

THE LIST OF APPLICATIONS WILL BE OPENED AND CLOSED ON FRIDAY, 11th JUNE 1976

13¼ per cent EXCHEQUER LOAN, 1996

ISSUE OF £800,000,000 AT £94·00 PER CENT

Payable in Full on Application

Interest payable half-yearly on 15th May and 15th November

This Loan is an investment falling within Part II of the First Schedule to the Trustee Investments Act 1961, subject as regards securities payable to bearer to the provisions of Section 7 of the Trustee Act 1925. Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for the Loan to be admitted to the Official List.

THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND are authorised to receive applications for the above Loan.

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

The Loan will be repaid at par on 15th May 1996.

The Loan will be issued in the form of stock which 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.

On or after 14th October 1976 stock may be exchanged into bonds to bearer which will be available in denominations of £100, £200, £500, £1,000, £5,000, £10,000 and £50,000. Bonds will be free of stamp duty.

Stock will be interchangeable with bonds without payment of any fee.

Interest will be payable half-yearly on 15th May and 15th November. The first payment will be made on 15th November 1976 at the rate of £5·70 per £100 of the Loan. Warrants for interest on stock will be transmitted by post; income tax will be deducted from payments of more than £5 per annum. Interest on bonds to bearer, less income tax, will be paid by coupon.

Stock and bonds of this issue 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 or bonds are in the beneficial ownership of persons who are neither domiciled nor ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Further, the interest payable on stock or bonds of this issue will be exempt from United Kingdom income tax, present or future, so long as it is shown that the stock or bonds are in the beneficial ownership of persons who are not ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

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.

Applications for exemption from United Kingdom income tax should, in the case of interest on stock, be made in such form as may be required by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue. Bearer bond coupons will be paid without deduction of United Kingdom income tax if accompanied by a declaration of ownership in such form as may be required by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue. The appropriate forms may be obtained from the Inspector of Foreign Dividends, Inland Revenue, Lynwood Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey, KT7 0DP.

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.

Applications, which must be accompanied by payment in full for the amount applied for, will be received at the Bank of England, New Issues, Watling Street, London, EC4M 9AA; a separate cheque must accompany each application. Applications must be for £100 of the Loan or a multiple thereof; no allotment will be made for a less amount than £100 of the Loan. Letters of allotment in respect of the Loan allotted will be despatched by post at the risk of the applicant. In the case of partial allotment, the surplus after providing for payment for the amount allotted will be refunded by cheque.

Letters of allotment may be split into denominations of multiples of £100. They may be lodged for registration forthwith and in any case must be lodged for registration not later than 20th July 1976. Stock may be exchanged for bonds to bearer on or after 14th October 1976.

A commission at the rate of 12.50p per £100 of the Loan 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; from Messrs. Mullens & Co., 15 Moorgate, London, EC2R 6AN; or at any office of The Stock Exchange in the United Kingdom.

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LONDON
7th June 1976.