

**AUCTION OF £3,250,000,000**

**4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>% TREASURY STOCK 2020**

**ON A FULLY-PAID BID PRICE BASIS**

**ON 18 MARCH 2010**

**PROSPECTUS**



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## 4¾% TREASURY STOCK 2020

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INTEREST PAYABLE HALF-YEARLY ON 7 MARCH AND 7 SEPTEMBER

### PAYABLE IN FULL WITH APPLICATION

<b>With a competitive bid:</b>	<b>Price bid (in accordance with paragraph 10)</b>
<b>With a non-competitive bid by a Gilt-edged Market Maker:</b>	<b>Non-competitive sale price (in accordance with paragraph 10)</b>
<b>With a non-competitive bid by any other applicant:</b>	<b>£108.50 per £100 nominal of the Stock</b>

Application has been made to the UK Listing Authority for the Stock to be admitted to the Official List on 19 March 2010.

Application has also been made to the London Stock Exchange for the Stock to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market.

#### Auction of the Stock

1. THE UNITED KINGDOM DEBT MANAGEMENT OFFICE ("DMO") invites bids for the above Stock.

#### General

2. This prospectus is issued under the arrangements described in the Information Memorandum relating to the Issue, Stripping and Reconstitution of British Government Stock published by the DMO dated May 2009 (the "Information Memorandum"). The terms of the Information Memorandum apply to the above Stock and to the auction described in this prospectus except where expressly varied.

#### Maturity

3. The Stock will be repaid at par on 7 March 2020.

#### Interest

4. 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 March 2010, the most recent interest payment date of the Stock, to 19 March 2010, the settlement date of this auction, at the rate of £0.154891 per £100 nominal of the Stock. This further issue of the Stock will rank for the six months' interest payment due on 7 September 2010.

#### FOTRA exemptions

5. 4¾% Treasury Stock 2020 was first issued on 29 March 2005 and, consequently, the Stock and the interest payable on it will benefit from the exemptions from United Kingdom taxation in favour of non-resident holders described in paragraph 107 of the Information Memorandum.

## **Gross payment of interest**

6. Interest will be paid without deduction of income tax. However, holders of the Stock may elect to have UK income tax deducted from interest payments on application to the Registrar, Computershare Investor Services PLC.

## **Stripping**

7. The Stock may be stripped and holdings of the Stock reconstituted: the provisions relating to strips contained in the Information Memorandum will therefore apply.

## **Methods of application**

8. Bids may be made on either a competitive or non-competitive basis in accordance with paragraphs 72 to 88 of the Information Memorandum.

## **Non-competitive bids: amount payable on application**

9. The amount payable on application in the case of a non-competitive bid (except in the case of a non-competitive bid made by a Gilt-edged Market Maker ("GEMM")) is £108.50 per £100 nominal of the Stock.

## **Settlement of competitive bids and GEMMs' non-competitive bids**

10. For those competitive bids which are accepted and those non-competitive bids from GEMMs which are accepted, settlement must be effected in accordance with paragraphs 76(iii) and 78(v) of the Information Memorandum. For these purposes, the latest time and date for CHAPS payments to be sent to the Bank of England is **1.30 PM ON FRIDAY, 19 MARCH 2010**.

## **Latest times for receipt of applications**

11. Application forms from Approved Group members must be sent to Computershare Investor Services PLC, PO Box 2411, The Pavilions, Bristol, BS99 6WX, who are acting on behalf of the DMO, to arrive not later than **10.00 AM ON THURSDAY, 18 MARCH 2010**; or lodged by hand at the DMO, Eastcheap Court, 11 Philpot Lane, London, EC3M 8UD not later than **10.00 AM ON THURSDAY, 18 MARCH 2010**. GEMMs may bid by means of the Bloomberg Bond Auction System to the DMO not later than **10.30 AM ON THURSDAY, 18 MARCH 2010**.

## **Bids irrevocable**

12. Bids will not be revocable between 10.30 am on Thursday, 18 March 2010 and 10.00 am on Tuesday, 23 March 2010.

## **Post Auction Option Facility**

13. The provisions relating to the Post Auction Option Facility contained in the Information Memorandum will apply.

*United Kingdom* **Debt Management Office**

**LONDON**

10 March 2010