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## **PRESS NOTICE**

### **DETAILS OF GILT AUCTION ON TUESDAY 10 JANUARY 2006**

AMOUNT: £2,500 million nominal

STOCK: 4¾% TREASURY STOCK 2020

MATURITY DATE: 7 MARCH 2020

INTEREST DATES: 7 MARCH / 7 SEPTEMBER

AUCTION DATE: 10 JANUARY 2006

SETTLEMENT DATE: 11 JANUARY 2006

The United Kingdom Debt Management Office ("the DMO") announces the issue by Her Majesty's Treasury of a further £2,500 million nominal of 4¾% Treasury Stock 2020, for auction on a fully-paid bid-price basis on Tuesday, 10 January 2006 and settlement on Wednesday, 11 January 2006. This further issue will be fungible with the stock already in issue.

Interest on 4¾% Treasury Stock 2020 is payable half-yearly on 7 March and 7 September. The price payable will include an amount equal to the accrued interest from 7 September 2005, the most recent interest payment date of the stock, to 11 January 2006, the settlement date of this auction, at the rate of £1.653315 per £100 nominal of stock. The stock will be repayable at par on 7 March 2020. This further issue of stock will rank for the six months' interest payment due on 7 March 2006. This stock is strippable in accordance with the terms of the Information Memorandum, published by the DMO, relating to the Issue, Stripping and Reconstitution of British Government Stock dated December 2004, as amended by the DMO's Notices of 13 May 2005 and 13 September 2005, (the "Information Memorandum").

Interest payments will ordinarily be paid to holders of this stock without deduction of United Kingdom income tax. However, 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.

Under Rule 7265 of the London Stock Exchange, dealings in the unstripped 4¾% Treasury Stock 2020 on a "when-issued" basis may be conducted from the time of this announcement until the close of business on Tuesday, 10 January 2006. The SEDOL and ISIN codes to be used for "when-issued" trading are B-0V3-W89 and GB00B0V3W893 respectively. In relation to "when-issued" trading, the TIDM code "AUC" should be used for trade reporting purposes. The SEDOL and ISIN codes to be used after this date are B-058-DQ5 and GB00B058DQ55 respectively.

A Notice announcing the auction of this issue of stock will be advertised in the Press. 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. The prospectus for competitive bids and non-competitive bids, the Information Memorandum and the Notices of Amendment can be obtained from the Registrar or the DMO or from the DMO's website at:

[www.dmo.gov.uk/gilts/public/prospectus/prosp030106.pdf](http://www.dmo.gov.uk/gilts/public/prospectus/prosp030106.pdf),  
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[www.dmo.gov.uk/gilts/public/technical/infmemadd130905.pdf](http://www.dmo.gov.uk/gilts/public/technical/infmemadd130905.pdf) respectively.

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, 10 January 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, 10 January 2006.

Gilt-edged market makers may bid by telephone to the DMO not later than 10.30 am on Tuesday, 10 January 2006.

## **NOTE TO EDITORS**

Planned gilt sales for 2005-06 were increased from £51.1 billion to £52.3 billion (cash) in the Pre-Budget Report on 5 December 2005. Conventional gilt sales are now planned to raise £41.5 billion in 15 auctions whilst planned index-linked sales are for £10.8 billion in 10 auctions and 1 syndicated offering. Gilt sales in the financial year to date are £38.2 billion (cash) of which index-linked sales account for £8.0 billion (cash).



The auction announced today is the nineteenth of the 2005-06 remit and the twelfth of a conventional stock. It represents a further tranche of 4¾% Treasury Stock 2020 first issued in March 2005. Following this auction the nominal amount outstanding of 4¾% Treasury Stock 2020 will be £10.743 billion. Medium conventional gilt sales of £11.3 billion (cash) are now planned in 2005-06; medium conventional gilt sales to date are £5.8 billion (cash).

Copies of the full prospectus are available on request from the addresses given below and on the DMO website, [www.dmo.gov.uk/gilts/public/prospectus/index.htm](http://www.dmo.gov.uk/gilts/public/prospectus/index.htm). Only stock applications made on the forms sent out by the Registrar to Approved Group members will be accepted in the auction.

Copies of the Information Memorandum are available from the DMO, Eastcheap Court, 11 Philpot Lane, London, EC3M 8UD (telephone 020-7862 6500; fax 020-7862 6509) and Computershare Investor Services PLC, PO Box 2411, The Pavilions, Bristol, BS3 9WX (telephone 0870 703 0143).

This press notice together with the prospectus for the further issue will be appearing on the DMO's website at [www.dmo.gov.uk](http://www.dmo.gov.uk).

