

## Ministero dell'Economia e delle Finanze Ufficio Stampa

## **PRESS RELEASE**

BUY BACK DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2006: BONDS ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Ministry of Economy and Finance announces the bonds that will be bought back tomorrow December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006 through a competitive auction reserved to specialists in government bonds:

ISIN CODE	SECURITY	ISSUE DATE	MATURITY DATE
IT0003271019	BTP	15 April 2002	15 October 2007
IT0001224309	BTP	01 May 1998	01 May 2008
IT0001273363	BTP	01 November 1998	01 May 2009
IT0003162168	CCT	01 September 2001	01 September 2008
IT0003219711	CCT	01 January 2002	01 July 2009
IT0003438212	CCT	01 February 2003	01 February 2010

The Specialists in Government bonds will be allowed to submit up to three offers for each security that shall be sent electronically, on December 13<sup>th</sup>, before 11:00, to the Bank of Italy through the National Interbank Network, according to the usual terms and conditions applied to the auction repurchase of Government bonds.

Offers must be comprehensive of nominal amount and price of the securities on repurchase. The prices indicated may vary by a minimum percentage amount of 1 thousandth and the nominal amount of each offer shall not be less than 1 million euros. The Ministry retains the option to reject the offers whose prices are considered not convenient.

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