

Condensed Balance Sheet
BANK VAN DE NEDERLANDSE ANTILLEN
(Central Bank)

The Condensed Balance Sheet of the Bank van de Nederlandse Antillen for January 2007 is as follows:
(millions of NAf.)

Assets	31-Jan-07	Difference Compared to 31-Dec-06	Liabilities	31-Jan-07	Difference Compared to 31-Dec-06
Claims on nonresidents	1,719.4	45.4	Liabilities to nonresidents	452.3	30.2
Gold	365.8	0.0	Deposits of nonresidents in foreign currency	452.3	30.2
Official reserves	1,353.6	45.4			
Domestic Assets	405.4	-18.1	Domestic Liabilities	1,672.5	-2.9
			Currency in circulation	290.7	-20.2
Claims on the government	235.5	-25.2	Government Deposits	21.4	14.3
Government paper in portfolio	235.5	-12.4	Island government	5.2	-1.1
Advanced license fees	0.0	0.0	Central government	16.2	15.4
Special account central government	0.0	-12.8			
Claims on deposit money banks	0.0	0.0	Liabilities to deposit money banks	663.2	3.8
Current account balances	0.0	0.0	Current account balances	56.8	-4.6
			Certificates of Deposit	45.5	-3.4
			Required reserves	560.9	11.7
Claims on other sectors	169.9	7.1	Liabilities to other sectors	327.5	-0.7
Other assets	169.9	7.1	Deposits other residents	208.9	-6.5
			Other liabilities	118.6	5.8
			Capital and reserves	369.7	-0.1
Total Assets	2,124.8	27.3	Total Liabilities	2,124.8	27.3

During the month of January 2007, monetary developments did not induce the Bank to actively deploy its policy instruments to influence the domestic money market. On the biweekly CD¹ auctions, the Bank aimed only at the refinancing of maturing CDs while the reserve requirement percentage remained unchanged. Due to a shortfall in subscriptions, the amount of outstanding CDs dropped. The noticed increase in the required reserves was due to an increase in the base² 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, decreased in January by NAf.24.8 million. This drop was due mainly to the decrease in banknotes with the public, which is characteristic after the December holidays.

In January, an increase of NAf.30.2 million was registered in deposits of non-residents at the Bank. This increase was due primarily to deposits by correspondent banks that liquidated accounts of a financial institution that has been placed under the emergency measure (FCIB).

The official reserves increased by NAf.45.4 million in January. This increase was, on the one hand, related to the abovementioned increase in the item 'deposits of non-residents in foreign currency' and, on the other hand, to the net sale of foreign exchange by the commercial banks to the Bank.

The net position of the government improved in January. This improvement was, on the one hand, due to a drop in the claims on the government by NAf.25.2 million and an increase in the liabilities to the government by NAf.14.3 million, on the other hand. The increase in the liabilities to the government can be ascribed to deposits by the central government and the distribution of profits by the Bank on the account of the central government.

¹ Certificates of deposit

² This base is calculated via the commercial banks' domestic liabilities to the public

Finally, worth mentioning is that after the publication of the condensed balance sheet of December 2006, a revaluation of the gold stock as occurred of December 31, 2006. This revaluation led to an increase in the item "Gold" by NAF.60.3 million.

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