

**CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET
BANK VAN DE NEDERLANDSE ANTILLEN
(Central Bank)**

The condensed balance sheet of the Bank van de Nederlandse Antillen (Central Bank) for the month of December 2001 is presented below:

Condensed Balance Sheet (millions of NAf.)					
	Diff. compared with			Diff. compared with	
Assets	12-31- 01	11-30- 01	Liabilities	12-31- 01	11-30-01
Gold	138.9	0.0	Capital and Reserves	141.6	0.0
Official reserves	539.5	34.8	Bank notes	256.4	21.9
Central Government Advance account	35.0	0.0	Central Government Receiver	2.0	-0.3
Advanced license fees	29.7	0.0	Special Account Central Government	10.2	0.2
Government paper in portfolio	185.2	73.2	Island Government Receiver	22.1	21.4
Other	126.0	1.2	Banks	368.6	23.7
			Multi-annual plan projects	48.8	45.2
			Advance account projects	37.4	-5.0
			Financial support	68.8	0.0
			Solidarity fund	1.4	0.9
			Deposits of other residents	30.5	-0.2
			Deposits non-residents	0.8	-0.3
			Other	59.9	1.8
Total Assets	1,048.5	109.2	Total Liabilities	1,048.5	109.2

During the month of December 2001, the international reserves increased by NAf. 34.8 million. This is the result of transfers to the Isla refinery and the payment of profit tax by companies in the international financial and business services sector to the Island receiver. The increase of the official reserves caused by these transfers was partly mitigated by a net purchase of foreign exchange by the commercial banks.

Furthermore, on the assets-side of the balance sheet the item "Government paper in portfolio" increased by of NAf. 73.2 million. The Bank bought NAf. 75.0 million of government paper from the Central as well as the Curaçao government. With these funds, among others, part of the accumulated arrears to creditors was paid. In addition, the item "Other" increased primarily because of the augmented value of the new office building of the Bank.

On the liabilities-side of the balance sheet it can be observed that the item "Island receiver" increased by NAf. 21.4 million. This was mainly due to above-mentioned loan to the Curaçao government

and the transfer of profit tax. Part of these funds was spent to reduce the debts to creditors mentioned earlier.

The item "Special account Central government" increased by only NAf. 0.2 million. However, a few noteworthy transactions occurred on this account in the month of December 2001. NAf. 46.0 million was received as a loan from the Bank. NAf. 21.0 million of this amount was transferred to the account "Island receiver" to settle arrears in payments to the government of Curaçao which were related to the redistribution of tax income. Furthermore, NAf. 20.0 million was transferred to the Economic Development Foundation ("Stichting Fonds voor Economische Ontwikkeling") in order to implement economic projects.

The item "Banks", which reflects the position of the commercial banks with the Bank, increased by NAf. 23.7 million. This was mainly the result of an increase in the current account balances of the banks. This increase surpassed the purchase of banknotes by the banks. Because of these purchases, the item "Banknotes" increased by NAf. 21.9 million, due to the higher demand for banknotes during the holidays.

The item "Multi-annual plan projects" increased by NAf. 45.2 million. NAf. 20.0 million was related to the above-mentioned transfer by the Central government to the Economic Development Foundation ("Stichting Fonds voor Economische Ontwikkeling"), which is included under this item. Furthermore, NAf. 8.5 million in financial assistance was transferred by the Netherlands to the account "Noodprogramma Nederland" to alleviate the effects of the September 11 attacks. In addition, regular development aid funds were transferred by the Netherlands.

Moreover, the item "Advance account projects" decreased by NAf. 5.0 million. This decline is related to the distribution of funds for the new prison on Curaçao and reconstruction projects on the Windward Islands.

Finally, NAf. 5.0 million was transferred by the Netherlands to the "Solidarity fund" in relation with the indexation of payments from the fund. The majority of these funds were in turn transferred to the smaller islands, resulting in an increase of the balance by only NAf. 0.9 million.

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