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TREASURY ANNOUNCES DEBT BUYBACK OPERATION

On October 19, 2000, the Treasury will buy back up to \$1,500 million par of its outstanding issues that mature between February 2015 and November 2018. Treasury reserves the right to accept less than the announced amount.

This debt buyback (redemption) operation will be conducted by Treasury's Fiscal Agent, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, using its Open Market operations system. Only institutions that the Federal Reserve Bank of New York has approved to conduct Open Market transactions may submit offers on behalf of themselves and their customers. Offers at the highest accepted price for a particular issue may be accepted on a prorated basis, rounded up to the next \$100,000. As a result of this rounding, the Treasury may buy back an amount slightly larger than the one announced above.

This debt buyback operation is governed by the terms and conditions set forth in 31 CFR Part 375 and this announcement.

The debt buyback operation regulations are available on the Bureau of the Public Debt's website at www.publicdebt.treas.gov.

Details about the operation and each of the eligible issues are given in the attached highlights.

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Attachment

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HIGHLIGHTS OF TREASURY DEBT BUYBACK OPERATION

October 18, 2000

Par amount to be bought back .. Up to \$1,500 million Operation date October 19, 2000 Operation close time 11:00 a.m. eastern daylight saving time Settlement date October 23, 2000 Minimum par offer amount \$100,000 Multiples of par \$100,000 Format for offers Expressed in terms of price per \$100 of par with three decimals. The first two decimals represent fractional 32^{nds} of a dollar. The third decimal represents eighths of a 32nd of a dollar, and must be a 0, 2, 4, or 6. Delivery instructions ABA Number 021001208 FRB NYC/CUST

Treasury issues eligible for debt buyback operation (in millions):

| | | | | Par Amount | Par Amount |
|----------|------------|-------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| Coupon | Maturity | CUSIP | Par Amount | Privately | Held as |
| Rate (%) | Date | Number | Outstanding* | Held* | STRIPS** |
| 11.250 | 02/15/2015 | 912810 DP 0 | 12,024 | 10,178 | 5,943 |
| 10.625 | 08/15/2015 | 912810 DS 4 | 5,746 | 4,579 | 1,749 |
| 9.875 | 11/15/2015 | 912810 DT 2 | 6,156 | 5,149 | 2,272 |
| 9.250 | 02/15/2016 | 912810 DV 7 | 6,867 | 5,830 | 562 |
| 7.250 | 05/15/2016 | 912810 DW 5 | 18,824 | 17,724 | 490 |
| 7.500 | 11/15/2016 | 912810 DX 3 | 18,844 | 17,219 | 1,531 |
| 8.750 | 05/15/2017 | 912810 DY 1 | 17,175 | 14,420 | 6,021 |
| 8.875 | 08/15/2017 | 912810 DZ 8 | 13,250 | 11,192 | 2,502 |
| 9.125 | 05/15/2018 | 912810 EA 2 | 7,956 | 6,717 | 4,282 |
| 9.000 | 11/15/2018 | 912810 EB 0 | 7,694 | 6,926 | 4,567 |
| · | | Total | 114,536 | 99,934 | 29,919 |

* Par amounts are as of October 17, 2000. ** Par amounts are as of October 16, 2000.

The difference between the par amount outstanding and the par amount privately held is the par amount of those issues held by the Federal Reserve System.