

PRESS NOTICE

AUCTION OF BRITISH GOVERNMENT STOCK

Auction Details

Auction Date	Thursday, 6 January 2011
Issue and Settlement Date	Friday, 7 January 2011
Bidding Convention	Fully paid Bid Price (see Note 1)
Accrued Interest payable with bid	£1.263812 per £100 nominal
Auction Close	10:30am London Time

Details of Security

Title	3¾% Treasury Gilt 2020
Amount (nominal) for auction	£2,750 million (fungible with previous issues) (see Note 3)
Nominal outstanding after auction	£19,869 million
Maturity Date	7 September 2020 at par
Interest Dates	7 March – 7 September
Parent ISIN Code	GB00B582JV65
Parent SEDOL Code	B-582-JV6
Strippable	Yes, since 7 July 2010
Interest Payable	Gross (see Note 2)
Next Interest Date	7 March 2011 (Standard Coupon)

“When Issued” Trading

under London Stock Exchange Rule 1530

Commences	3:30pm London Time: 29 December 2010
Closes	Close of business: 6 January 2011
“When issued” ISIN Code	GB00B4ZQ8L71
“When issued” SEDOL Code	B-4ZQ-8L7
TIDM (for trade reporting)	AUC

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, 6 January 2011.

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 Gilt equivalent to 10% of the nominal amount of the Gilt allocated at the auction. Details of the Post Auction Option Facility procedures are set out in the Information Memorandum.

Documentation

Prospectus DMO : 29 December 2010	http://www.dmo.gov.uk/documentview.aspx?docName=/gilts/public/prospectus/prosp291210.pdf
Information Memorandum relating to the Issue, Stripping and Reconstitution of British Government Stock DMO : May 2009	www.dmo.gov.uk/documentview.aspx?docname=publications/operationalrules/infmem220509.pdf
Formulae for Calculating Gilt Prices from Yields DMO : 16 March 2005	www.dmo.gov.uk/documentview.aspx?docname=/giltsmarket/formulae/yldedqns.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, 6 January 2011. 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, 6 January 2011.

The amount payable on application in the case of a non-competitive bid made by a member of the Approved Group is £105 per £100 nominal of the Gilt.

Remit 2010-11

Gilt sales of £165.2 billion (cash) are planned in 2010-11 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 targets: 29 December 2010 (£ millions)					
	Conventional Gilts			Index-linked	Total
	Short	Medium	Long	gilts	
Total gilt sales to-date	45,337	29,350	34,195	26,078	134,959
Planned sales at auctions	52,700	38,200	24,100	17,000	132,000
1. Sales at auctions*	44,996	29,350	17,580	13,858	105,785
Balance of auction sales to plan	7,130	8,112	6,160	3,007	26,215
Auctions remaining	2	3	3	3	11
Auction evenflow	3,565	2,704	2,053	1,002	
2. Sales by syndication			12,994	9,319	22,314
Planned sales by syndication					26,200
3. Sales by tender			3,428	2,841	6,268
Planned sales by tender					7,000
Total supplementary sales			16,422	12,160	28,582
Balance to plan			-22	4,640	4,618
4. PAOF proceeds**	341	0	193	59	593
Total planned sales	52,700	38,200	40,500	33,800	165,200
* Including PAOF proceeds to 29 November 2010					

