



***Ministero dell'Economia e delle Finanze***

PRESS RELEASE

### **3 year US dollar Global bond**

The Republic of Italy, rated (Aa2/A+/AA-) announces that the \$2 bn 2.125% Global Issue due 16 September 2013 has been priced today.

The bond yields 2.215% with a price of 99.74%, equating to a spread above the USD Libor of 120 basis points.

Settlement date is 16<sup>th</sup> September 2010. FSA / ICMA stabilisation fees are provided.

Lead managers for the transaction have been Deutsche Bank, Goldman Sachs International and Morgan Stanley.

The proceeds of the bond offering will be used for general purposes of the Italian Government, including debt management purposes.

*This announcement is not an offer for sale of any securities, which will be made only by means of a prospectus and prospectus supplement, a copy of which will be obtainable from Goldman Sachs International at Peterborough Court 133 Fleet Street EC4A 2BB London.*

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