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28 March 2006

## **PRESS NOTICE**

### **AUCTION OF UK GOVERNMENT SECURITY (GILT)**

#### **Auction Details**

Auction Date	Tuesday, 4 April 2006
Issue and Settlement Date	Wednesday, 5 April 2006
Bidding Convention	Fully paid Bid Price (see Note 1)
Accrued Interest payable with bid	£1.389423 per £100 nominal
Auction Close	10:30am London Time

#### **Details of Security**

Title	4¼% Treasury Gilt 2055
Amount (nominal) for issue	£2,000 million (fungible with previous issues)
Nominal outstanding after issue	£11,602 million
Maturity Date	7 December 2055 at par
Interest Dates	7 June – 7 December
Parent ISIN Code	GB00B06YGN05
Parent SEDOL Code	B-06Y-GN0
Strippable	Yes, since 8 December 2005
Interest Payable	Gross (see Note 2)
Next Interest Date	7 June 2006 - £2.125 per £100 nominal (Standard Dividend)

#### **“When Issued” Trading**

under London Stock Exchange Rule 7265

Commences	3:30pm : 28 March 2006
Closes	Close of business : 4 April 2006
“When issued” ISIN Code	GB00B1243070
“When issued” SEDOL Code	B-124-307
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 telephone to the DMO not later than 10.30 am on Tuesday, 4 April 2006.



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.

## Documentation

Prospectus DMO : 28 March 2006	<a href="http://www.dmo.gov.uk/gilts/public/prospectus/prosp280306.pdf">www.dmo.gov.uk/gilts/public/prospectus/prosp280306.pdf</a>
Information Memorandum relating to the Issue, Stripping and Reconstitution of British Government Stock DMO : December 2004	<a href="http://www.dmo.gov.uk/gilts/public/technical/infmem211204.pdf">www.dmo.gov.uk/gilts/public/technical/infmem211204.pdf</a>
Notice of Amendment DMO : 13 May 2005	<a href="http://www.dmo.gov.uk/gilts/public/technical/infmemadd130505.pdf">www.dmo.gov.uk/gilts/public/technical/infmemadd130505.pdf</a>
Notice of Amendment DMO : 13 September 2005	<a href="http://www.dmo.gov.uk/gilts/public/technical/infmemadd130905.pdf">www.dmo.gov.uk/gilts/public/technical/infmemadd130905.pdf</a>

## 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, BS3 9WX to arrive not later than 10.00 am on Tuesday, 4 April 2006. 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 Tuesday, 4 April 2006.

## Remit 2006-07

Gilt sales of £63.0 billion (cash) are planned in 2006-07, the split is summarised in the table below.

	Conventional Gilts			Index-linked gilts	Total
	Shorts (1-7 yrs)	Mediums (7-15yrs)	Longs (15 yrs+)		
<b>Core gilt programme</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>17,000</b>	<b>16,000</b>	<b>53,000</b>
<b>Programme to be allocated in-year</b>					
<b>Allocated in-year (Q1)</b>			<b>2,500</b>		<b>2,500</b>
<b>Currently allocated programme</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>19,500</b>	<b>16,000</b>	<b>55,500</b>
<b>Remaining to be allocated</b>					<b>7,500</b>
<b>Total planned sales</b>					<b>63,000</b>
<b>Auctions in current programme</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>33</b>

