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**Iraq Announces the Successful Conclusion of
Debt-for-Debt Exchange Offer**

Baghdad, Iraq: The Republic of Iraq today announced the successful conclusion of its commercial debt-for-debt exchange offer.

Invitations were sent on November 16, 2005 to holders of large Saddam-era commercial claims against Iraq and Iraqi public sector obligors. These claims totaled in aggregate approximately U.S.\$14 billion, or about 60% of all the commercial claims registered with Iraq's debt reconciliation agent. The tender period for the offer expired on Wednesday, December 21, 2005.

100% of the claimants with offers on the tender due date tendered their claims pursuant to the terms of the exchange offer. These terms are summarized in Iraq's press release of November 16, 2005. Tendering claimants will receive either privately-placed U.S. dollar-denominated notes or an interest in a multicurrency loan, at each claimant's election.

The final results are being verified by the exchange agent for the offer and will be announced by press release within the next two weeks. Final figures regarding the allocation of amounts between the new notes to be issued and the new loan, based upon claimant elections, will be announced at that time.

The closing for the exchange offer is expected to take place on January 19, 2006.

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