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EFSF raises €1.5 billion in new 26-year bond

Luxembourg - The European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF) on Monday raised €1.5 billion in a new benchmark 26-year bond.

"With today's deal, the EFSF filled another gap in its outstanding bond curve. The size allows for the bond to perform in a challenging market and gives the EFSF a chance to add liquidity with a tap later," said Siegfried Ruhl, EFSF Head of Funding and Investor Relations.

The spread of the 1.7 percent February 2043 bond was fixed at mid-swaps plus 30 basis points, implying a reoffer yield of 1.717 percent.

Joint lead managers for the transaction were Citi, Commerzbank and NatWest Markets. The order book was in excess of €1.8 billion (including €225 million in bids from the joint lead managers).

About the EFSF

The European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF) was created as a temporary crisis resolution mechanism by the euro area Member States in June 2010. The EFSF has provided financial assistance to Ireland, Portugal and Greece. The assistance is financed by the EFSF through the issuance of bonds and other debt instruments. Since July 2013, the EFSF may no longer provide any further financial assistance.

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