



Ministero dell'Economia e delle Finanze
DIREZIONE II

COMUNICATO STAMPA

US dollar Global re-opening

"The Republic of Italy (Aa2/AA/AA) has mandated Deutsche Bank, Goldman Sachs and Merrill Lynch for a USD 2 billion re-opening of its US\$ benchmark global 2.75% due 15 Dec 2006, bringing the total size to USD 5 billion.

The transaction will be launched and priced later this week subject to market conditions."

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