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PRESS RELEASE

- As part of the 2005 external borrowing programme, the first \$ denominated Global bond of the year was issued yesterday.
- The bond has 20 years to maturity with a nominal amount of \$ 2 bn.
- It has a coupon rate of 7,375%, is priced at 98.507 to give a yield of 7,52% and its spread is 282,5 basis points over US Treasuries.
- Its redemption date is February 5, 2025.

Some of the important features of the transaction are as following:

- The bond was heavily oversubscribed with approximately \$ 13 bn of demand from over 35 countries. This order-book is one of the biggest among emerging market issuers.
- The size of this bond is the largest one among the Turkish bond issues in international capital markets. 35% of the bond has been sold to the USA, 33% to Europe, 27% to Turkey and the remaining 5% to Asia and other regions.
- Approximately 350 investors participated in the transaction among which world's leading institutional investors constitute a significant share.
- The issuance of this bond, which is the very first transaction after the Presidency Conclusions of the Brussels European Council Meeting on December 17, 2004, attracted interest from those investors who had not invested in our previously issued bonds and our investor base has significantly extended.
- Approximately one third of the 2005 borrowing programme has been fulfilled with the issuance of this Global bond.