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European Central Bank

ECB - clearing agent (D-Frankfurt-on-Main)**(99/S 207-145968/EN)****Restricted procedure****(Services)**

1. **Awarding authority:** European Central Bank (ECB), Kaiserstraße 29, D-60311 Frankfurt am Main.

Facsimile (46-69) 13 44 61 71 (Mr Bent Oxenboll).

2. **Description of the fields covered:** Applications are sought from suppliers who are interested in contracting as clearing agent for future transactions conducted by the ECB in the management of its foreign reserves. A prequalification round will be performed.

3. **Place where services are to be provided:** All national central banks of the 11 EU Member States participating in economic and monetary union and the ECB. The national central banks will be acting as agents of the ECB.

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6. **Number of service providers which will be invited to tender:** It is expected that no more than 10 candidates will be invited to tender.

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8. **Time limit for completion of the service or duration of the service contract and, as far as possible, time limit for starting or providing the service:** The contract will be for an unlimited duration with periodic reviews. The anticipated start date is mid-2000.

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b) **Final date for the receipt of requests to participate:** 22. 11. 1999.

c) **Address to which they must be sent:** As in 1. The envelope should be marked 'Restricted tender for clearing agent for the ECB'.

d) **Language(s) in which they must be drawn up:** English.

11. **Final date for dispatch of invitations to tender:** Mid-December 1999.

12. **Where applicable any deposits or guarantees required:** A parent-company guarantee may be required.

13. **Qualifications:** Applicants are required to provide the following information: full company name, business address and registered address (if different) and registration number;

details of parent company and other group companies, if a guarantee is to be provided or if otherwise relevant;

evidence of current activities as both clearing agent and executing broker;

a statement of clearing volumes for the past 2 years;

the names, addresses, telephone numbers and contact points of a least 3 clients from whom references may be sought;

financial statements relating to the past 2 years of trading should be submitted.

14. **Criteria for the award of the contract and, if possible, their order of importance if these are not stated in the invitation to tender:** Will be specified in the invitation to tender.

15. **Other information:** All applications, proposals and presentations must be submitted/conducted in English.

16. **Date of dispatch of the notice:** 14. 10. 1999.

17. **Date of receipt by the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities:** 14. 10. 1999.