

PRELIMINARY OFFERING CIRCULAR DATED 16 JUNE 2009

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United Kingdom
Debt
Management
Office

ISSUE OF £[•],000,000

4½% TREASURY GILT 2034

ON [•] JUNE 2009

Joint Lead Managers

Barclays Capital Goldman Sachs International
HSBC The Royal Bank of Scotland

Co-Lead Managers

BNP PARIBAS Citi
Commerzbank Corporates & Markets Credit Suisse
Deutsche Bank J.P. Morgan Cazenove
Merrill Lynch International Morgan Stanley
Nomura International RBC Capital Markets
UBS Investment Bank Winterflood Securities Limited

Offering Circular dated [•] June 2009



Application has been made to the UK Listing Authority for the Gilt (as defined below) to be admitted to the Official List on [●] June 2009, the first issue date of the Gilt.

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

ISSUE OF THE GILT

1. THE UNITED KINGDOM DEBT MANAGEMENT OFFICE ("DMO") announces the issue by subscription of £[●],000,000 4½% Treasury Gilt 2034 (the "Gilt").

GENERAL

2. The Gilt is issued pursuant to the provisions of Section 12 of the *National Loans Act 1968*. For the avoidance of doubt the Gilt shall be "stock" for the purposes of all relevant statutory provisions.
3. The principal of and interest on the Gilt will be a charge on the National Loans Fund, with recourse to the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
4. The proceeds of the issue of the Gilt will be paid into the National Loans Fund and applied towards the net funding requirement of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
5. The Gilt may be held in either certificated or uncertificated form. Holdings of the Gilt in uncertificated form will be registered at the Registrar, held by members of the CREST system ("CREST") and transferable pursuant to the *Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001*¹ (as amended). Holdings of the Gilt in certificated form will be registered at the Registrar and transferable by instrument in writing in accordance with the *Stock Transfer Act 1963*. For the purposes of this Offering Circular, "the Registrar" means "Her Majesty's Treasury's designated Registrar; currently Computershare Investor Services PLC".
6. The Gilt will be transferable in multiples of one penny.
7. Payment of principal of and interest on the Gilt will be made by credit to a bank or building society account in accordance with the holder's instructions or, at the option and risk of the holder, by warrant sent by post. In the absence of instructions from the holder, payment of interest on the Gilt will be made by interest warrant sent by post.

¹ *Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001* (SI 2001/3755).

8. If the due date for payment of any amount of principal or interest in respect of the Gilt is not a business day then payment may not be made until the next succeeding business day and in such cases the holder of the Gilt will not be entitled to any further interest or other payment in respect of such delay. For these purposes, "business day" means any day which is not a Saturday or Sunday, Good Friday, Christmas Day, nor a day which is a bank holiday in England and Wales under the *Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971*.

MATURITY

9. The Gilt will be repaid at par on 7 September 2034.

INTEREST

10. Interest on the Gilt will be payable half-yearly on 7 March and 7 September.
11. Interest on the Gilt will accrue from [●] June 2009, the first issue date of the Gilt, and the short first interest payment will be due on 7 September 2009 at the rate of £[●] per £100 nominal of the Gilt.

TAXATION

12. The general taxation position for the Gilt, under current legislation, is broadly as follows:-
 - i. Interest payments on the Gilt will be paid without deduction of income tax unless the holder of the Gilt has elected to receive interest payments net of income tax. However, as income arising on the Gilt has a United Kingdom source, it may in certain circumstances be chargeable to United Kingdom income tax.
 - ii. The Gilt will be a gilt-edged security for the purposes of Schedule 9 to the *Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992*. Accordingly, a disposal of the Gilt will not give rise to a chargeable gain or allowable loss for the purposes of capital gains.
 - iii. The Gilt is not a "deeply discounted security" for income tax purposes. Thus, for a holder of the Gilt who is neither trading in the Gilt nor within the charge to corporation tax in respect of it, United Kingdom income tax arising in relation to holdings of the Gilt will generally be limited to income tax on interest received or, in certain circumstances, accrued.
 - iv. For a holder within the charge to corporation tax, a holding of the Gilt will be a "loan relationship" to which the provisions of Part 5 of the *Corporation Tax Act 2009* will

apply. Accordingly, such holders of the Gilt will be charged to tax as income on all returns, profits or gains on, and fluctuations in value of, the Gilt broadly in accordance with their statutory accounting treatment.

- v. Transfers of the Gilt are free of stamp duty and stamp duty reserve tax.

Residents abroad: freedom from tax (FOTRA exemptions)

13. The Gilt and the interest payable on it will benefit from the exemptions from United Kingdom taxation in favour of non-resident holders described below; references in this paragraph to "Gilt" are to the Gilt and interest payable thereon -

- i. The Gilt will be exempt from all United Kingdom taxation, present or future, so long as it is shown that the Gilt is in the beneficial ownership of persons who are not ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom.
- ii. This exemption will not apply so as to exclude the Gilt from any computation for taxation purposes of any income, profits or gains derived from any trade or business carried on in the United Kingdom.
- iii. This exemption is also subject to paragraphs 14 to 16 (inclusive) below.

General

14. For the purposes of paragraph 13 above, persons are not ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom if they are regarded as not ordinarily resident for the purposes of United Kingdom income tax.

15. The exemptions set out in paragraph 13 above are subject to the following limitations -

- i. The exemptions are subject to the provisions of any law, present or future, of the United Kingdom directed to preventing avoidance of taxation by persons resident or ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom. In particular, no amount in respect of the Gilt or the interest payable thereon will be exempt from income tax where, under any such provision, it falls to be treated for the purpose of the *Income Tax Acts* (as defined in section 831(1)(b) of the *Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988*) as income of any person resident or ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom;
- ii. The exemptions will not entitle a person to claim any repayment of tax unless the claim is made within the time limit provided for under applicable legislation. In general, such a claim will be within the time limit if it is made within five years from the 31 January in the year following the year of assessment to which it relates.

16. Where relevant, applications for exemption from United Kingdom income tax should be made in such form as may be required by the Commissioners for Revenue and Customs. The appropriate forms may be obtained from HM Revenue & Customs, Centre for Non-Residents, Fitz Roy House, PO Box 46, Nottingham, NG2 1BD.

Provision of information to HM Revenue & Customs for exchange with other tax authorities

17. Under European Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income, as amended, EU Member States are required to provide to the tax authorities of another Member State details of payments of interest (or similar income) paid by a person within its jurisdiction to, or collected by such a person for, an individual resident in that other Member State or to certain limited types of entities established in that other Member State. However, for a transitional period, Belgium, Luxembourg and Austria are instead required (unless during that period they elect otherwise) to operate a withholding system in relation to such payments (the ending of such transitional period being dependent upon the conclusion of certain other agreements relating to information exchange with certain other countries). A number of non-EU countries and territories, including Switzerland, have adopted similar measures (a withholding system in the case of Switzerland).
18. The *Reporting of Savings Income Information Regulations 2003*², as amended, (the “2003 Regulations”) require a paying agent (as defined in the 2003 Regulations) established in the United Kingdom who makes a payment of savings income to an individual resident, or a residual entity (as defined in the 2003 Regulations) established, in another EU Member State or one of certain other non-EU countries and territories to obtain, verify, record and then provide to HM Revenue & Customs certain information about the payee and the payment

GOVERNMENT STATEMENT

19. As explained in the statement issued by Her Majesty’s Treasury on 29 May 1985, in the interest of the orderly conduct of fiscal policy, neither Her Majesty’s Government nor its servants or agents undertake to disclose tax changes decided on but not yet announced, even where they may specifically affect the terms on which, or the conditions under which, a Gilt is issued or sold by or on behalf of the Government. No responsibility can therefore be accepted for any omission to make such disclosure and any such omission shall neither render any transaction liable to be set aside nor give rise to any claim for compensation.

² *Reporting of Savings Income Information Regulations 2003* (SI 2003/3297).

GROSS PAYMENT OF INTEREST

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

METHOD OF ISSUE

Subscription Agreement

21. Pursuant to a subscription agreement (the "Agreement") dated 16 June 2009 between Her Majesty's Treasury acting through the DMO and Barclays Bank PLC, Goldman Sachs International, HSBC Bank plc and The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (together "the Joint Lead Managers"), BNP PARIBAS, Citigroup Global Markets Limited, Commerzbank AG (London Branch), Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited, Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch, J.P. Morgan Securities Ltd., Merrill Lynch International, Morgan Stanley & Co International plc, Nomura International plc, Royal Bank of Canada Europe Limited, UBS Limited and Winterflood Securities Limited (together with the Joint Lead Managers, "the Managers"), the Managers have jointly and severally agreed to subscribe and pay for the Gilt at the price stated in the Agreement per £100 nominal of the Gilt. The Agreement may be terminated in certain circumstances prior to payment being made to the DMO.
22. Each Manager has represented and agreed in the Agreement that it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the *Financial Services and Markets Act 2000* with respect to anything done by it in relation to the Gilt in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.
23. The Gilt has not been and will not be registered under the US Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") and may not be offered or sold within the United States except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Each Manager has represented and agreed in the Agreement that it has not offered or sold, and will not offer or sell, any of the Gilt constituting part of its allotment except in accordance with Rule 903 of Regulation S under the Securities Act. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by Regulation S under the Securities Act.
24. In addition, until 40 days after the commencement of the offering, an offer or sale of the Gilt within the United States by a dealer that is not participating in the offering may violate the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

25. No action has been taken or will be taken in any jurisdiction by Her Majesty's Treasury or any of the Managers that would permit a public offering of the Gilt, or possession or distribution of this Offering Circular (in draft or preliminary or final form) or any amendment or supplement hereto or any other offering or publicity material relating to the Gilt, in any country or jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. Each Manager has agreed in the Agreement that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations in each jurisdiction in which it acquires, offers, sells or delivers the Gilt or has in its possession or distributes this Offering Circular (in draft or preliminary or final form) or any amendment or supplement thereto or any such other material, in all cases at its own expense.

Commission paid to the Managers

26. Her Majesty's Treasury shall pay to the Managers an amount equal to the commission provided for in the Agreement.

Subscriptions

27. Subscriptions made by members of the DMO's Approved Group of Investors must be for a minimum of £1,000 nominal of the Gilt and for larger amounts in multiples of £1,000 up to a maximum of £500,000 nominal of the Gilt.

Price payable

28. The Gilt will be issued to the Managers at a price of £[●] per £100 nominal of the Gilt (being the price the DMO is prepared to accept for subscriptions from investors subscribing through the Managers).

29. The price payable by subscribers (including, for the avoidance of doubt, members of the DMO's Approved Group of Investors) will be £[●] per £100 nominal of the Gilt (being the re-offer price at which the Managers have agreed in the Agreement that the Gilt will be sold to subscribers).

Settlement of allocations of the Gilt

30. Settlement of subscriptions for the Gilt by the Managers shall be effected in accordance with the terms of the Agreement. Settlement of subscriptions for the Gilt by members of the DMO's Approved Group of Investors shall be effected in the manner set out in the relevant application form.

Stabilisation

31. In connection with the issue of the Gilt, the Joint Lead Managers (or persons acting on their

behalf) may over-allot the Gilt or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the Gilt at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail. However, there is no assurance that the Joint Lead Managers (or persons acting on their behalf) will undertake stabilisation action. Any stabilisation action may begin on or after the date on which adequate public disclosure of the terms of the offer of the Gilt is made and, if begun, may be ended at any time, but it must end no later than the earlier of 30 days after the first issue date of the Gilt and 60 days after the date of allotment of the Gilt. Any stabilisation action or over-allotment must be conducted by the Joint Lead Managers (or persons acting on their behalf) in accordance with all appropriate laws and rules.

Bids irrevocable

32. Subscriptions made by members of the DMO's Approved Group of Investors will not be revocable between 10:00 am on [●]day, [●] June 2009 and 10.00 am on [●]day, [●] June 2009.

Further Issues of the Gilt

33. Her Majesty's Treasury, acting through the DMO, may from time to time, without the consent of the holders of the Gilt, create and issue, by whatever methods the DMO shall at its absolute discretion decide, further amounts of the Gilt. Any such further issues of the Gilt shall be fungible in all respects with the Gilt already in issue.

STRIPPING

34. The Gilt may not be stripped and reconstituted until so specified in a notice issued by the DMO. Upon issue of such a notice, all the provisions relating to strips contained in the Information Memorandum relating to the Issue, Stripping and Reconstitution of British Government Stock published by the DMO dated May 2009 will apply to the Gilt and strips derived from the Gilt.

JURISDICTION

35. In the case of a purchase of the Gilt by a member of the DMO's Approved Group of Investors, the purchaser agrees that the English courts shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute which may arise in connection with the Gilt or any application for the Gilt. However, in relation to any such purchase of the Gilt, the DMO reserves the right, to the extent allowed by law, to bring proceedings in any other court or concurrent proceedings in any number of jurisdictions. This clause is for the benefit of the DMO.

GOVERNING LAW

36. This Offering Circular and the Agreement and any other relevant documents, and any non-contractual obligations or matter arising therefrom or in connection therewith, are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, the laws of England.

United Kingdom **Debt Management Office**

LONDON

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