

Condensed Balance Sheet

BANK VAN DE NEDERLANDSE ANTILLEN

(Central Bank)

The Condensed Balance Sheet of the Bank van de Nederlandse Antillen for August 2008 is as follows:
(millions of NAf.)

Assets	31-Aug-08	Difference Compared to 31-Jul-08	Liabilities	31-Aug-08	Difference Compared to 31-Jul-08
Claims on nonresidents	2,512.7	65.9	Liabilities to nonresidents	648.1	9.9
Gold	437.6	0.0	Deposits of nonresidents in foreign currency	648.1	9.9
Official reserves	2,075.1	65.9			
Domestic assets	325.4	-17.3	Domestic liabilities	2,190.0	38.7
			Currency in circulation	333.1	1.6
Claims on the government	195.2	-16.9	Government deposits	18.2	13.4
Government paper in portfolio	152.0	0.0	Island government	6.1	2.1
Advanced license fees	43.2	-0.7	Central government	12.1	11.3
Special account central government	0.0	-16.2			
Claims on deposit money banks	0.0	0.0	Liabilities to deposit money banks	866.0	15.1
Current account balances	0.0	0.0	Current account balances	31.3	0.0
			Certificates of Deposit	124.2	8.7
			Required reserves	710.5	6.4
Claims on other sectors	130.2	-0.4	Liabilities to other sectors	530.5	8.5
Other assets	130.2	-0.4	Deposits other residents	426.1	3.3
			Other liabilities	104.4	5.2
			Capital and reserves	442.2	0.1
Total assets	2,838.1	48.6	Total liabilities	2,838.1	48.6

During the month of August 2008, the Bank continued to direct its monetary policy at tightening the excess liquidity in the money market. Therefore, the Bank auctioned a larger amount of Certificates of Deposit (CDs) among the commercial banks. Consequently, the outstanding amount of CDs rose by NAf.8.7 million. The required reserves increased by NAf.6.4 million as a result of the higher domestic liabilities of the banks. The percentage upon which these reserves are calculated remained unchanged at 13.25%.

Base money, defined as the sum of “currency in circulation” and the commercial banks’ “current account balances” at the Bank, rose by NAf.1.6 million. This increase was due to gains in banknotes with the public. The current account balances of the commercial banks remained at the same level as the previous month (NAf.31.3 million).

The net position of the government improved by NAf.30.3 million over the course of August 2008. The accounts of both the central government and the island government of Curaçao at the Bank were replenished through the net issue of government paper, and the transfers by the country receiver from its account at a commercial bank. As a result, the central government turned around its liability to the Bank into a claim on the Bank.

Finally, the item “Official reserves” on the assets side of the balance sheet increased by NAf.65.9 million. This increase was due to the net sale of foreign exchange by the commercial banks to the Bank.

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