

# State of the Netherlands

# 0.00% bond 2021 due 15 July 2031 Initial issuance

Issued under the authorization to contract bonds borne by the State of the Netherlands, given by the Government Accounts Act 2016 (*Comptabiliteitswet 2016*)

Issuance method DDA (Dutch Direct Auction) 09 February 2021; from 10:00 CET until 17:00 CET at the latest Issuance period Payment date Two days after the fixing of the Issue price Bond 0.00% bond 2021 due 15 July 2031 issued by the State of the Netherlands Interest 0.00% per annum Interest due date 15 July 2021 and annually thereafter on 15 July Maturity 10 years and 154 days, assuming a Payment date on 11 February 2021 Redemption date on 15 July 2031 the principal of the bond will be made redeemable at par; early redemption either in whole or in part is not permitted Reference bond DBR 0.00% due 15 February 2031 Uniform allotment the uniform allotment spread vis-à-vis the yield of the Reference bond will be announced preferably but no later than 9.00 CET on the day following the closing spread of the DDA Allotment the allotted amount will be fixed after closing of the DDA; nominal bids may be allotted in full, in part or be excluded; the DDA Rules apply the issue price will be fixed after closing of the DDA, but no later than 12:00 CET Issue price on the day after closing of the DDA Announcement the total accepted amount and the Uniform allotment spread will be announced after closing of the DDA

#### DEFINITIONS

The terms used in the conditions have the meanings stated below:

DDA Rules: The DDA Rules of the DSTA dated January 2021

DSTA: Dutch State Treasury Agency, part of the Ministry of Finance

MTS: MTS Netherlands;

Necigef: Nederlands Centraal Instituut voor Giraal Effectenverkeer B.V. (Dutch Central Securities Giro Institute);

Euroclear: Euroclear Bank N.V.;

Clearstream: Clearstream Banking S.A.;

Target: Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross settlement Express Transfer;

equensWorldline: equensWorldline (formerly known as Equens N.V.);

Primary Dealer: Institution appointed as such by agreement with the State of the Netherlands;

Affiliated institution: Institution affiliated to Necigef;

Proposal: The offer to buy or sell a traded security via the MTS system with specification of the quantity and the price quoted;

Application: Participation in a proposal;

Tick: 1 tick represents 0.01% of the par value of the traded security;

Strips: (Separate Trading of Registered Interest and Principal Securities) a registered claim against the State of the Netherlands pertaining only to a nominal amount which shall be paid at a certain time.

# amount which shall be paid at a certain time GENERAL CONDITIONS

#### 1. Registered rights

The debt issued is embodied in the form of a registered right in the name of the affiliated institutions of Necigef. All or part of the debt issued can be made available for delivery in the form of acquisition of a registered right in a nominal amount of whole euros.

#### 2. Interest

The interest rate will accrue as from the initial Payment date. The interest is paid on the next Interest due date and is paid to Necigef in favour of the affiliated institutions and their accountholders. Other rightful claimants are paid directly by DSTA. The interest will cease to accrue on the Redemption date.

#### 3. Redemption

On the Redemption date, the principal of the bond will be redeemable at par. Repayment of the principal is made to Necigef in favour of the affiliated institutions and their accountholders. Other rightful claimants are paid directly by the DSTA. Early redemption either in whole or in part is not permitted.

#### 4. Due dates for interest payment and redemption

If the Target and equensWorldline systems are not in operation on a due date for payment of interest or principal of the bond as referred to in articles 2 and 3, the interest or the principal will become payable on the next day on which the Target and equensWorldline systems are in operation.

#### 5 Limitation

The right to payment of interest or the principal of the bond will lapse five years after the beginning of the day following the date on which these amounts first become payable.

#### 6. Issue and purchase of strips

Upon request of a Primary Dealer, the DSTA issues strips against simultaneous submission - by the Primary Dealer - of part of the bond. Strips thus issued can, upon request of a Primary Dealer, be rejoined through submission - by the Primary Dealer - of these strips against simultaneous issue of part of the bond by the DSTA. In respect of the volume and due date of the instalments of interest and principal, strips are identical to the respective part of the bond. The State of the Netherlands has appointed an institution to administrate the rights and obligations pertaining to strips. The issue and submission, as well as the settlement of strips may be subject to further provisions.

# 7. Compliance by issuer with United States securities laws

The issuer is a foreign government (as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act) eligible to register securities under Schedule B of the Securities Act, and the bonds are backed by the full faith and credit of the issuer. The bonds have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and may be sold in the United States solely to qualified institutional buyers in accordance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act. The issuer represents, warrants and undertakes that neither it nor any person acting on its behalf has made or will make offers or sales of securities under circumstances that would require the registration of any of the bonds under the Securities Act, and in particular, that:

- neither the issuer nor any person acting on its behalf has engaged or will engage in any direct selling efforts (as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act) or in any form of general solicitation or general advertising (as those terms are used in Rule 502 (c) under the Securities Act) with respect to the bonds; and
- the bonds satisfy the eligibility requirements of Rule 144A(d)(3) under the Securities Act.

# 8. Applicable law and jurisdiction

The bond is subject to Netherlands law. Disputes may be brought exclusively before the competent court in the Netherlands.

# Costs

Where these conditions do not expressly state that they will be borne by the State of the Netherlands, costs may not be charged to the State of the Netherlands.

# 10. Conditions

In case of dispute as to the interpretation of these conditions, the Dutch text will be binding. Copies of these conditions are available free of charge at Primary Dealers.

# 11. Collective Action Clauses

The Collective Action Clauses can be found on our website english.dsta.nl/subjects/cacs. This document describes the Collective Action Clauses as agreed upon by the Member States of the European Union. The English text of the Collective Action Clauses is binding.

# **ISSUE CONDITIONS**

#### 1. Issue price

The initial issue price will be announced at the beginning of the Issuance period. The issue price may be revised at any time. The State of the Netherlands reserves the right to cancel the issue at any time up to beginning of the Issuance period.

#### Issuance method – Dutch Direct Auction (DDA)

The bond will be sold by means of a DDA. Enclosed you will find the DDA Rules. This document describes the rules and operations of the DDA.

#### 3. Accrued Interest

Interest will be calculated in accordance with section 250 of the ICMA Statutes, bylaws, rules and recommendations on an actual/actual basis. Any change in the way interest is calculated will become effective no sooner than on the next due date.

#### 4. Reservations at Tap issue

The right is reserved, without giving reasons, to cancel proposals in whole or in part and to suspend or terminate the tap issue at any time. In addition the right is reserved to unilaterally cancel applications that are not in line with these issue conditions or inconsistent with the market level at the time of execution. To be inconsistent with the market level, the application price must have differed by a minimum number of ticks from the last application executed on MTS within the previous 5 minutes, depending on the maturity of the security, as set out in the table below.

Maturity	Number of ticks
0 to 3.5 years	20
3.5 to 6.5 years	30
6.5 to 13.5 years	40
13.5 years and more	60

To identify the market level in the absence of applications executed within the previous 5 minutes, the second-best proposal present at the time of execution will be considered, taking account of the appropriate side of the market. In case of a unilateral cancellation the DSTA shall notify the counterpart and MTS, via telephone or e-mail without delay, and in any event not later than 15 minutes before the end of opening hours of MTS.

# 5. Settlement

Settlement takes place internal in Euroclear on issue account 25003 or in Clearstream through the electronic bridge.

# 6. Listing

Listing of this bond on the Official Market of Euronext Amsterdam N.V. will be pursued.

# 7. Paymen

The amount payable will be equal to the product of the issue price and the awarded nominal amount plus accrued interest (if any). This amount which shall be paid on the Payment date (or in case of a tap placement the day of settlement) on a "trade for trade" basis must be credited to the DSTA's issue account number 25003 with Euroclear.

In the event of late payment of the amount due, interest will be charged at the interest rate of this bond. The right is also reserved to recover any loss suffered by the State of the Netherlands from the Primary Dealer concerned.

# 8. After placement

The right is reserved to place additional debt after this issue.

# 9. Rights

The DSTA reserves the right to change the issue conditions at any time.

The Hague, 05 February 2021

The Minister of Finance,

On his behalf,

the Agent of the Dutch State Treasury Agency,

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