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RSA RETAIL BOND UPDATE

Sales of the RSA Government Retail Bond have reached R 1,660 billion since its launch in May 2004. 18 674 people have invested with a total of 31 563 investments. December sales increased from R17 million to R35 million.

The National Treasury determines the prevailing interest rates for the 2-year, 3-year and 5-year RSA Government Retail Bonds at the end of each month.

The interest rates are determined by interpolating the equivalent yields of the 2-year, 3-year and 5-year Government Bonds.

THE PREVAILING INTEREST RATES FOR FEBRUARY 2006 ARE:

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| 2-year Retail Bond: | 7.50% |
| 3-year Retail Bond: | 7.75% |
| 5-year Retail Bond: | 8.00% |

The above interest rates are applicable from 1 February 2006 until 28 February 2006.

The retail bond has attracted new as well as the smaller investors. About 53% of the total investments, invested R20 000,00 and less. It is important to note the South Africans from all walks of life have invested in the retail bond.

Visit www.rsaretailbonds.gov.za for rate calculators and retail bond information.

Telephone applications are now available for investors.

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