,600	16,600	126,700
Number of auctions scheduled	12	10	11	12	45
Planned gilt sales by syndication			14,000	19,500	33,500
Planned sales by mini-tender					7,500
Total planned supplementary gilt sales			14,000	19,500	33,500
Total planned gilt sales					167,700
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Number of auctions scheduled	12	10	11	12	45
Planned gilt sales by syndication			14,000	19,500	33,500
Planned sales by mini-tender					7,500
Planned supplementary gilt sales					41,000

