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PRESS NOTICE

RESULT OF THE POST-AUCTION OPTION FACILITY FOR 2% TREASURY GILT 2016

An additional £349.981 million nominal of 2% Treasury Gilt 2016 will be created for settlement on 16 December 2010 in respect of the amount purchased by the Gilt-edged Market Makers and investors during the Post-Auction Option Facility which closed at 2pm today.

This additional stock will be sold at the average accepted price of £97.32 and will take the total amount outstanding of 2% Treasury Gilt 2016 to £8,249,725,000.00 nominal.