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IFC LAUNCHES SPANISH PESETAS BOND ISSUE

The International Finance Corporation (IFC) has launched a Spanish peseta bond issue for 10 billion pesetas (\$88.3 million equivalent). This is IFC's second issue denominated in the Spanish currency; the first was a 8.3 billion pesetas issue launched in January 1988. The borrowing will allow IFC to take advantage of the attractive funding opportunities currently offered by the growing Spanish peseta market for supranational bond issues.

IFC, a member of the World Bank Group, is the largest source of direct project financing for private enterprises in developing countries.

The five year bond issue will be listed on the Madrid Stock Exchange and will carry a coupon of 11-1/4 percent per annum with an issue price of 99-3/4.

A limited group of Spanish and international banks led by J.P. Morgan, España, and co-lead by Banco Santander de Negocios will place the bonds in Spain and offshore, mostly in Europe and Japan. The proceeds will be swapped into variable rate U.S. dollars to fund IFC's variable rate U.S. dollars lending.