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TREASURY ANNOUNCES DEBT BUYBACK OPERATION

On May 17, 2001, the Treasury will buy back up to \$1,750 million par of its outstanding issues that mature between November 2022 and November 2027. 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

May 16, 2001

Par amount to be bought back.. Up to \$1,750 million

Operation close time11:00 a.m. eastern daylight saving time

Settlement date May 21, 2001

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**
7.625	11/15/2022	912810 EN 4	8,314	6,713	4,131
7.125	02/15/2023	912810 EP 9	16,979	14,344	6,994
6.250	08/15/2023	912810 EQ 7	22,659	21,106	3,470
7.500	11/15/2024	912810 ES 3	9,864	8,249	6,197
7.625	02/15/2025	912810 ET 1	10,869	9,325	6,994
6.875	08/15/2025	912810 EV 6	11,715	9,916	4,221
6.000	02/15/2026	912810 EW 4	12,838	11,723	1,395
6.750	08/15/2026	912810 EX 2	10,303	8,689	2,372
6.500	11/15/2026	912810 EY 0	11,298	9,574	4,825
6.625	02/15/2027	912810 EZ 7	10,211	9,000	3,190
6.375	08/15/2027	912810 FA 1	10,196	8,556	1,437
6.125	11/15/2027	912810 FB 9	22,326	18,978	7,581
		Total	157,572	136,173	52,807

^{*} Par amounts are as of May 15, 2001.

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.

^{**} Par amounts are as of May 14, 2001.