

CADES issues a euro 1 billion benchmark with a 5-year maturity

PRESS RELEASE

CADES has issued a very successful new 1 bil USD benchmark issue maturing 1 August 2011 . This transaction is CADES second benchmark in USD in 2006.

The pricing at spread of USTbond + 37. Facial rate is 5.5 %. Re offered price was 99.982.

The very strong momentum in the order book enabled the transaction to be priced after only a day of bookbuilding.

CADES mandated Lehman Brothers, Morgan Stanley and Royal Bank of Scotland to lead manage this new issue.

In line with the CADES' strategy of diversification, 78 % of the bonds were placed in Asia . 14 % in Europe , 6 % in the Middle East , 2 % in North America .

Central Banks distribution accounted for 84 % of the book, fund managers, banks took 7 % and 9 % respectively.

CADES expects a funding volume of €27 bn of short and long term issuance in 2006 and has already issued Euro 9,95 billion of long term debt since January .

CADES: A BENCHMARK ISSUER IN THE EUROPEAN MARKET

Created in 1996, CADES is an administrative public agency under the authority of the French government. CADES enjoys the highest ratings by the principal international rating agencies (AAA/A1+, Aaa/P1, AAA/F1+), and a 0% Basel ratio weighting, which makes CADES one of the five largest non-government issuers in Europe .