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## Rabobank smoothly raises €5 billion from the financial markets

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**Rabobank has, in the space of only a few hours, issued a record amount of €5 billion in five-year Euro bonds with a coupon of 4.375%. This is equivalent to 150 basis points above the mid-swap rate. This first benchmark Rabo bond issue of 2009 attracted huge interest.**

Issues sized at more than €1 billion are commonly designated as benchmark deals and are publicly offered. Nearly 400 institutional investors subscribed to this transaction.

This Rabobank issue is the largest transaction to take place in the bank market since the credit crisis intensified in September 2008. In terms of price, this bond constitutes the most aggressively priced benchmark deal of all recent non (-government) -guaranteed issues.

This deal once again demonstrates Rabobank's ability to independently fund itself in the current difficult market, thanks to its triple A status.

Rabobank CFO Bert Bruggink said: 'Rabobank has once again proven that it can raise exceptionally large amounts from the capital markets at attractive prices without government guarantees. The successful issue shows that investors have complete confidence in the bank's intrinsic strength.'

He emphasises that, based on Rabobank's strong position on the financial markets, there are no obstacles to lending to the business community and private individuals. The relative price of the bank's funding is, however, higher than before the credit crisis and this is reflected in higher pricing for loans to clients.

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