

Condensed Balance Sheet of the Bank van de Nederlandse Antillen
(in millions NAf.)

Assets	30-Apr-06	Difference compared to 31-Mar-06	Liabilities	30-Apr-06	Difference compared to 31-Mar-06
Claims on nonresidents	1,219.2	6.0	Liabilities to nonresidents	0.3	-11.1
Gold	305.5	0.0	Deposits of non-residents in foreign currency	0.3	-11.1
Official reserves	913.7	6.0			
Domestic assets	360.4	-57.9	Domestic liabilities	1,579.3	-40.7
			Currency in circulation	279.4	5.0
Claims on the government	232.3	-62.8	Government deposits	95.5	-0.4
Government paper in portfolio	228.0	-0.1	Island government of Curaçao	51.9	0.1
Advanced license fees	0.0	-33.4	Central government	43.6	-0.5
Special account central government	4.3	-29.3			
			Liabilities to deposit money banks	612.1	4.3
			Current account balances	56.4	2.2
			Certificates of Deposit	30.0	-5.1
			Required reserves	525.7	7.2
Claims on other sectors	128.1	4.9	Liabilities to other sectors	283.9	-49.6
Other assets	128.1	4.9	Deposits other residents	245.4	2.9
			Other liabilities	38.5	-52.5
			Capital and reserves	308.4	0.0
Total assets	1,579.6	-51.9	Total liabilities	1,579.6	-51.9

In April 2006, the Bank continued to direct its monetary policy at tightening the surplus in the money market. This was effectuated through auctioning a larger amount of Certificates of Deposits (CDs), negotiable securities issued by the Bank. However, due to a shortfall in subscriptions, the amount of outstanding CDs dropped by NAf.5.1 million. The other main monetary policy instrument, the reserve requirement, was not deployed. Therefore, the reserve requirement percentage remained unchanged at 13.0%. The increase in the outstanding required reserves was due to the rise in the base amount upon which these are calculated.

Base money, defined as the sum of currency in circulation and the commercial banks' current account balances at the Bank, rose by NAf.7.2 million during the month of April due mainly to the increase of currency in circulation by NAf.5.0 million. The commercial banks' current account balances increased by a mere NAf.2.2 million.

Worth mentioning is the decline in "liabilities to other sectors" by NAf.49.6 million. This decline was due mainly to the settlement of license fee advances by the Bank to the central government. These transactions are also reflected at the assets side of the balance sheet by the items "advances license fees" and "special account central government".

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