



32 BILLION EUROS PAID DOWN IN 11 YEARS

Today, Patrice Ract Madoux, Chairman of the CADES board of directors, presented the economic and financial media with a review of the CADES issue program in 2006 and its financing program for 2007.

AN INTENSIVE DEBT ISSUE PROGRAM IN 2006

Capitalizing on favorable market conditions in 2006, CADES was able to enlarge and diversify its investor base and financial tools.

An issuer of the first rank, CADES made use of a broad spectrum of financial instruments: €6.5 billion in the form of euro benchmark notes, €4.25 billion in benchmark bonds denominated in US dollars, €1 billion in benchmark bonds denominated in Australian dollars, €400 million in benchmark bonds denominated in Canadian dollars, €1.65 billion indexed to French inflation and €2.39 billion in private placements and MTNs.

Finally, and in accordance with the Act of 2004, on October 6, 2006 CADES made a final payment of €5.7 billion to ACOSS (*Agence Centrale des Organismes de Sécurité Sociale*).

Of the total debt assumed as of December 31, 2006 (i.e. €107.676 billion), €32 billion has already been amortized, and the estimated net financial position of CADES at year-end 2006 was €75.7 billion.

OUTLOOK FOR 2007

In 2007, CADES will pursue its stated mission of amortizing France's accumulated social security debt. The issuance program will be as diversified and flexible as that conducted in 2006.

In all, around €9 billion will probably be issued in 2007, placing CADES among the top sovereign and quasi-sovereign issuers in Europe.

CADES expects to pursue its financing program in 2007: benchmark issues in euros (€3-6 billion), issues pegged to French inflation (€1-2 billion), a variety of benchmark issues in other currencies than the euro (€1-2 billion), and private placements and MTN (€0.5-1 billion).

CADES: A BENCHMARK ISSUER IN THE FINANCIAL MARKETS

Created in 1996, CADES is an administrative public agency placed directly under the joint authority of the French Economic and Finance and Social Security Ministries.

Its mission is to pay down the debt accumulated by the general Social Security system between 1994 and 2006, a total of 107.7 billion euros, via a balanced financial structure and drawing primarily on a dedicated and exclusive resource (the CRDS tax).

A quasi-sovereign issuer, CADES enjoys benchmark status in the international capital markets. It has been awarded the highest ratings by the principal international rating agencies (AAA/A1+, Aaa/P1, AAA/F1+), and a 0% Basel ratio weighting, which makes CADES one of the five largest non-government issuers in Europe.

Complete information on CADES and its issues are available on the website (www.cades.fr), as well as on Reuters and Bloomberg.

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