

21/99

22 JULY 1999

PRESS NOTICE

GILT-EDGED CONVERSION: FROM 9½% CONVERSION STOCK 2004 INTO 5% TREASURY STOCK 2004

The provisional result of the above conversion offer is that acceptances have been received for 91% (£3,105 million) of the £3,412 million of 9½% Conversion Stock 2004 outstanding prior to the offer.

The amount of 5% Treasury Stock 2004 outstanding prior to the conversion was £2,500 million; the approximate amount created via the conversion will be £3,788 million so that the outstanding amount following the conversion will be £6,288 million. The approximate amount of 9½% Conversion Stock 2004 outstanding following the conversion will be £307 million.

The final figures will be published at approximately 8.30 am on Monday, 26 July 1999.

It is intended that 9½% Conversion Stock 2004 will be added to the list of stocks for which the United Kingdom Debt Management Office ("DMO") will make a bid on request from a Gilt-Edged Market Maker ("GEMM").

An indicative daily price for this stock will continue to be made available on the DMO's wire services pages and this will also be provided to the Stock Exchange for onward transmission to the press.

NOTE TO EDITORS

This Notice gives details of the provisional amount of 9½% Conversion Stock 2004 converted into 5% Treasury Stock 2004 as a result of the gilt-edged conversion offer, the terms of which were announced on 1 July 1999.

The Operational Notice issued by the DMO in July 1998 states that the DMO, is prepared, when asked by a GEMM, to bid a price of its own choosing for stock where the amount in issue is too small for a two-way market to be expected to exist (eg the rumps of certain stocks which have previously been subject to conversion offers).

