

20120105 EFSF places €3 billion benchmark bond in support of Ireland and Portugal

Source: European Financial Stability Facility

The European Financial Stability Facility today placed a €3 billion 3-year benchmark bond maturing on 4 February 2015. The proceeds will be used in conjunction with the financial assistance programmes for Republic of Ireland and Republic of Portugal. The issuance spread at reoffer was fixed at mid swap plus 40 basis points. This implies a reoffer yield for investors of 1.770 %.

This first 3-year bond placed by the EFSF was met with strong demand with orders received close to €4.5 billion from investors around the world.

Credit Suisse, Deutsche Bank and Société Générale CIB acted as lead managers for this issue and Deutsche Finanzagentur acted as Issuance Agent.

Christophe Frankel, Deputy CEO and CFO stated "the continued support from our investors shows that EFSF has established itself as a quality supranational issuer".

In 2012, the combined total funding requirements for Ireland and Portugal amount to €24 billion. The proceeds from today's bond issue will be disbursed to Ireland and Portugal in the coming weeks.

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