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Hi Jason,

No problem, here is todays commentary and I have now added you to my distibution list.

Regards

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Wednesday 3rd October
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                         UNSECURED
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                   O/N
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                        4.95/85
                   USD
                                                       4.75/4.60
  (treasuries)
                   EUR 3.95/85
                                                       3.90/80 (GC)
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                   GBP
                        5/80/70
                                                        5.74/70 (GC)
                   1WK
                   USD
                        5.05/4.95
                                                        4.70/4.55
  (treasuries)
>
                   EUR 4.15/08
 4.03/3.97(GC)
                   GBP 5.85/75
                                                         5.74/70(GC)
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                   1MTH
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                   USD 5.15/05
                                                           4.60/4.40
> (treasuries)
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                   EUR 4.37/33
                                                           4.05/4.00
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  (GC)
                   GBP
                         6.10/6.00
                                                          5.73/69
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  (GC)
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                   3MTH FIXING (opening estimate)
>
                   USD 5.25
                                      (5.24 yesterday)
                   EUR 4.795
                                     (4.795)
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                   GBP 6.26
                                      (6.25875)
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                   6MTH FIXING (opening estimate)
                   USD 5.17
                                      (5.1625yesterday)
                   EUR 4.755
                                     (4.753)
                   GBP 6.25
                                      (6.255)
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                   At the start of the new quarter we have seen a pick up in turnover
> volume, especially when we contrast that with the very poor market
> conditions leading up to the September month end last week. In most
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> currencies there has been good lending activity, however the bulk of
> that business has been for short maturities and the markets are
> generally still very thin past 3mths and the hurdle of year end. Also
> whilst we have seen lenders of cash in the market they are still
> particular about the names they lend to and also the price, there is
> no push to lend cash down through Libor fixings and the Libor/OIS
> spreads remain elevated.
                   USD: 3 month libor rose 1 bp yesterday. It should have risen more.
> One libor contributor set it 2 bps lower than where they were paying
> at 11 am!? The credit squeeze is still with us although money is
> available at a price. The fact that the spread of 1 month libor to Fed
> target remains around 40 bps is an indication of the banking
> community's desire only to lend very short term liquidity unless a
> substantial premium is paid. In the last month the $ MM desk in London
> has raised around $ 14 billion in 3 months to 10 years external
> liquidity, the vast majority of it in 3-6 months.
                   EUR: Euribors were broadly unchanged yesterday and we look for that
> to be the case again today. In turnover we again saw reasonable flows
> in all periods up until the year end but very little lending activity
> past that. Bidding rates were again on the high side at yesterdays
> weekly refinancing operation and for the first time we saw the average
> and marginal rates (4.14 and 4.16) come in higher than the 1week
> Euribor fixing of 4.107, the allotment amount was 7.5 bio over
> benchmark which should keep a softer bias to the daily Eonia fixing
> into the last day of the period, Tuesday 9th October when the ECB
> will drain any surplus liquidity. The EUR govt repo market has also
> seen good turnover up to 1mth but past that the market remains thin
> and spreads wide, in the triparty market T/N still feels like a long
> term trade and it is difficult to get any liquidity past that which
> may in part explain why the bidding rates at the weekly tender remain
> high.
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                   GBP: Again there were no takers of the BOEs supplementary 3mth
> liquidity providing tender, the Bank has announced that for the next
> reserves period the target range for reserve balances will be + / -
> 30% in theory this should be a useful tool in keeping O/N money close
> to the base rate. In the market there are less names paying for cash,
> we suspect this is a wait and see view ahead of the MPC meeting on
> Thursday.
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