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TREASURY OFFERS 9-3/4-YEAR 2% INFLATION-INDEXED NOTES

The Treasury will auction \$9,000 million of 9-3/4-year 2% inflation-indexed notes to raise new cash.

Up to \$1,000 million in noncompetitive bids from Foreign and International Monetary Authority (FIMA) accounts bidding through the Federal Reserve Bank of New York will be included within the offering amount of the auction. These noncompetitive bids will have a limit of \$100 million per account and will be accepted in the order of smallest to largest, up to the aggregate award limit of \$1,000 million.

The auction will be conducted in the single-price auction format. All competitive and noncompetitive awards will be at the highest yield of accepted competitive tenders. The allocation percentage applied to bids awarded at the highest yield will be rounded up to the next hundredth of a whole percentage point, e.g., 17.13%.

The notes being offered today are eligible for the STRIPS program.

This offering of Treasury securities is governed by the terms and conditions set forth in the Uniform Offering Circular for the Sale and Issue of Marketable Book-Entry Treasury Bills, Notes, and Bonds (31 CFR Part 356, as amended).

For original issue discount (OID), IRS regulations permit reopenings of inflation-indexed securities without regard to OID rules, provided that the reopenings occur not more than one year after the original securities were first issued to the public. Therefore, the OID limit does not apply to this auction.

Details about the security are given in the attached offering highlights.

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Attachment

HIGHLIGHTS OF TREASURY OFFERING TO THE PUBLIC OF 9-3/4-YEAR INFLATION-INDEXED NOTES TO BE ISSUED APRIL 15, 2004

April 1, 2004

Offering Amount\$9,000 million
Maximum Award (35% of Offering Amount)\$3,150 million
Maximum Recognized Bid at a Single Yield\$3,150 million
NLP Reporting Threshold\$3,150 million
NLP Exclusion Amount\$4,100 million
Description of Offering:
Term and type of security9-3/4-year inflation-
indexed notes (reopening)
Series
CUSIP number
Auction date
Issue dateApril 15, 2004
Dated dateJanuary 15, 2004
Maturity dateJanuary 15, 2014
Interest rate2%
Amount outstanding\$12,000 million
Adjusted amount currently outstanding\$12,028 million
Real yieldDetermined at auction
Interest payment datesJuly 15 and January 15
Minimum bid amount and multiples\$1,000
Accrued interest
April 15, 2004)
Adjusted accrued interest payable by investor\$5.02415 per \$1,000
Premium or discount
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STRIPS Information:
Minimum amount required\$1,000
Corpus CUSIP number912820 JT 5

Submission of Bids:

Noncompetitive bids: Accepted in full up to \$5 million at the highest accepted yield.

Foreign and International Monetary Authority (FIMA) bids: Noncompetitive bids submitted through the Federal Reserve Banks as agents for FIMA accounts. Accepted in order of size from smallest to largest with no more than \$100 million awarded per account. The total noncompetitive amount awarded to Federal Reserve Banks as agents for FIMA accounts will not exceed \$1,000 million. A single bid that would cause the limit to be exceeded will be partially accepted in the amount that brings the aggregate award total to the \$1,000 million limit. However, if there are two or more bids of equal amounts that would cause the limit to be exceeded, each will be prorated to avoid exceeding the limit.

Competitive bids:

(1) Must be expressed as a real yield with three decimals, e.g., 3.123%.

- (2) Net long position for each bidder must be reported when the sum of the total bid amount, at all yields, and the net long position equals or exceeds the NLP reporting threshold stated above.
- (3) Net long position must be determined as of one half-hour prior to the closing time for receipt of competitive tenders.

Receipt of Tenders:

Noncompetitive tenders: Prior to 12:00 noon eastern daylight saving time on auction day. Competitive tenders: Prior to 1:00 p.m. eastern daylight saving time on auction day.

<u>Payment Terms</u>: By charge to a funds account at a Federal Reserve Bank on issue date, or payment of full par amount with tender. *TreasuryDirect* customers can use the Pay Direct feature which authorizes a charge to their account of record at their financial institution on issue date.

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