

National Treasury Management Agency

IRELAND

5% Treasury Bond 2013

Issue to take place on 24th January, 2002

See Overleaf for Conditions

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23rd January, 2002

Conditions Attached to the 5% Treasury Bond 2013

Issuer: Ireland acting through the National Treasury Management Agency. The principal and interest of the above bond, which is issued under the National Treasury Management Agency Act, 1990 and other statutes, will be charged on the Central Fund.

Currency: euro

Purpose of Issue: The proceeds of the issue will be used for general financing purposes of the Exchequer.

Trustee Status: The bond is an authorised investment under the Trustee (Authorised Investments) Act, 1958 as amended by section 80 of the Central Bank Act, 1997 of Ireland.

Taxation: Interest on the bond will be paid gross without deduction of income tax or any other deductions or withholdings.

In general, where the holder of the bond is an Irish resident taxpayer, the interest element payable on the bond is assessable to income tax, whereas any gains arising on disposal or redemption of the bond are exempt from capital gains tax. However, where the bond holder resident in Ireland is dealing in Government bonds as part of a trade, he/she is assessable to income tax or corporation tax, as the case may be, in respect of the interest element and also the gains arising on disposal or on redemption of the bond.

Section 43 of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997 of Ireland provides that the bond and the interest payable thereon is exempt from all Irish taxation so long as it is shown that the bond is in the beneficial ownership of a person not ordinarily resident in Ireland. However, where the bond is held by or for an Irish branch or agency of a foreign financial concern, interest and gains on such bond will be chargeable on tax.

In Ireland, individual purchasers should note that, where the bond is comprised in a gift or inheritance, the gift or inheritance will be exempt from capital acquisitions tax provided that the conditions for exemption set out in section 57 of the Capital Acquisitions Tax Act, 1976 of Ireland, as amended by section 40 of the Finance Act, 1978, section 135 of the Finance Act, 1997 and section 219 of the Finance Act, 2001, are met.

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In addition, the execution of instruments for the issue and the transfer of the bond will be free of Irish stamp duty under the provisions of section 85(2) and section 113 of the Stamp Duties Consolidation Act, 1999 of Ireland.

Proposed EU Directive on the Taxation of Savings Income: The European Union is currently considering proposals for a new directive regarding the taxation of savings income. Subject to a number of important conditions being met, it is proposed that each Member State will be required to provide to the tax authorities of another Member State details of payments of interest income (as defined) paid by a paying agent within its jurisdiction to an individual resident in that other Member State, subject to the right of certain Member States to opt instead for the imposition of a withholding tax rather than exchange of information for a transitional period of seven years in relation to such payments. The proposals would apply in respect of relevant interest payments to individuals who are holders of this bond.

Interest: The interest commencement date is 31 January 2002 which is also the first settlement date. Interest on the bond will be paid annually on 18 April at a rate of 5% save for the first interest payment which will be made on 18 April 2002 at a rate of 1.0548%. Interest payable will be calculated in accordance with the "actual / actual" day count convention.

The interest payable on each interest payment date will be based on the balance in the account(s) on the register maintained by the Central Bank of Ireland, as at close of business on the preceding business day.

Principal: The principal of the bond will be repaid at part on 18 April 2013.

Account: It is a condition of this bond that registered holder(s) shall nominate an account in a credit institution linked to the European System of Central Banks' Payment System (TARGET) into which all interest/redemption payments will be made. Details of the account to which such payments are to be made must be provided to the Central Bank of Ireland (as Registrar) on the appropriate form, which is available from the Bank, by the Bank's close of business (4.30pm) in Dublin on the day of registration of the holding. Holders must notify the Registrar of any change in account details through completion and lodgement of a further copy of the form.

Settlement, Registration and Transfer: The official settlement system for Irish Government Bonds in Euroclear. The register of holders of this bond issue will be kept at the Central Bank of Ireland. Transfer of ownership will be evidenced by book entry in any sums which are multiples of one cent.

Stock Exchange Listing: The bond will be listed on the Irish Stock Exchange.

Governing Law and Jurisdiction: Ireland

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