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PRESS NOTICE

APPOINTMENT OF SYNDICATE FOR THE SALE OF A NEW CONVENTIONAL GILT TO MATURE IN 2052

The United Kingdom Debt Management Office (“the DMO”) announces the appointment of a syndicate to sell by subscription a new conventional gilt to mature in 2052.

Joint Bookrunners: Barclays Capital, Morgan Stanley, RBS and UBS.

Co-Lead Managers: All other panel member Gilt-edged Market Makers (“GEMMs”) have been invited to be Co-Lead Managers.

The DMO has appointed a panel comprising exclusively wholesale GEMM firms, from which it will choose syndicate members for the conduct of the programme of syndicated offerings in 2011-12. The current planning assumption is that syndicated offerings will raise approximately £31.6 billion in 2011-12; sales by syndication in the financial year to-date are approximately £12.4 billion.

Further information about the conduct of the offer will be announced in due course.

NOTES TO EDITORS

The DMO financing remit for 2011-12, published alongside the Budget on 23 March 2011 (and updated on 21 April 2011), included the provision for a programme of up to eight syndicated offerings to be held in 2011-12 to raise £31.6 billion (cash). The current planning assumption is that £18.1 billion will be raised by sales of index-linked gilts and £13.5 billion by sales of long-dated conventional gilts.

The DMO also announced on 23 March 2011 its intention to implement the programme of syndicated gilt offerings in 2011-12 more evenly across the year than in 2010-11 via smaller and more regular operations than in 2010-11.

The first syndicated offering of 2011-12 took place on 24 May 2011, when £3.5 billion (nominal) of a new 0¾% Index-linked Treasury Gilt 2034 was sold, raising approximately £3.5 billion (cash).

The second syndicated offering of 2011-12 took place on 28 June 2011, when £5.0 billion (nominal) of a 4% Treasury Gilt 2060 was sold, raising approximately £4.8 billion (cash).

The third syndicated offering of 2011-12 took place on 26 July 2011, when £4.0 billion (nominal) of 0¾% Index-linked Treasury Gilt 2034 was sold, raising approximately £4.1 billion (cash).

On 31 August 2011 the DMO also announced plans for two syndicated offerings in October-December: both syndicated offerings are planned to be of index-linked gilts and will occur in the second half of October and November (with all timings subject to confirmation depending on market conditions nearer the time).

This press notice will be appearing on the DMO's website at: www.dmo.gov.uk