

PRESS RELEASE

BUY-BACK/OFFER OF GOVERNMENT INFLATION LINKED BONDS

The National Treasury will conduct an auction to buy-back the Inflation Linked Bond R198 (3.80%:2008) and offer the R210 (2.60%: 2028) and R202 (3.45%:2033) through the South African Reserve Bank (SARB).

The details of the **ILB** auctions are as follows:

Auction 1: Buy-back Bond

Auction Date : 24 January 2008
Settlement Date : 29 January 2008
Bond to be bought back : R198 (3.80%:2008)
Amount : R3 billion (minimum)

Bidding allowed from : 11h00 Auction closing time : 12h00*

Auction 2: Offering Bonds

Auction Date : 24 January 2008 Settlement Date : 29 January 2008 Bonds on offer : R210 and R202

Amounts : Allocation subject to buy-back amount

Bidding allowed from : 11h00 Auction closing time : 12h15*

The National Treasury reserves the right to buy-back or offer nothing or less than the announced amount if warranted by market conditions.

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 $[^]st$ the auction closing times are kept different for the buy-back and offer auctions for systems operational purpose.