ANNOUNCEMENT OF GEMM RESIGNATION - 29 June 2009

The UK Debt Management Office (DMO), jointly with the London Stock Exchange, today confirms the resignation of Commerzbank AG as a Gilt-Edged Market Maker (GEMM) in both conventional and index-linked gilt sectors, with effect from the close of business tomorrow, 30 June 2009. This resignation will reduce the number of firms currently recognised as GEMMs by the DMO to fifteen. A list of these firms is available on the DMO website at: <www.dmo.gov.uk>.