

18. The Bank of England may sell less than the full amount of the Stock on offer at the auction. Cancellation of a sale of Stock will not affect the non-competitive sale price or any other sale of Stock.

19. The Stock will be initially issued at a price such that it will not be a deep discount security for the purposes of Schedule 4 to the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Further issues of the Stock may be at a deep discount (broadly, a discount exceeding ½% per annum) and in certain circumstances this could result in all of the Stock being treated thereafter as a deep discount security. However, it is the intention of Her Majesty's Treasury that further issues of the Stock will be conducted so as to prevent any of such Stock being treated as a deep discount security for United Kingdom tax purposes. Provided the Stock is neither a deep discount security, nor treated as a deep discount security, any discount to the nominal value at which the Stock is issued will not represent taxable income for the purposes of the relevant provisions.

20. The Stock will be issued in registered form and allotment letters will not be issued. Except in the case of Stock held for the account of members of the CGO Service (for whom separate arrangements apply), registration will be in accordance with the instructions given in the application form.

21. Certificates in respect of the Stock sold (other than amounts held in the CGO Service for the account of members) and the refund of any excess amount paid, may at the discretion of the Bank of England be withheld until the applicant's cheque has been paid or CHAPS payment received. In the event of such withholding, the applicant will be notified by letter by the Bank of England of the acceptance of his application and of the amount of Stock allocated to him, subject in each case to the payment of his cheque or receipt of his CHAPS payment, but such notification will confer no right on the applicant to transfer the Stock so allocated. Certificates will be sent by post at the risk of the applicant.

22. No sale will be made of a less amount than £1,000 nominal of Stock. If an application is satisfied in part only, the excess amount paid will, when refunded, be remitted by cheque despatched by post at the risk of the applicant; if an application is rejected the amount paid on application will be returned likewise. Non-payment on presentation of a cheque or non-receipt of a CHAPS payment on the due date in respect of any Stock sold will render such Stock liable to forfeiture. Interest at a rate equal to the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate for seven day deposits in sterling ("LIBOR") plus 1% per annum may, however, be charged on the amount payable in respect of any Stock for which payment is accepted after the due date. Such rate will be determined by the Bank of England by reference to market quotations, on the due date for such payment, for LIBOR obtained from such source or sources as the Bank of England shall consider appropriate.

23. Subject to the provisions governing membership of the CGO Service, a member of that Service may, by completing Section C of the application form, request that any Stock sold to him be credited direct to his account in the CGO on Thursday, 29 February 1996 by means of a member-to-member delivery from an account in the name of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, Number 2 Account. Failure to accept such delivery by the deadline for member-to-member deliveries under the rules of the CGO Service on 29 February 1996 shall for the purposes of this prospectus constitute default in due payment of the amount payable in respect of the relevant Stock.

24. Application forms and copies of this prospectus may be obtained by post from the Bank of England, New Issues, Southgate House, Southgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 1UW; at the Central Gilts Office, Bank of England, 1 Bank Buildings, Princes Street, London, EC2R 8EU or at any of the Branches or Agencies of the Bank of England; at the Bank of Ireland, Moyne Buildings, 1st Floor, 20 Callender Street, Belfast, BT1 5BN; or at any office of the London Stock Exchange.

25. Attention is drawn to the press release issued by the Inland Revenue on 28 November 1995, providing details of reform of the taxation of gilts and bonds announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 10 July 1995, to the Finance Bill published by HMSO on 4 January 1996, and to the Government Statement referred to in the final paragraph of this prospectus.

Government Statement

Attention is drawn to the statement issued by Her Majesty's Treasury on 29 May 1985 which explained that, in the interest of the orderly conduct of fiscal policy, neither Her Majesty's Government nor the Bank of England or their respective servants or agents undertake to disclose tax changes decided on but not yet announced, even where they may specifically affect the terms on which, or the conditions under which, this Stock is issued or sold by or on behalf of the Government or the Bank; that no responsibility can therefore be accepted for any omission to make such disclosure; and that such omission shall neither render any transaction liable to be set aside nor give rise to any claim for compensation.

BANK OF ENGLAND
LONDON

20 February 1996



ISSUE OF £3,000,000,000

8% TREASURY STOCK 2021

FOR AUCTION ON A BID PRICE BASIS
ON 28 FEBRUARY 1996



PROSPECTUS AND APPLICATION FORM FOR COMPETITIVE AND NON-COMPETITIVE BIDS

APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE SENT TO THE BANK OF ENGLAND, NEW ISSUES, PO BOX 444, GLOUCESTER, GL1 1NP TO ARRIVE NOT LATER THAN 10.00 AM ON WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 1996; OR LODGED BY HAND AT THE CENTRAL GILTS OFFICE, BANK OF ENGLAND, BANK BUILDINGS, 19 OLD JEWRY, LONDON NOT LATER THAN 10.00 AM ON WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 1996; OR LODGED BY HAND AT ANY OF THE BRANCHES OR AGENCIES OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND NOT LATER THAN 3.30 PM ON TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 1996.

ISSUE OF £3,000,000,000

8% TREASURY STOCK 2021

INTEREST PAYABLE HALF-YEARLY ON 7 JUNE AND 7 DECEMBER
FOR AUCTION ON A BID PRICE BASIS ON 28 FEBRUARY 1996

PAYABLE IN FULL WITH APPLICATION

With a competitive bid	Price bid
With a non-competitive bid	£105 per £100 nominal of Stock

This Stock will, on issue, be an investment falling within Part II of the First Schedule to the Trustee Investments Act 1961. Application has been made to the London Stock Exchange for the Stock to be admitted to the Official List on 29 February 1996.

1. THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND invite bids for the above Stock.
2. 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.
3. The Stock will be repaid at par on 7 June 2021.
4. 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 penny, by instrument in writing in accordance with the Stock Transfer Act 1963. Stock registered at the Bank of England held for the account of members of the Central Gilts Office (CGO) Service will also be transferable, in multiples of one penny, by exempt transfer in accordance with the Stock Transfer Act 1982 and the relevant subordinate legislation. Transfers will be free of stamp duty.
5. Interest will be payable half-yearly on 7 June and 7 December. Income tax will be deducted from payments of more than £5 per annum unless a relevant exception applies. Interest warrants will be sent by post. Interest will accrue from Thursday, 29 February 1996 and the first interest payment will be made on 7 June 1996 at the rate of £2.1699 per £100 nominal of Stock.
6. The Stock may be held on the National Savings Stock Register.
7. The Stock and the interest payable thereon will be exempt from all United Kingdom taxation, present or future, so long as it is shown that the Stock is in the beneficial ownership of persons who are neither domiciled nor ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
8. Further, the interest payable on the Stock will be exempt from United Kingdom income tax, present or future, so long as it is shown that the Stock is in the beneficial ownership of persons who are not ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
9. For the purposes of the preceding paragraphs, persons are not ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom if they are regarded as not ordinarily resident for the purposes of United Kingdom income tax.
10. Applications for exemption from United Kingdom income tax should be made in such form as may be required by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue. The appropriate forms may be obtained from the Inland Revenue, Financial Intermediaries and Claims Office, Fitz Roy House, PO Box 46, Nottingham, NG2 1BD.
11. These exemptions will not entitle a person to claim repayment of tax deducted from interest unless the claim to such repayment is made within the time limit provided for such claims under income tax law; under the provisions of the Taxes Management Act 1970, Section 43 (1), no such claim will be outside this time limit if it is made within six years from the date on which the interest is payable. In addition, these exemptions will not apply so as to exclude the interest from any computation for taxation purposes of the profits of any trade or business carried on in the United Kingdom. Moreover, the allowance of the exemptions is subject to the provisions of any law, present or future, of the United Kingdom directed to preventing avoidance of taxation by persons domiciled, resident or ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom, and, in particular, the interest will not be exempt from income tax where, under any such provision, it falls to be treated for the purpose of the Income Tax Acts as income of any person resident or ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom.
12. It is intended that, if an official facility for the stripping of gilt-edged securities is introduced, the Stock will be strippable subject to the terms of that facility. On 10 July 1995 the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced that the Government had decided in principle to introduce such a facility and had also decided that any securities made strippable through any such facility would be exempt from withholding tax and from the quarterly accounting arrangements which

have been introduced with effect from 2 January 1996 in connection with sale and repurchase agreements for gilt-edged securities. The starting date for an official strips facility will be announced in due course.

13. Further details of the tax treatment of securities resulting from the stripping of stock of this issue will be determined at or prior to the commencement of an official strips facility. Accordingly, the availability and terms of the exemptions in paragraphs 7 to 11 above in relation to such stripped securities are subject to modification. Information about other proposed changes in the tax regime for gilt-edged securities is contained in the documents referred to in paragraph 25 below.

Method of Application

14. Bids may be made on either a competitive or a non-competitive basis, as set out below, and must be submitted on the application form published with the prospectus. Each application form must comprise either one competitive bid or one non-competitive bid. Gilt-edged market makers may make competitive bids by telephone to the Bank of England not later than 10.00 am on Wednesday, 28 February 1996.

15. Application forms must be sent to the Bank of England, New Issues, PO Box 444, Gloucester, GL1 1NP to arrive not later than **10.00 AM ON WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 1996**; or lodged by hand at the Central Gilts Office, Bank of England, Bank Buildings, 19 Old Jewry, London not later than **10.00 AM ON WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 1996**; or lodged by hand at any of the Branches or Agencies of the Bank of England not later than **3.30 PM ON TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 1996**. Bids will not be revocable between 10.00 am on Wednesday, 28 February 1996 and 10.00 am on Monday, 4 March 1996.

16. COMPETITIVE BIDS

(i) Each competitive bid must be for one amount and at one price expressed as a multiple of 1/32nd of £1 and must be for a minimum of £500,000 nominal of Stock and for a multiple of Stock as follows:-

Amount of Stock applied for	Multiple
£500,000-£1,000,000	£100,000
£1,000,000 or greater	£1,000,000

(ii) Unless the applicant is a member of the CGO Service, **PAYMENT IN FULL AT THE PRICE BID** must be made by a CHAPS payment. Each CHAPS payment must be sent to the Sterling Banking Office, Bank of England (Sort Code 10-00-00) for the credit of "New Issues" (Account Number 58560009) quoting the reference "8TY2021", to arrive not later than 1.30 pm on Thursday, 29 February 1996.

(iii) The Bank of England reserves the right to reject any competitive bid or part of any competitive bid. Competitive bids will be ranked in descending order of price and Stock will be sold to applicants whose competitive bids are at or above the lowest price at which the Bank of England decides that any competitive bid should be accepted (the lowest accepted price). **APPLICANTS WHOSE COMPETITIVE BIDS ARE ACCEPTED WILL PURCHASE STOCK AT THE PRICES WHICH THEY BID:** competitive bids which are accepted and which are made at prices above the lowest accepted price will be satisfied in full; competitive bids which are accepted and which are made at the lowest accepted price may be satisfied in full or in part only.

17. NON-COMPETITIVE BIDS

(i) A non-competitive bid must be for not less than £1,000 nominal and not more than £500,000 nominal of Stock, and must be for a multiple of £1,000 nominal of Stock.

(ii) Only one non-competitive bid may be submitted for the benefit of any one person, and each non-competitive application form may comprise only one non-competitive bid. Multiple applications or suspected multiple applications are liable to be rejected.

(iii) Unless the applicant is a member of the CGO Service, a separate cheque representing **PAYMENT AT THE RATE OF £105 FOR EVERY £100 NOMINAL OF STOCK APPLIED FOR** must accompany each non-competitive bid; cheques must be drawn on a bank in, and be payable in, the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man.

(iv) The Bank of England reserves the right to reject any non-competitive bid. Non-competitive bids which are accepted will be accepted in full **AT A PRICE (the non-competitive sale price) EQUAL TO THE AVERAGE OF THE PRICES AT WHICH COMPETITIVE BIDS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED, the average being weighted by reference to the amount accepted at each price and ROUNDED DOWN TO THE NEAREST MULTIPLE OF 1/32ND OF £1.**

(v) If the non-competitive sale price is less than £105 per £100 nominal of Stock, the balance of the amount paid will be refunded by cheque sent by post at the risk of the applicant.

(vi) If the non-competitive sale price is greater than £105 per £100 nominal of Stock, applicants whose non-competitive bids are accepted may be required to make a further payment equal to the non-competitive sale price less £105 for every £100 nominal of Stock allocated to them. An applicant from whom a further payment is required will be notified by letter by the Bank of England of the amount of Stock allocated to him and of the further payment due, but such notification will confer no right on the applicant to transfer the amount of Stock so allocated. The despatch of certificates to applicants from whom a further payment is required will be delayed until such further payment has been made.