

## GOVERNMENT DEBT MANAGEMENT

## TERMS OF INVITATION TO TENDER for NOMINAL BONDS

## **Auction date 18 March 2011**

- 1. The Minister of Finance, acting on behalf of the Treasury, has decided to tender Treasury Bonds in conformity with authorisations contained in the National Budget for the year 2011 and with reference to the provisions of the Act on the National Debt Management Agency, no. 43/1990, with subsequent amendments, and the agreement between the Ministry of Finance and the Central Bank of Iceland concerning the Government Debt Management agency, which was concluded on 18 October 2010. The aim of the issue is to acquire funds for the Treasury and to improve the interest rate structure in the domestic bond market. The auction date is Friday 18 March 2011. The date of payment and settlement is Wednesday 23 March 2011.
- 2. The following series of Treasury Bonds will be offered:

  Series ISIN Maturity date

  RIKB 12 0824 IS0000020204 24.08.2012

The Central Bank reserves the right to accept all of the submitted bids, part of them or reject all of them. The auction will be structured as a single-price auction, which means that all accepted bids will be offered to primary dealers at the same price. The lowest accepted price (highest yield) will determine the selling price.

- The Treasury Bonds are issued in dematerialised form by the Icelandic Securities Depository hf. The value unit is one króna; that is, the nominal value and the number of units is the same.
- 4. Only primary dealers are authorised to submit bids. The minimum amount of each bid is 1 m.kr. Bids shall be submitted in multiples of 1 m.kr.
- 5. After the results of the auction are available, the Central Bank will offer primary dealers the equivalent of 10% of the nominal value sold in the auction, at the price of accepted bids, until 14:00 on Tuesday 22 March. Each primary dealer that has submitted an accepted bid in the auction has the right to purchase an amount proportional to its total purchase. The payment and settlement date for these transactions is Wednesday 23 March 2011.
- Bids may only be sent to the Central Bank through the Bloomberg Auction System between 10:00 and 11:00 on the auction date (Icelandic local time). Bids shall be expressed on a price basis, with three decimals.
- If bids do not reach the Central Bank due to system error or any other reason, the Central Bank disclaims all liability. Parties can obtain a confirmation of acceptance of their

bids by calling the International and Market Department of the Central Bank of Iceland (tel: +354 569 9633). Bids that reach the Central Bank and are registered to individual terminals in the Bloomberg Auction System are binding and are the responsibility of the person who is registered for that terminal. It is permissible to amend or withdraw bids by sending an appropriate message through the Bloomberg Auction System to the Central Bank before 11:00 on the auction date. If problems arise because of the use of the Bloomberg Auction System, the terms of "Form of Auction Process & BAS Back-Up Memorandum", which has been sent to all primary dealers that are authorised to submit bids, shall apply.

- The Treasury reserves the right to reject bids entirely or accept bids in part.
- The results of the auction will be published on the NASDAQ OMX Iceland and sent to the primary dealers by e-mail.
- 10. Payments for the Treasury Bonds in accordance with accepted bids in the auction must be received by the Central Bank before 14:00 on the date of payment, and the Bonds will be delivered in electronic form on the same day. If payment is not received at the correct time, the Treasury reserves the right to claim from the bidder the maximum legal penalty interest for the duration of the delay.
- 11. The Treasury will pay the debt according to the aforementioned Treasury Bonds on the maturity date. Any legal action resulting from these Treasury Bonds or any disagreement concerning the interpretation of terms and conditions may be referred to the District Court of Reykjavík, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 17 of the Code of Civil Procedure, Act no. 91/1991. The expiry of claims in accordance with these Treasury Bonds is subject to the provisions of the Act on the Expiration of Debt and Other Obligations, no. 150/2007.
- 12. Treasury Bonds are exempt from stamp duty in accordance with Act no. 79/1983. The tax liability or tax exemption of Treasury Bonds and interest on them is subject to the provisions of the Act on Income (and Property) Tax, as current at any time. Treasury Bonds must be declared on income tax returns.
- 13. This series of Treasury Bonds is listed on the NASDAQ OMX in Iceland. Market makers are Arion Bank, Íslandsbanki, MP Bank, NBI and Saga Investment Bank.