

Press Release

ICO launches an issue for US\$1,500m

June 21 2007. Instituto de Crédito Oficial (Aaa, AAA, AAA) has launched an issue for an amount of US\$1,500m under its Euro Medium Term Notes Programme (EMTN).

Priced at 32.5 basis points on the American five-year Treasury bond, the issue pays a coupon of 5.375 percent and matures on July 2 2012. Arranged by JP Morgan, the Royal Bank of Scotland and UBS, it is the second public issue in dollars to be launched in 2007 and the first to carry a five-year term.

Set initially at US\$1,000m, the issue triggered such great demand on the market that it was increased to a final amount of US\$1,500m.

In geographical terms, distribution was extremely varied: most of it was placed in Europe (45 percent), while the rest was distributed among Asia (30 percent), North America (16 percent) and the Near East, nine percent.

By type of investor, 73 percent of the transaction was distributed among central banks; 17 percent, among fund managers; six percent, at banks; and the remainder, among pension funds.

In the course of the present year, ICO has launched medium and long-term issues for approximately €9,600m in eight different currencies: Norwegian krone (NOK), pounds sterling (GBP), Australian dollars (AUD), US dollars (USD), Turkish lira (TRY), euros (EUR), Swiss Francs (CHF) and yen (JPY).

The good response obtained by this issue bears witness not only to the strength of the institute's credit but also to investors' trust in ICO as a debt issuer. With the transaction, ICO takes yet another step towards the goal of diversifying its investor base by consolidating its presence on different markets.
