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Bank of England Euro Bills

The Bank of England today announced the issue of Euro 900 million nominal of Bank of England Euro Bills, for auction on a bid-yield basis on Tuesday, 15 January 2002, in the following maturities:

- Euro 600 million for maturity on 11 April 2002 and
- Euro 300 million for maturity on 11 July 2002

An additional Euro 50 million nominal of six-month Bills, maturing on 11 July 2002, will be allotted directly to the Bank of England. A copy of the auction notice published by the Bank (Appendix 1) is attached.

In addition, the Bank of England has today published a new and updated Information Memorandum for the Bank of England Euro Bill programme. This includes an updated list of market makers for Bank of England Euro Bills. The Bank has appointed ABN AMRO Bank N.V. and ING Bank as new market makers in the programme. Copies of the Information Memorandum are available from the Bank of England on request.

A schedule of dates on which auctions will be held during 2002 are attached to this press notice.

Notes for Editors

The Bank of England Euro Bill programme (together with its predecessor, the UK Government Euro Treasury Bill programme) has now been running for over 13 years. The Bank of England took over from H M Treasury as the issuer of euro bills over the period April to September 1999. Bank of England Euro Bills are similar in all their main features to the earlier UK Government Euro Treasury Bills, but are the obligations of the Bank of England rather than HM Treasury. The arrangements for the programme are described in the Bank of England Euro Bill Information Memorandum published today.

Auctions are held monthly; the first took place in October 1988. The specific amounts and maturities of Bills on offer at each auction will be announced at least four business days in advance of each auction.

The proceeds of Bank of England Euro Bills will be added to the foreign currency holdings of the Bank of England.

There are currently euro 3.5 bn of Bills outstanding with the public, with maturity dates between January and June 2002. They are eligible as Tier 1 collateral within TARGET for euro intra-day liquidity and in the ESCB's open market operations. They are also eligible as collateral for repo in the Bank's sterling open market operations and for intra-day liquidity within the sterling CHAPS payments system.

There are twenty Bank of England Euro Bill market makers, as listed in the Information Memorandum.

Key Resources

Auction Notice

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20100114080129/http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/publications/news/2002/auctnt53.pdf>

Information Memorandum dated 8 January 2002

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20100114080129/http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/publications/news/2002/inmem0201.pdf>

Schedule of Auction Dates for 2002

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20100114080129/http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/publications/news/2002/eurobilldates02.pdf>