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Press release: South Africa prices US\$1.5 billion 12 year global bond

The Republic of South Africa on Monday 9 January 2012 priced a US\$1.5 billion 12 year global bond, on the international capital markets. The bond was priced at a coupon (interest) of 4.665 percent which represents a spread of 270 basis points above the 10 year US Treasury's benchmark bonds.

The pool was made up of a diversity of investors from across globe with the majority coming from Europe and the USA. With the transaction attracting bids to the value of US \$3 billion, a bid to cover ratio of 2x the issue amount.

The success of the transaction reflects investor confidence in South Africa as a credit amid concerns about economic developments out of Europe. The government also sees the success of the transaction as an expression of confidence in the country's stable political environment, sound macro-economic policy framework and prudent fiscal management.

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