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Treasury Bills (BOT) Offering Announcement

The Ministry of Treasury disposes the following BOT issues, that will be settled on the 14th March 2008, and auctioned on the 11th March 2008:

	amount (in millions of Euros)	Maturity	days
12month BOTs	7,500	March 16, 2009	367

The Ministry also disposes on the same day a BOT issue, maturing on 30th September 2008 (200 days maturity). The amount offered is €3,000 mln. and settlement date is 14th March 2008.

According to D.M. 12th February 2004, maximum fee which can be charged by intermediaries for a 200 days BOT is 0,20%.

Consider that there are € 7,500 millions of BOTs maturing on 14th March 2008.
(12month BOTs: 7,500 millions of Euro).

BOTs are offered through a competitive auction, without the indication of the minimum price; BOTs can be subscribed for a minimum amount of 1,000 Euro

Any bids not containing price reference wont be allowed. Prices indicated by dealers, expressed in percentages, can vary of 0.001% or multiple thereof. The nominal amount of any bid cannot be less than 1.5 mln Euro.

The subjects allowed to participate in the auction are indicated in issuance decree.

In accordance with Section II – Title V of the legislative decree no. 213 of 24 June 1998, and the following related rules, that establishes all the details about dematerialization of Government Bonds, BOTs are represented by account registration in favour of the entitled.

Bank of Italy will comply with the "ad hoc" procedure in order for the BOT amounts subscribed to be automatically settled through the so called facility of compensation and settlement service which deals with financial instrument with the same date value. On the basis of the allocation, allottees intermediaries will credit the relative amounts to the subscribers accounts.

Every dealer's bids, no more than three, are to be transmitted to Bank of Italy, using exclusively the National Interbanking Network strictly by 11.00 a.m. of the auction date with the modalities and the deadline indicated in the issuance decree. In cases of malfunctioning of the equipment, not allowing the admission of messages in the network, requests of participation in the auction must be sent via fax with a form.

Bids received after the deadline set in the decrees are not taken into consideration. Eventual requests that substitute previous ones, are taken into consideration only if they arrive before the deadline. Requests cannot be withdrawn after the abovementioned deadline. If every dealer's bids exceed, also as a whole, the amount offered by the Treasury, they will be taken into consideration, starting from that at the highest price, to the extent of the amount offered, except what stated in the issuance decree.

On the 29th February 2008 outstanding BOTs is 145,222 millions of euros, of which € 3,000 millions a 136 days BOTs, € 2,500 millions a 122 days BOTs, € 3,500 millions of 3 month BOTs, € 55,722 millions of 6 month BOTs and € 80,500 millions of 12 month BOTs.

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