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ISSUE OF GOVERNMENT STOCK

The Bank of England announces that Her Majesty's Treasury has created on 17 April 1997 an additional amount of the Stock listed below:

£200 million 2 1/2% Index-Linked Treasury Stock 2013

The issue price was the middle market price of the Stock at 10.15 am on 17 April 1997 as certified by the Government Broker.

The Stock now issued represents a further amount of the existing Stock, carrying the same rights as that Stock (subject to the provisions set out below relating to entitlement to the current interest payment) and subject to the terms and conditions applicable to that Stock.

The further issue of the Stock will rank for the full six months' interest on the next interest payment date applicable to the Stock.

Application has been made to the London Stock Exchange for the further amount of Stock to be admitted to the Official List.

Copies of the prospectus for 2 1/2% Index-Linked Treasury Stock 2013 dated 15 February 1985 may be obtained from the Bank of England, New Issues, Southgate House, Southgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 1UW. Other information and terms relating to the Stock are contained in an Information Memorandum for Issues of British Government Stock which is available from the same address.

The Stock is repayable, and interest is payable half-yearly, on the dates shown below (provision is made in the prospectus for stockholders to be offered the right of early redemption under certain circumstances):

| <i>Stock</i> | <i>Redemption date</i> | <i>Interest payment dates</i> |
|---|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2 1/2% Index-Linked Treasury Stock 2013 | 16 August 2013 | 16 February 16 August |

Both the principal of and the interest on 2 1/2% Index-Linked Treasury Stock 2013 are indexed to the General Index of Retail Prices. Details of the manner of indexation are set out in the prospectus.

The relevant Index figures for the half-yearly interest payments on the Stock are as follows:

| <i>Interest payable</i> | <i>Relevant Index figure</i> | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| | <i>Published in</i> | <i>Relating to</i> |
| February | July of the previous year | June |
| August | January of the same year | December |

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