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**PROSPECTUS**



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INTEREST PAYABLE HALF-YEARLY ON 7 MARCH AND 7 SEPTEMBER

### PAYABLE IN FULL WITH APPLICATION

With a competitive bid:	Price bid (in accordance with paragraph 10)
With a non-competitive bid by a gilt-edged market maker:	Non-competitive sale price (in accordance with paragraph 10)
With a non-competitive bid by any other applicant:	£98.50 per £100 nominal of the gilt

Application has been made to the UK Listing Authority for the gilt to be admitted to the Official List on 26 May 2006.

Application has also been made to the London Stock Exchange for the gilt to be traded on the London Stock Exchange's Gilt-Edged and Fixed Interest Market.

#### Auction of the Gilt

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

#### 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 December 2004, as amended by the DMO's Notices dated 13 May 2005 and 13 September 2005, (the "Information Memorandum"). The terms of the Information Memorandum apply to the above gilt and to the auction described in this prospectus except where expressly varied.

#### Maturity

3. The gilt will be repaid at par on 7 September 2016.

#### Interest

4. Interest will be payable half-yearly on 7 March and 7 September. Interest on the gilt will accrue from 2 March 2006, the first issue date of the gilt, and the first interest payment will be due on 7 September 2006 at the rate of £2.055249 per £100 nominal of the gilt. The price payable will include an amount equal to the accrued interest from 2 March 2006, the first issue date of the gilt, to 26 March 2006, the settlement date of this auction, at the rate of £0.924814 per £100 nominal of the gilt. This further issue will therefore rank for the full amount of the interest due on 7 September 2006.

#### FOTRA exemptions

5. The gilt and the interest payable on it will benefit from the exemptions from United Kingdom taxation in favour of non-resident holders described in paragraph 75 of the Information Memorandum.

#### Gross payment of interest

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

### **Stripping**

7. Following the issue of this further amount of the gilt, 4% Treasury Gilt 2016 may be stripped and holdings of the gilt reconstituted: the provisions relating to strips contained in the Information Memorandum will therefore apply except that the minimum stripping unit will be £1,000,000 nominal until the payment of the non-standard first coupon on 7 September 2006; the standard minimum stripping unit of £10,000 nominal will apply after this date.

### **Methods of application**

8. Bids may be made on either a competitive or non-competitive basis in accordance with paragraphs 58 to 69 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 £98.50 per £100 nominal of the gilt.

### **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 60(iii) and 62(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, 26 MAY 2006**.

### **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, BS3 9WX, who are acting on behalf of the DMO, to arrive not later than **10.00 AM ON THURSDAY, 25 MAY 2006**; or lodged by hand at the DMO, Eastcheap Court, 11 Philpot Lane, London, EC3M 8UD not later than **10.00 AM ON THURSDAY, 25 MAY 2006**. GEMMs may bid by telephone to the DMO not later than **10.30 AM ON THURSDAY, 25 MAY 2006**.

### **Bids irrevocable**

12. Bids will not be revocable between 10.30 am on Thursday, 25 May 2006 and 10.00 am on Wednesday, 31 May 2006.

*United Kingdom Debt Management Office*

**LONDON**

16 May 2006