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TREASURY ANNOUNCES DEBT BUYBACK OPERATION

On December 14, 2000, the Treasury will buy back up to \$1,250 million par of its outstanding issues that mature between August 2019 and August 2022. 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

HIGHLIGHTS OF TREASURY DEBT BUYBACK OPERATION

December 13, 2000

Par amount to be bought back.. Up to \$1,250 million Operation date........... December 14, 2000

Operation close time11:00 a.m. eastern standard time

Settlement date December 18, 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 $32^{\rm nds}$ of a dollar. The third decimal represents eighths of a $32^{\rm nd}$ 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**
8.125	08/15/2019	912810 ED 6	19,857	17,924	1,140
8.500	02/15/2020	912810 EE 4	9,979	8,540	1,794
8.750	05/15/2020	912810 EF 1	8,644	7,142	5,155
8.750	08/15/2020	912810 EG 9	19,145	17,264	9,894
7.875	02/15/2021	912810 EH 7	10,415	9,471	776
8.125	05/15/2021	912810 EJ 3	10,749	9,131	4,300
8.125	08/15/2021	912810 EK 0	10,918	9,260	1,324
8.000	11/15/2021	912810 EL 8	31,851	28,783	19,014
7.250	08/15/2022	912810 EM 6	10,289	9,415	747
		Total	131,847	116,930	44,144

- * Par amounts are as of December 12, 2000.
- ** Par amounts are as of December 11, 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.