

THE LIST OF APPLICATIONS WILL BE OPENED AT 10 a.m. ON THURSDAY, 20th OCTOBER 1977 AND WILL BE CLOSED AT ANY TIME THEREAFTER ON THAT DAY

10½ per cent EXCHEQUER STOCK, 1997

ISSUE OF £900,000,000 AT £96.00 PER CENT

PAYABLE AS FOLLOWS:

On application	£ 30.00 per cent
On Monday, 28th November 1977	£ 66.00 per cent
	<u>£ 96.00 per cent</u>

INTEREST PAYABLE HALF-YEARLY ON 21st FEBRUARY AND 21st AUGUST

This Stock is an investment falling within Part II of the First Schedule to the Trustee Investments Act 1961. Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for the Stock to be admitted to the Official List.

THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND are authorised to receive applications for £800,000,000 of the above Stock. The balance of £100,000,000 Stock has been reserved for the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt for public funds under their management.

The principal of and interest on the Stock will be a charge on the National Loans Fund, with recourse to the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

The Stock will be repaid at par on 21st February 1997.

The Stock will be registered at the Bank of England or at the Bank of Ireland, Belfast, and will be transferable, in multiples of one new penny, by instrument in writing in accordance with the Stock Transfer Act 1963. Transfers will be free of stamp duty.

Interest will be payable half-yearly on 21st February and 21st August. Income tax will be deducted from payments of more than £5 per annum. Interest warrants will be transmitted by post. The first payment will be made on 21st February 1978 at the rate of £2.80 per £100 of the Stock.

Applications will be received at the Bank of England, New Issues, Watling Street, London, EC4M 9AA. Applications for amounts up to £2,000 Stock must be in multiples of £100; applications for amounts between £2,000 and £50,000 Stock must be in multiples of £500; applications for more than £50,000 Stock must be in multiples of £1,000. A separate cheque representing a deposit of £30 per cent of the *nominal* amount applied for must accompany each application.

Letters of allotment in respect of Stock allotted will be despatched by post at the risk of the applicant. No allotment will be made for a less amount than £100 Stock. In the event of partial allotment, the balance of the amount paid as deposit will be refunded by cheque despatched by post at the risk of the applicant; if no allotment is made the amount paid as deposit will be returned likewise.

Payment in full may be made at any time after allotment but no discount will be allowed on such payment. Default in the payment of the final instalment by its due date will render the deposit liable to forfeiture and the allotment to cancellation.

Letters of allotment may be split into denominations of multiples of £100 on written request received by the Bank of England, New Issues, Watling Street, London, EC4M 9AA, on any date not later than 24th November 1977. Such a request must be accompanied by the letter of allotment. Letters of allotment must be surrendered for registration, accompanied by a completed registration form, when the final instalment is paid, unless payment in full has been made before the due date, in which case they must be surrendered for registration not later than 28th November 1977.

A commission at the rate of 12½p per £100 of the Stock will be paid to bankers or stockbrokers on allotments made in respect of applications bearing their stamp. However, no payment will be made where the banker or stockbroker would receive by way of commission a total of less than £1.

Application forms and copies of this prospectus may be obtained at the Bank of England, New Issues, Watling Street, London, EC4M 9AA, or at any of the branches of the Bank of England; at the Bank of Ireland, P.O. Box 13, Donegall Place, Belfast, BT1 5BX; at Mullens & Co., 15 Moorgate, London, EC2R 6AN; or at any office of The Stock Exchange in the United Kingdom.

BANK OF ENGLAND
LONDON

14th October 1977.