

Condensed Balance Sheet
CENTRALE BANK VAN CURAÇAO EN SINT MAARTEN

March 2013

(millions of NAf.)

Assets	31-Mar-13	Difference compared to 28-Feb-13	Liabilities	31-Mar-13	Difference compared to 28-Feb-13
Claims on nonresidents	3,344.8	-10.7	Liabilities to nonresidents	593.5	2.2
Gold	1,202.7	7.3	Deposits of nonresidents in foreign currency	593.5	2.2
Official reserves	1,974.6	-18.0			
Securities and loans	167.6	-0.1			
Domestic assets	474.1	0.3	Domestic liabilities	2,106.5	-19.0
			Currency in circulation	395.4	9.6
Claims on the government	0.2	-0.5	Government deposits	138.0	-28.3
Government paper in portfolio	0.2	-0.5	Government of Curacao	66.6	2.5
Government agencies and institutions	0.0	0.0	Government of Sint Maarten	0.1	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	Former Central Government	71.0	-31.0
			Government agencies and institutions	0.4	0.2
Claims on deposit money banks	1.0	0.1	Liabilities to deposit money banks	1,304.1	38.0
Current account balances	1.0	0.1	Current account balances	304.3	1.0
			Certificates of Deposit	29.0	0.0
			Required reserves	970.8	37.1
Claims on other sectors	472.9	0.7	Liabilities to other sectors	268.9	-38.4
Other assets	472.9	0.7	Deposits of other residents	173.0	-40.5
			Other liabilities	95.9	2.1
			Capital and reserves	1,118.9	6.5
Total assets	3,818.9	-10.4	Total liabilities	3,818.9	-10.4

During the month of March 2013, the Bank continued its monetary policy aimed at a tightening of the surplus in the money market. The percentage of the reserve requirement, the main instrument, was increased by 0.25 percentage point to 15.50%. This instrument aims at influencing commercial banks' liquidity and, hence, the growth in credit extension. Due to the increase of the reserve requirement percentage and the adjusted domestic debt of the commercial banks,¹ the amount of required reserves expanded by NAf.37.1 million. During the biweekly CD-auctions,² the Bank aimed only at the refinancing of maturing CDs. The amount of outstanding CDs, therefore, remained unchanged.

Base money³ increased by NAf.10.6 million in March 2013 due mainly to a rise in the currency in circulation (NAf.9.6 million). The current account balances of the commercial banks remained practically unchanged as an increase of the deposits of the government and other residents at the commercial banks was mitigated by the rise in the required reserves and the net purchase of official reserves by the commercial banks at the Bank.

The net position of the government at the Bank deteriorated by NAf.27.8 million during the month of March. This deterioration was due mainly to transfers from the "Special Account" of the former central government towards accounts at the commercial banks regarding the liquidation of the Netherlands Antilles.

¹ Domestic debt -/- long-term deposits; the base amount for calculation of the reserve requirement.

² Certificates of deposit.

³ The sum of currency in circulation and the current account balances of the commercial banks at the Bank.

The decline of NAf.40.5 million in the item “Deposits of other residents” was due to, among other things, a transfer from the Social Security Bank (SVB) towards accounts at the commercial banks. Furthermore, USONA⁴ made transfers from its account at the Bank towards its accounts at the commercial banks related to the execution of projects.

Moreover, the item “Official reserves” on the assets side of the balance sheet decreased by NAf.18.0 million, due mainly to the aforementioned net purchase of foreign exchange by the commercial banks.

Finally, the item "Gold" on the assets side of the balance sheet rose by NAf.7.3 million as a result of a higher market value at the balance sheet date, compared to the end of February 2013. The increase in the item “Capital and reserves” on the liabilities side of the balance sheet was related to the increase of the market value of gold.

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⁴ USONA is the foundation that approves and funds development projects in the Netherlands Antilles.