

Press release

DEPFA ACS BANK welcomes the U.S. Treasury Department's Statement regarding the development of a Covered Bond market in the United States

Dublin, 30 July 2008 - DEPFA ACS BANK, a global specialist lender to the public sector and an active issuer of public sector backed covered bonds (Irish Asset Covered Securities), welcomes the best practice guide issued by the Department of the Treasury to encourage the development of a Covered Bond market in the United States.

The Treasury statement and the widespread market support at this early stage bode well for the creation of a robust U.S. Covered Bond market.

The focus on high quality and well diversified dynamic cover pools, coupled with strong asset monitoring and disclosure, indicate that the US version of this well-established European product will be instantly recognisable to the international Covered Bond investor base.

DEPFA ACS Bank also welcomes the consideration given to ensure that this product has the greatest possible level of liquidity. The establishment, under the auspices of SIFMA of a U.S. Covered Bond Traders Committee, is an important step in the future development of the market.

**Bo Heide-Ottosen, Executive Director DEPFA BANK plc and
Julia Hoggett, Managing Director DEPFA ACS BANK comment:**

“We look forward to actively supporting the development of the Covered Bond market in the United States through the issuance of public sector Covered Bonds under the Irish Asset Covered Securities legislation.”

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