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Issue of five-year Federal notes ("Bobls")

- Announcement of auction -

As already announced in the issuance calendar for the first quarter of 2011, the Federal Government will issue five-year Federal notes series 159 by auction on 12 January 2011. An issue volume (auction allotment and amount set aside for secondary market operations) of € 6 billion is envisaged. Members of the Bund Issues Auction Group are entitled to bid.

Time schedule of the auction procedure:

Date of invitation to bid: Tuesday, 11 January 2011

Bidding period: Wednesday, 12 January 2011,

from 8.00 a.m. until 11.00 a.m. Frankfurt time

Stock exchange listing: Wednesday, 12 January 2011

Value date: Friday, 14 January 2011

Characteristics of the five-year Federal notes:

Maturity: 26 February 2016

Interest payment: annually on 26 February

interest begins to accrue as of 14 January 2011

First interest payment: 26 February 2012 for 408 days

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