



Annual Report

2005

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GROUP FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

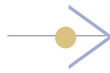
AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

| | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | | | Restated | Restated |
| | (J\$'000) | (J\$'000) | (J\$'000) | (J\$'000) | (J\$'000) |
| Net Profit | 4,286,981 | 3,216,738 | 2,804,391 | 1,478,407 | 369,914 |
| Net Interest Income | 10,541,513 | 9,603,098 | 6,757,882 | 4,282,614 | 4,492,754 |
| Other Operating Income | 6,078,049 | 3,398,973 | 4,271,679 | 2,349,312 | 1,672,925 |
| Total Operating Income | 16,619,562 | 13,002,371 | 11,029,561 | 6,631,926 | 6,165,679 |
| Gross Operating Income | 27,045,081 | 24,811,710 | 21,742,482 | 14,264,469 | 14,039,817 |
| Operating Expenses | 10,795,062 | 9,209,487 | 7,566,311 | 4,920,249 | 5,686,071 |
| Total Assets | 193,575,162 | 175,872,017 | 145,886,165 | 115,220,390 | 105,770,654 |
| Net Loans | 35,740,809 | 34,024,628 | 26,400,147 | 15,282,721 | 8,639,839 |
| Customer Deposits | 84,371,554 | 79,862,280 | 69,688,968 | 63,365,179 | 58,351,974 |
| Dividends Paid | 1,184,046 | 1,332,052 | 1,258,049 | 340,413 | - |
| Paid Up Capital | 2,466,763 | 2,466,763 | 2,466,763 | 2,466,763 | 1,973,410 |
| Net Worth | 21,052,505 | 16,294,005 | 12,871,832 | 11,971,477 | 10,889,979 |
| PROFITABILITY RATIOS | | | | | |
| Return on Average Equity | 22.96% | 22.06% | 22.58% | 12.93% | 3.66% |
| Return on Average Capital | 173.79% | 130.40% | 113.69% | 66.59% | 9.64% |
| Return On Average Total Assets | 2.32% | 2.00% | 2.15% | 1.34% | 0.37% |
| Cost to Income Ratio | 63.16% | 67.58% | 66.73% | 76.79% | 104.00% |
| CAPITAL RATIOS | | | | | |
| Risk Based Capital Adequacy Ratio (Bank only) * | 19.08% | 15.77% | 21.01% | 29.64% | 41.28% |
| Net Worth to Total Assets | 10.88% | 9.26% | 8.82% | 10.39% | 10.30% |
| ASSET QUALITY RATIOS | | | | | |
| Net Loans to Total Assets | 18.46% | 19.35% | 18.10% | 13.26% | 8.17% |
| Non-Perf. Loans to Total Loans | 4.27% | 4.08% | 5.26% | 8.84% | 17.00% |
| Provision Coverage | 135.42% | 154.27% | 148.77% | 134.74% | 138.45% |
| LIQUIDITY RATIOS | | | | | |
| Net Loans to | | | | | |
| Customer Deposit Ratio | 42.36% | 42.60% | 37.88% | 24.12% | 14.81% |
| Net Loans to Borrowed Funds | 53.86% | 62.10% | 63.48% | 74.45% | 49.93% |
| Liquid Assets to Total Deposits | 38.25% | 38.42% | 27.56% | 22.82% | 40.14% |
| MARKET STATISTICS | | | | | |
| Share Price at Year End (JSE) | J\$ 18.00 | J\$ 25.20 | J\$ 13.30 | J\$ 5.70 | J\$ 4.90 |
| Share Price at Year End (TTSE) | TT\$1.90 | TT\$2.50 | - | - | - |
| Earnings per Share | \$1.74 | \$1.30 | \$1.14 | \$0.60 | \$0.15 |
| Price Earnings Ratio | 10.34 | 19.38 | 11.67 | 9.50 | 32.67 |
| Dividends Paid per Share | 0.48 | 0.54 | 0.51 | 0.16 | 0.00 |
| Dividend Yield | 2.67% | 2.14% | 3.83% | 2.81% | 0.00% |
| Dividend Payout Ratio | 27.62% | 41.41% | 44.86% | 26.70% | 0.00% |
| JSE Index at Year End | 103,332.61 | 99,819.82 | 57,769.14 | 39,219.55 | 33,892.44 |
| Inflation Rate (Year over Year) | 19.02% | 10.46% | 13.12% | 5.91% | 6.92% |

* This ratio represents the Bank's capital base to risk adjusted assets as prescribed by the Bank of Jamaica regulations. Risk weights are assigned to both on and off balance sheet items in determining the risk adjusted assets. The capital base is determined using Tier I capital (which consists of permanent statutory capital) and Tier II capital (which primarily consists of the general provision), and adjusted for prescribed deductions. Under these regulations, the overall minimum capital to be maintained in relation to risk assets is 10%.

**MY FELLOW STAKEHOLDERS,**

It is with a great sense of pride and fulfillment that I reflect on the 2005 Financial Year for NCB. Our Company has increased in financial strength, intellectual capital, innovativeness, operational efficiency and corporate purpose. The results are reflected not only in the impressive growth in profitability of over \$1 billion dollars, but in the ongoing improvements that I see occurring in all areas of the business and in the growing impact the NCB brand continues to have on the Jamaican people.

**CHAIRMAN'S
STATEMENT**

This past year was not without adversity; an active hurricane season and a relatively volatile economic environment, characterized by falling interest rates and rising inflation levels, adversely affected many businesses and individuals in our country. The competitive landscape in the financial services sector became increasingly fierce. Yet our Company's confidence did not waver. We proved that persistence and determination are key hallmarks of every successful endeavor. We did not shirk from competition - it drove us to do better and not become complacent. As Chairman, I preach and practice these values every day. I have seen where they have allowed us to overcome difficulties and to celebrate many successes. It is therefore within the context of this operating environment during the 2005 Financial Year, that our Company's performance is regarded as such a significant achievement.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I congratulate Patrick Hylton and his hard-working team of 2,520 NCB employees for this year's outstanding performance.

At each critical juncture, such as the end of a Financial Year, I review the five main goals that we committed to achieving when AIC acquired majority shareholding in NCB on March 19, 2002.

Those stated goals were:-

1. To boost the morale of our employees
2. To regain the confidence of the Jamaican population in NCB
3. To completely renovate our Company's operating infrastructure
4. To give the Company purpose
5. To instill confidence in the Jamaican people about the country's potential for success by demonstrating the undeniable success of a locally-owned financial institution and by being a good corporate citizen.

Today, I am pleased to report that in each of these areas, we have met or surpassed our objectives. Our Company is now seen as a Leader; our Reputation is strong. Our employees are energized and highly productive. We are continuously finding ways to be innovative and to improve our service delivery to customers and Jamaicans at large. Our purpose is well-established - we want a world-class institution of which Jamaicans are proud and which is regarded as an exemplary corporate citizen. We are leading by example and we are continuing to build confidence in Jamaica.

NCB has a fundamental commitment to the people of Jamaica. We have survived trying times by remaining steadfast to our customers and the country. Going forward, we will continue to bring to bear all the resources available to ensure that NCB is the best provider of financial services in Jamaica and the wider Caribbean. We will continue to work tirelessly to promote confidence in Jamaica and to provide opportunities for Jamaicans to prosper, recognizing that as a nation we possess the natural ability to achieve success and to excel.

I thank you wholeheartedly for your continued support and record my appreciation for the opportunity for us to work together in **"building a better Jamaica"**.

Michael Lee-Chin
Chairman



Seated (Left to Right)

Thalia Lyn B.A.
Chief Executive Officer, Island Grill
(Fast Food Restaurants)

Aylmer Desmond Blades
Chairman & Managing Director,
Musson (Jamaica) Limited

Michael Lee-Chin B.Sc.
Chairman, NCB Jamaica Limited
Chairman & Chief Executive Officer,
AIC Limited

Sandra Glasgow M.B.A., B.Sc.
Senior Vice President, Corporate Services,
University of Technology Jamaica

Hon. Noel Hylton O.J., Hon. LL.D., C.D., J.P.
Chairman & President/Chief Executive Officer,
Port Authority of Jamaica

Back Row (Standing Left to Right)

The Rt. Honourable Edward Zacca O.J., P.C.
Retired Chief Justice

Patrick Hylton C.D., B.B.A., A.C.I.B.
Group Managing Director, NCB Jamaica Limited

Donovan Lewis
Chairman, Ideal Group of Companies

Alvin Wint D.B.A., M.B.A., B.Sc.
Professor, International Business,
University of the West Indies, Mona.

Nigel Clarke D. Phil, M.Sc., B.Sc.
Chief Operating Officer,
Musson Group of Companies

Kris Astaphan J.D., M.B.A., B.Sc.
Deputy Chairman, NCB Jamaica Limited
Executive Vice President, AIC Limited

Wayne Chen LL.B.
Chief Executive Officer, Super Plus Food Stores
Chairman, NCB Insurance Company Ltd.,
West Indies Trust Company Ltd.

Herb Philipps Jr., C.M.A., M.B.A., B.C.
Chief Executive Officer, HIPNET INC.



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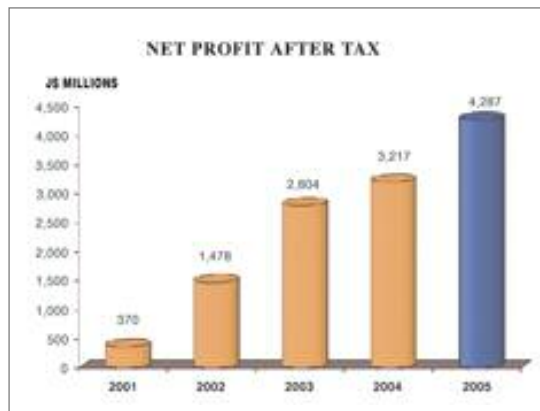
**DEAR STAKEHOLDERS:**

NCB was very successful in the 2005 Financial Year. We grew operating income by 28% in a tough economy and our business lines improved their profitability through expanded revenue streams, cost control, prudent risk management and customer focus. We improved our net financial performance, recording a 33% increase in profits which rose to \$4.3 billion, and NCB's employees remained committed to achieving excellence in service delivery. There is much to be proud of.



GROUP FINANCIAL REVIEW

GROUP CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER – DENNIS COHEN



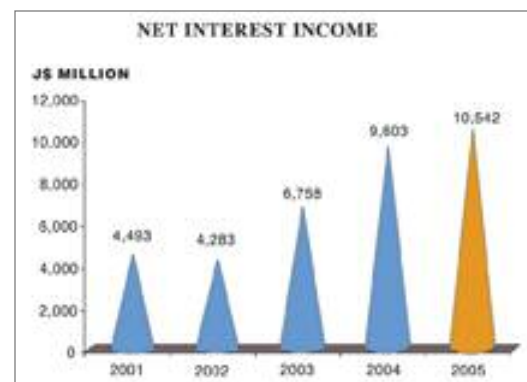
Up 33%



NET INTEREST INCOME

During the 2005 Financial Year, the Group's net interest income increased by \$938 million or 10% primarily due to benefits from interest rate gaps created to capitalise on the declining interest rate environment which prevailed. This was complemented by a continuous increase in the Group's total earning assets, which increased by \$18 billion or 12%.

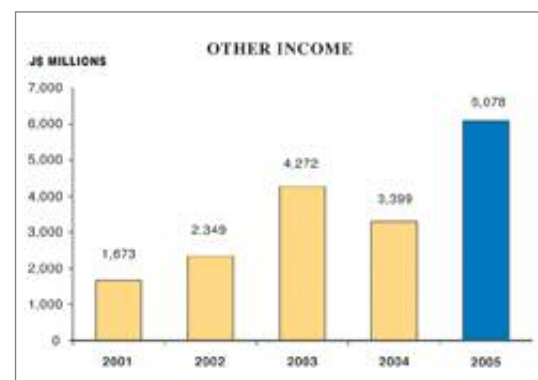
Up 10%



OTHER INCOME

Other income, which comprises mainly our fee & commission income and trading income, grew to \$6.08 billion or 79% above the previous year's mark. The major source of growth relates to the increase in our trading income which closed the financial year at \$2.3 billion or 74% better than the trading income achieved as at September 30, 2004.

Up 79%



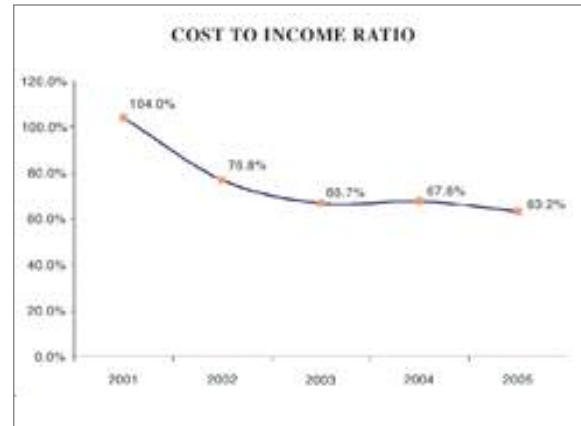


OPERATING EXPENSES

The Group's productivity ratio improved to end the year at a record low of 63.2%, highlighting the emphasis placed on cost control during the financial year. The award of a 12% salary increase related to the Financial Year ending September 30th, 2005 contributed significantly to the 22% variance in Staff Costs.

The net profit per employee was \$1.7 billion, an increase of 42% over the per capita profit in 2003/2004.

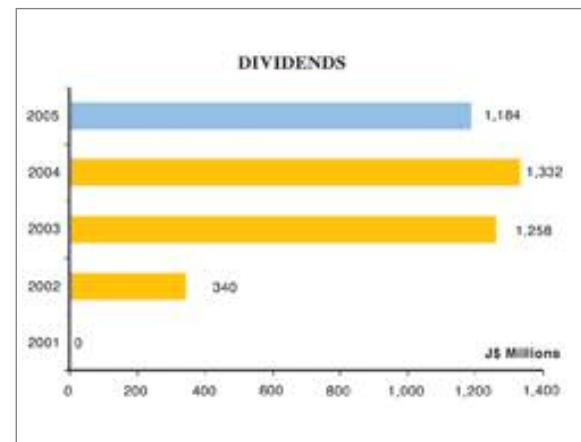
Our loan loss provision of \$61 million for the 2005 Financial Year was \$361 million or 86% lower than the \$422 million charged against profits during the 2004 Financial Year. This highlights the strong performance in our Credit & Risk Management, despite the current economic challenges.



DIVIDEND POLICY

NCB maintained its policy of paying quarterly dividends in line with the earnings trend, while ensuring that sufficient capital is maintained to protect customer deposits and to manage the growth of the Group's business. The dividend payout ratio, which is computed as the gross dividends paid, expressed as a percentage of the net profit after tax, was 27.6% compared to 41.4% for the 2004 Financial Year.

Dividends per share fell to \$0.48 in 2005, an 11% decrease from the 2004 Financial Year level of \$0.54. Total dividends paid to stockholders in this financial year totalled \$1.2 billion, which was a decrease of \$148 million from the previous year's gross payout.



The share price as at September 30, 2005 was \$18.00 per share, resulting in a dividend yield of 2.67%.

(Left to Right)

- **Patrick Hylton**, C.D., B.B.A., A.C.I.B.
Group Managing Director
- **Jennifer Dewdney Kelly**, B.A. (Law)
Group Chief Compliance Officer and Company Secretary
- **Minish Parikh**, M.Sc., C.A.I.I.B., B.Sc.
Chief Operating Officer
- **Christopher Williams**, M.B.A., B.Sc.
Managing Director, NCB Capital Markets Limited
- **Ingrid Chambers**, E.M.B.A., B.Sc.
Managing Director, NCB Insurance Company Limited
NCB Jamaica (Nominees) Limited
West Indies Trust Company Limited
- **Dennis Cohen**, F.C.A., F.C.C.A., B.Sc.
Group Chief Financial Officer

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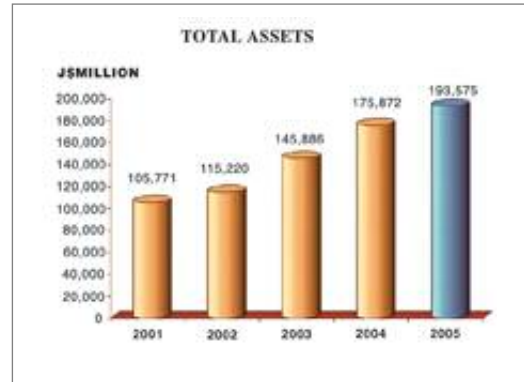




ASSET PERFORMANCE

The total asset base of the Group increased by \$17.7 billion or 10%, moving from J\$175.9 billion as at September 30, 2004 to close at \$193.6 billion. The asset growth was funded mainly by increases in customer deposits, repurchase agreements, securitisation agreements and retained earnings.

Up 10%

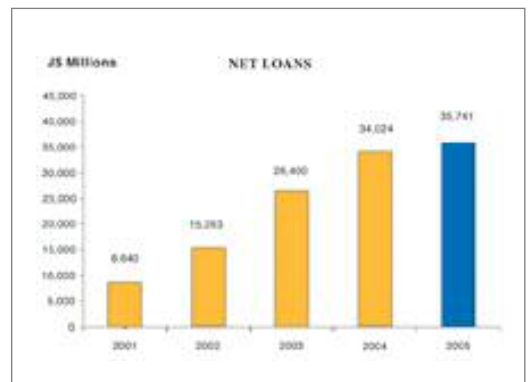


The major increases in the Bank's asset base were from Investment Securities which grew by 16% to \$89.6 billion while Reverse Repurchase Agreements increased by 25% or \$5.3 billion. Investment securities are held primarily to meet the Bank's statutory liquidity requirements and also to maintain the operating liquidity levels required to ensure the Group is able to effectively respond to market swings.

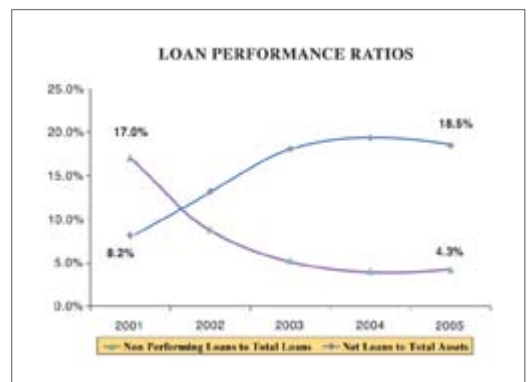


Loans & Advances increased by \$1.7 billion or 5% and the aggregate amount of non-performing loans amounted to \$1.61 billion compared to \$1.47 billion as at September 30, 2004. Non-performing loans represented 4.3% of gross loans compared to 4.1% at the end of the 2004 Financial Year.

Up 5%



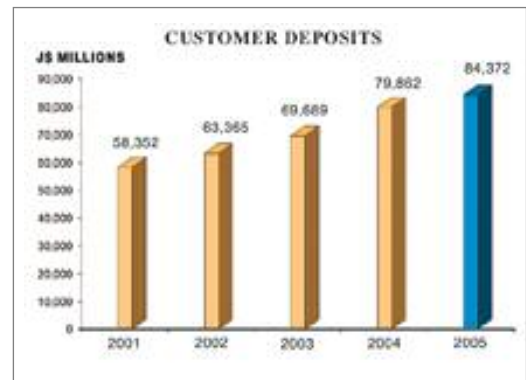
Provisions for loan losses are considered adequate and are continually evaluated due to the uncertainty of market conditions. The provision for credit losses of \$2.18 billion represented 135% of non-performing loans, compared to 154% as at September 30, 2004. The difference between the statutory provision for credit losses and the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) provision is charged to a non-distributable reserve - Loan Loss Reserve. The balance in the Loan Loss Reserve was \$211.59 million as at the end of the 2005 Financial Year. The Bank's provisioning policy is in compliance with the Bank of Jamaica regulations.



DEPOSITS/FUNDING

The Bank achieved an increase in the level of its customer deposits, despite increased diversion of this funding source to fixed income securities, including Government of Jamaica securities and corporate paper. Customer deposits increased by 5.65%, jumping from \$79.9 billion in 2004 to \$84.4 billion during the 2005 Financial Year. This growth in our deposits underscores the continued public confidence exhibited in the Bank. We will continue to focus our efforts on garnering more deposits while ensuring that we also provide alternative investment sources through our subsidiaries.

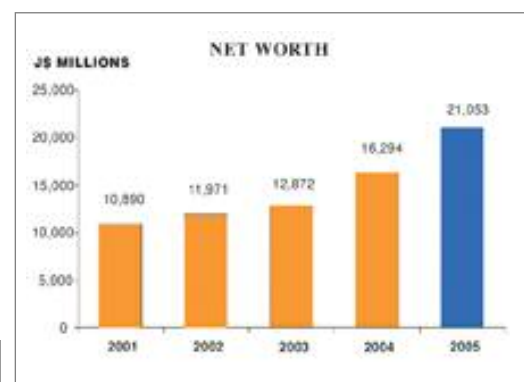
Up 5.6%



CAPITAL

The Group's total stockholders equity as at the end of the financial year was \$21.1 billion, an increase of \$4.8 billion or 29.2% when compared to the stockholders' equity as at September 30, 2004. National Commercial Bank is one of the best capitalized banks in Jamaica as evidenced by the international benchmark of capital adequacy; the Risk-based Capital Ratio was 19.1% at September 30, 2005 (15.8% at September 30, 2004). The Bank's statutory capital base as at September 30, 2005 was \$11.2 billion.

Up 29.2%





Marjorie Seeberan, M.B.A., B.Sc.
General Manager,
Corporate Banking

Courtney Campbell, M.B.A., A.C.I.B., B.Sc.
Senior Assistant General Manager,
Retail Banking

Septimus "Bob" Blake
Senior Assistant General Manager, Treasury and
Correspondent Banking

Ingrid Stephens, E.M.B.A., B.Sc.
Assistant General Manager,
e-Business & Merchant Services

Leonard Mahipalamudali
Assistant General Manager,
SME & Card Services

BANKING

CORPORATE BANKING

As the industry leader in corporate lending, the Bank's Corporate Banking Division continued to make inroads into the highly competitive and high-end market for lending to blue-chip companies. The Division recorded several notable successes in the 2005 Financial Year:-

- Winning four large mandates to arrange and underwrite foreign currency financing for US\$135 million to facilitate the acquisition of two major hotels and the funding of two utilities.
- Emerging top bidder to arrange financing in excess of US\$400 million for the upgrade and expansion of a major energy-based entity, also marking our first joint proposal with a major London-based international firm.
- Providing financing support for two corporate clients in their successful bids for regional contracts to facilitate an airport runway expansion in one instance and a hotel development in the other.
- Further development of structured trade financing capabilities resulting in partnerships with very large global banking networks to target export credit agencies' (ECA) funding across the globe.

TREASURY & CORRESPONDENT BANKING

In the areas of liquidity and investment management, correspondent banking relationships and foreign currency trading services, the Treasury & Correspondent Banking Division continued to be a key driver of revenues for the Group.

Through the efforts of the Division, NCB established a substantial and influential presence in the primary and secondary markets for Government of Jamaica (GOJ) Jamaican and United States dollar denominated debts. Gains derived from the sale of fixed income securities amounted to \$506 million compared to \$270 million in the 2004 Financial Year.

The Bank also continued to dominate in an intensely competitive foreign exchange market that was characterized by significant reduction in price volatility and volume, and consequently the compression of trading spreads. Institutional, corporate and retail

customers benefited from competitive pricing and efficient execution of deals by the Division's Foreign Exchange Trading Unit. Income from F/X trading and translation amounted to \$882 million, which was \$52 million more than the 2004 Financial Year.

Through the Division's relationships with overseas correspondent banks, there was a 77% increase in available funding lines to the Bank from its correspondent banks. Diversification in our funding mix was also facilitated through the US\$45 million securitization of credit card receivables which the Division arranged, in addition to a US\$30 million ten-year loan facility from the International Finance Corporation (IFC), an affiliate of the World Bank. This was the first in over fifteen years that the IFC has provided direct financing to a Jamaican institution.



RETAIL BANKING

A successful strategy of aggressive revenue growth and cost containment enabled the Retail Banking Division to record a profitable year of business in the 2005 Financial Year.

REVENUES

Strong revenue growth was fostered through a number of initiatives undertaken during the year. These included:-

- **Robust growth in the retail loan portfolio** arising from:-
 - reduced lending rates
 - the introduction of competitive consumer loan products such as a new NCB Automobile Loan and the revised NCB **Home Equity Loan**
 - the launch of the NCB "Your Loan" marketing campaign
 - continued sale of **NCB Signature Line**, the popular **NCB Payroll Plus** and other loan products.

- **Growth in non-interest income** of 37% was achieved due to a number of factors which included greater vigilance in fee collection, as some revenue leakage was being experienced, and the introduction of new fees such as the Commercial Cash Deposit Fee to process large non-cheque lodgements.

- **A 9% growth in retail deposits**, facilitated by the introduction of our SME Value Packages for business clients, NCB Direct Deposit for overseas pensioners and successful direct marketing efforts by our sales teams and branches.

CARD SERVICES

The country's first stored value card, **Keycard Cash** was re-launched during the 2005 Financial Year so as not only to increase our cardholder base, but to make our electronic channels and products more accessible to a wider market. The card has been successfully positioned as a means to pay workers, with over 100 companies now using this method to remit weekly and monthly wages.

We improved our market share lead in the Card Acquiring business and recorded a 14% increase in the

deployment of Point-of-Sale terminals during the year. Our credit card fee income contributed to the 38% increase in Non-Interest Income, due to the growth in our credit card portfolio during the year.

SMALL & MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

A new service delivery model for the Small & Medium Enterprise customer segment began rollout in the 2005 Financial Year. Each branch was assigned a Business Banker to service the accounts of business customers, and Business Development Managers were deployed to acquire new business relationships through the offering of a specially designed product bundle, marketed under the name "**NCB SME Financial Services**".

ELECTRONIC BANKING

We continued to focus on providing services more cost effectively and conveniently for our customers during the 2005 Financial Year. This was demonstrated primarily through the aggressive marketing of NCB's electronic banking channels – ABMs, Point-of-Sale (POS), Tele-Banking and Internet Banking. Our accomplishments included:-

- the installation of nine (9) new ABMs, bringing the total network to 128 machines islandwide
- customer education regarding the flexibility and convenience of using the NCB Midas card for bill payments, withdrawals, transfers, and enquiries.

There was a 13% increase in the number of NCB Midas cards in circulation as at September 30, 2005.

During the year NCB ABM services to the customers of other banks through the Multilink network, recorded increases in transaction volume (50%), customers served (31%) and fee revenue (53%).

New products in our e-Business were introduced to better serve customers. These included our **eCommerce** solution for businesses wishing to facilitate online purchases/payments and **ePin** which allows mutual customers of NCB and the cellular service providers, to use their NCB credit cards or Midas card to add credit to their phones. Customers were introduced to this "top-up" service on all our electronic channels – ABMs, POS, Tele-Banking and Internet Banking.

Our customers also welcomed the enhancements that were made to the NCB Internet Banking service – the

new bill payment module for business clients received very good feedback, as did the improved navigation and user-friendliness of the internet banking site.

In the 2005 Financial Year, the employees of our state-of-the-art Customer Care Centre successfully handled 1,200,000 incoming calls by providing 24-hour support to NCB's customers and card merchants. In the area of electronic banking support, we implemented a full time merchant sales and support team comprising on-site and off-site officers dedicated to ensuring the efficiency of our POS and Internet Banking channels.



LEFT TO RIGHT

- **Yvonne Clarke**, F.C.A., F.C.C.A., M.B.A.
Chief Internal Auditor
- **Desmond Handy**
Senior Assistant General Manager,
Credit & Risk Management
- **Allison Wynter**, J.P., C.F.A., F.C.C.A.,
M.B.A., M.Sc., B.A.
Senior Assistant General Manager,
Credit and Risk Management
- **Srikanth Srinivasan**, M.B.A., B.Sc. (Tech.)
General Manager,
Information Technology
- **Shereen Jones**, M.Sc., B.Sc.,
General Manager, Network Operations



BRANCH OPERATIONS

Our focus on meeting customer needs through superior service quality, continuous relationship building and tailored products and services, was reinforced by our team of Personal Bankers and Business Bankers who played a pivotal role in growing our market share in the personal and business customer segments.

A Branch Efficiency Project was implemented in February 2005 and ended in August 2005. The objectives of the project were to streamline the processing of transactions and to optimize the scheduling of front-line employees based on daily customer demands in each branch. As a result, there were a number of positions that were converted from full time to part time employment status and there were some reductions in the overall branch staff complement. With more efficient processing and centralization of certain activities done throughout the branch network, we expect to achieve cost savings and improvements in our ability to execute superior service.

Forty (40) **NCB Express Deposit** machines were installed across branches to provide our customers with a more

convenient and speedier alternative for non-cash lodgements and bill payments in the banking hall.

The community of Portmore in St. Catherine received better representation by NCB, arising from the opening of a new 13,500 square foot branch in April 2005, boasting a Drive-Thru Teller and two on-site ABMs, ample parking and a spacious banking hall. In an effort to modernise and improve the banking facilities for our customers in downtown Kingston, the 54 King Street and Duke & Barry Streets branches were merged in September 2005. The Manor Park and Mandeville Plaza locations were also re-configured and converted to Wealth Management Centres during the 2005 Financial Year, housing offices for NCB Capital Markets Limited and NCB Insurance Company Limited, among other services.

We experienced attendant challenges in the midst of the major process improvement project, the BEP, mergers and branch re-configurations that occurred during the year. We record our appreciation to our customers and employees for their patience and loyalty as these initiatives were carried out in the respective branches.

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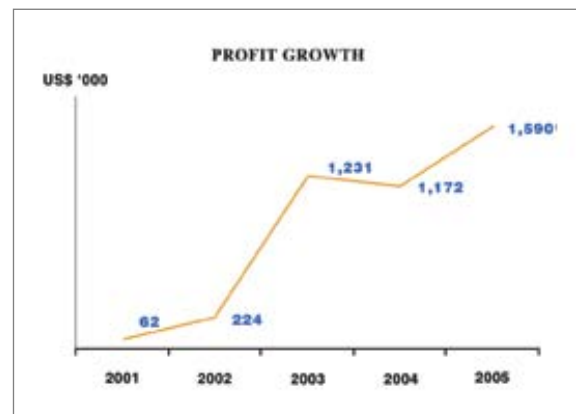


NCB (Cayman) Limited, situated in Georgetown, Grand Cayman is the offshore banking subsidiary of National Commercial Bank Jamaica Limited. The subsidiary's core business lines include banking and incorporation of Cayman Islands companies.

February 3, 2005 marked the twelfth year of the Company's existence in the Cayman Islands.

Despite the challenges caused by Hurricane Ivan, the financial year ended September 30, 2005 was a very successful year for the Company. Net income increased by 36% to a record US\$1.6 million (J\$96 million) while the cost/income ratio decreased from 41% in 2004 to 36%.

NCB Servia Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, established to offer money transmission services to the many Jamaicans living and working in the Cayman Islands, has been well received by the local community and is on a path of steady growth.



WEALTH MANAGEMENT



NCB CAPITAL MARKETS LIMITED

The 2005 Financial Year was a challenging but rewarding one for NCB Capital Markets Limited. Despite difficult market conditions, after-tax profits continued to grow, with a 66% increase over the last financial year to \$1.9 billion. This was mainly due to tight management of the different revenue streams, namely Retail, Advisory and Capital Utilization.

During the year the Company re-organized its service delivery channels in response to customer demands and business needs. A call centre was instituted to better handle customer queries and requests.

Additionally, twenty (20) Client Relations Officers were placed in offices located in NCB branches island-wide, in order to improve the execution of transactions and service requests. This move yielded significant improvement in the Company's customer satisfaction rating as measured by an independent survey.

The advisory capabilities of the Company were centralized, allowing the Wealth Advisors to provide more value-added services to clients such as portfolio creation and portfolio reviews.



Further widening of revenue streams was facilitated through the creation of a Corporate Finance unit. This unit is charged with positioning NCB Capital Markets as the leading Financial Advisor to companies seeking to expand or access capital through either debt or equity issues. To date, NCB Capital Markets is recognized for

structuring the two largest debt and equity transactions in the history of the Caribbean.

The Company's profits were also boosted by the repayment of a loan that was previously written off, contributing \$610 million to the Net Profit before tax.

NCB Capital Markets Limited

Financial Highlights October 2004- September 2005

\$ Billions

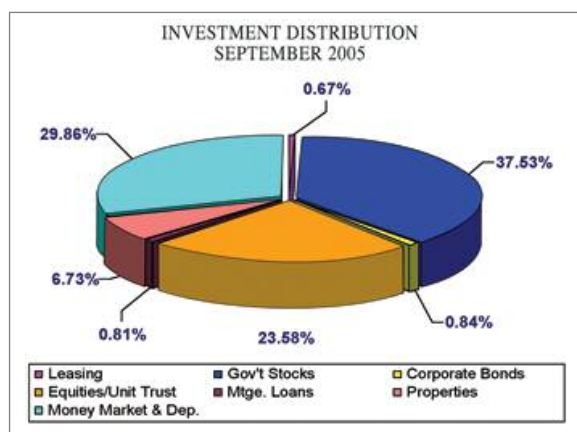
| | 2005 | 2004 |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total Funds under management | \$47.2 | \$44.2 |
| Total Assets | \$55.4 | \$49.5 |
| Profit after tax | \$1.914 | \$1.152 |
| Capital base | \$5.531 | \$3.374 |

WEST INDIES TRUST COMPANY LIMITED →

West Indies Trust Company Limited (WITCo) retained its market position during the year as the leading provider of segregated pension fund management services in spite of an aggressively competitive environment. Assets under management recorded an increase of 22.65% to end the year at \$37.9 billion. This achievement was even more remarkable when considered against the background of a declining stock market and a trending down of interest rates over the period under review.

The transition planning team in anticipation of the passage of the new pension regulations commenced preparatory work to ensure that client schemes and their trustees would satisfy the regulatory requirements for registration.

During the year WITCo went under extensive changes to its organizational structure and operations. Implementation of the PX3000 pension administration system advanced during the year with completion date scheduled for December 2005. The investment management system was reengineered to achieve improvements in the asset management platform. These operational efficiencies, coupled with the establishment of the Client Management Unit, resulted in significant improvements in the service delivery. The content of the Company's quarterly reports was enhanced and provided to Trustees on a timelier basis. In addition, the frequency of Trustee meetings was increased to improve client relations and to create a higher level of awareness for the roles and responsibilities of trustees in the new regulatory environment.





INSURANCE

NCB INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

The mission of the NCB Insurance Company Limited (NCB Insurance) is "to be the leading Insurance Company, by consistently providing superior customer service, and creating enduring value for our stakeholders through innovative insurance, pensions and financial solutions and an extraordinary team of employees in a productive and caring environment".

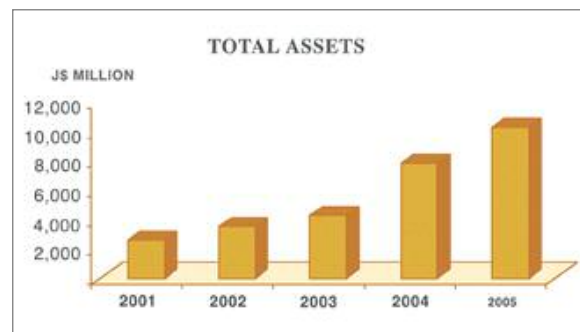
During the 2005 Financial Year there were major accomplishments and milestones on the path to transforming into a full-fledged insurance company. The Company developed and launched two individual life products **ProVision** and **ProCARE**, and a Group Life product, **Employee Care**, which offer our customers more insurance protection and coverage options adding to our **OMNI** savings and investment brands. The required infrastructure, organizational changes, pensions and investment systems were established which signals our readiness to enter and be an active player in the pensions market. We completed months of consultations and negotiations and signed a Shareholders' Agreement for majority stake in Blue Cross of Jamaica which provides the gateway into the health insurance market.

While the focus in the 2005 Financial Year was infrastructure, product development and new markets entry, the year was also productive for the NCB Insurance. Total Income increased by 15% to close the year at \$1.5 billion on which the Company recorded net profit after tax of \$208 million. The Company wrote \$2.5 billion in gross premiums during the year and boasts the highest conservation rate in the industry of 95%. Total Assets grew by 31% and at the close of the financial year stood at \$10.3 billion.

To enhance our customer focused environment, our Administrative Staff and Insurance Advisors were

exposed to comprehensive training programmes to build technical and service delivery skills. The result was evident as the Company had twenty-nine Insurance Advisors who qualified for the prestigious Million Dollar Round Table up from six last year. Our internal customer satisfaction ratings increased by 50%.

NCB Insurance continued its contribution to the education of our nations' children, through its sponsorship of the Junior Schools' Challenge Quiz, scholarships at the University of the West Indies and the University of Technology and donations to schools to assist in their re-building process after the onslaught of Hurricane Ivan.



NCB Insurance Company Limited

Financial Highlights, October 2004 - September 2005

Investments

Shareholder's Equity

Policyholders' Fund

Total Assets

Net Profit after Tax

Return on Average Equity (%)

Return on Assets (%)

\$ Millions

| | 2005 | 2004 |
|------------------------------|--------|-------|
| Investments | 9,317 | 7,072 |
| Shareholder's Equity | 923 | 669 |
| Policyholders' Fund | 9,068 | 6,913 |
| Total Assets | 10,280 | 7,825 |
| Net Profit after Tax | 208 | 241 |
| Return on Average Equity (%) | 26% | 50% |
| Return on Assets (%) | 2.3% | 3.9% |



LEFT TO RIGHT:

Sheree Martin, M.B.A., B.A.
Assistant General Manager -
Group Corporate Communications

Rickert Allen, Chartered MCIPD,
M.Sc., B.A.
General Manager -
Training and Human Resources

Ffrench Campbell, E.M.B.A., B.Sc.
Senior Assistant General Manager - Projects,
Administration and Services

Janice McKenley, F.C.A., F.C.C.A., M.B.A., B.Sc.
General Manager -
Financial Control Division

(absent from picture) **Grace McKoy**, LL.B., M.B.A., LL.M., C.L.E., General Counsel



BUSINESS SUPPORT

TRAINING & HUMAN RESOURCES

We continued to build on the quality of our human resource management during the 2005 Financial Year, by adopting global best practices to support the business needs. These included the engagement of an Occupational Health Officer, the appointment of Wellness Officers in each unit, a Wellness & Recreation Coordinator for the new NCB Wellness & Recreation Centre, and an Early Childhood Teacher assigned to our employees' children attending the NCB Staff Nursery.

We were proud to announce the reopening of the former NCB Sports Club in September 2005, after a twelve-month closure for extensive renovation and refurbishing. The entity was renamed the "NCB Wellness & Recreation Centre", reflecting the range of services now available, including a state-of-the-art gym, with aerobics and cardio rooms, adult and kiddies' swimming pools, a new clubhouse with cyber caf and pool room, as well as re-surfaced tennis and multipurpose courts.

Following on the launch of the NCB Institute of Leadership and Organizational Development (ILOD) in July 2004, we pursued the seamless integration of the NCB Staff Training Centre with this new entity. Four (4) new ILOD faculty members came on board during the year, contributing to the facilitation of a total of eighty-five (85) training courses to over two thousand (2000) of our employees.

The first group of twenty-four (24) Management Trainees who entered the NCB Management Training Programme in 2003, successfully completed their orientation schedule and were strategically placed in Divisions and branches across the Organization. A highlight of the Programme was the Trainees' presentation of Business Improvement Projects to senior management, outlining their review and recommendations for various areas of our business, based on the exposure they had received.

Another seventeen (17) university graduates with high potential capability for future advancement under the NCB Management Training Programme were identified during the 2005 Financial Year; they have undergone initial preparation for Junior Supervisory roles in Customer Service for our branches.

With major changes occurring as a result of the BEP, we consulted with the NCB Staff Association and led the development of a Communication Protocol that was used to manage the staff separations which arose as a result of the redundancy of certain posts. In addition, we implemented a programme for outplacement assistance and provided counselling services for branch employees, while the project was underway.

Cost reduction and improved efficiency were also

achieved in the Training & HR Division, by leveraging the IT resources and re-engineering certain HR business processes. Two significant accomplishments were the transition to electronic submission of employee performance appraisals and the reduction in the number of payroll processes from eighteen (18) to three (3). These facilitated savings particularly in the areas of Stationery and Staff Costs.

In pursuit of our mission to be an "Employer of First Choice", we remained committed to the continuous renewal of our enterprise through a positive work environment, high employee morale and motivation during the 2005 Financial Year.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & OPERATIONS

There was continued focus on centralization of core functions and cost focused process improvements in our business, while the appropriate use of technology in achieving measurable results was maintained. The enhancements included tools to improve our data analysis and to support objectives and timely data driven decision making. Process and technology have been used to drive significant efficiency in our cash and clearing management, while steps have been made towards implementing straight-through processing in key customer service and operational areas.

During the financial year, we implemented an upgraded version of our core banking system, Finacle. Some of the resultant benefits included the infrastructure for straight-through payments using the SWIFT network, optimization of end-of-day processing and the flexibility to introduce new loan products.

There were also significant improvements in business processes such as:-

- the automated signature verification system which complements the centralized dispatch of customer statements.
- the availability of wireless Point-of-Sale devices for card merchants
- the introduction of US-dollar Automated Banking Machines (ABMs) to cater to US dollar cash demand particularly in tourist areas.
- improved functionality in our internet banking service, now offering transfers/bill payments between local and foreign currency accounts, including credit cards.

COMPLIANCE & RISK MANAGEMENT

As part of our commitment to work in full compliance with all applicable laws and regulations to prevent and detect money laundering, we upgraded our policy in keeping with current legislation, regulatory guidance and with cognizance of international best practice.



Our Anti-Money Laundering/Counter Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) Compliance Programme was defined during the year and particular emphasis placed on the on-going training of all our employees.

In the area of delinquency management, tactical initiatives proved successful, as the Bad Debt portfolio decreased by \$40 million compared to the previous year.

CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP

We continued the tradition of working with our employees, communities and organizations to fulfill our mandate of making a positive impact on the economic and social well-being of Jamaica.

Education

In November 2004, the NCB Foundation announced the establishment of a \$7M CXC Math Programme. This programme is aimed at improving teaching skills and student proficiency in the subject of Mathematics. Six high schools have been selected for the pilot project, which is headed by Mr. Radley Reid, noted educator.

Entrepreneurship

The Organization also continued to support activities that contribute to the economic development of the nation. Our sponsorship of the Jamaica Observer's Business Leader Awards, held in April, highlighted the organization's support for entrepreneurship by honouring a group of successful proponents.

NCB became a major sponsor of a Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM) Project, undertaken by the University of Technology Jamaica (UTech) and a consortium of other Universities and research institutes. This project seeks to assess how entrepreneurial activity contributes to national and international economic prosperity and steps governments can take to enhance the level of entrepreneurial activity.

NCB was also a main sponsor of "Youth Biz", a seminar presented by the Public Sector Organization of Jamaica, which exposed youth to entrepreneurial concepts. A similar alignment with young Jamaicans was made through our sponsorship of "Youth Fest" which was a seminar hosted during the Jamaica WellFest symposium, and which exposed participants to lifestyle concepts and career opportunities in Health & Wellness.

In order to support economic activity and demonstrate patronage for our customers, we participated in a number of events including: Children's Expo, Portmore Week, Education Expo, the Jamaica Employee Federation Conference, Home and Hardware Expo, the Hague Agricultural Show in Trelawny, Montego Bay Trade Expo, Horizon Technology Showcase & Exposition, China Caribbean Economic Trade Forum, the inaugural Annatto Festival held in St. Mary and the National Spelling Bee competition among others.

During the year, we re-committed support and

sponsorship of the JMA's 'Buy Jamaican, Build Jamaica' campaign. The programme aims to promote the usage and raise the awareness of products which are made locally.

Social Services

Our support of the communities in Jamaica remained unwavering. Our Chairman, Michael Lee-Chin contributed, on behalf of the Bank, \$2M to the Rotary Club of Kingston in order to develop the area beside the Dunrobin Primary School, formerly referred to as 'the dustbowl', into a landscaped park for sports and other recreation activities.

To help with disaster preparedness activities, NCB committed \$1 million towards the National Labour Day project, which was the building of a model shelter in St. Elizabeth and also donated \$4 million dollars to efforts to stem flooding in Downtown Kingston and its environs.

Crime Stop also received a donation in support of their efforts to fight crime. In June, Annotto Bay's Police Station was reopened after receiving extensive renovation from a coalition of corporate entities, including NCB. In addition, NCB has given significant support to the development of a model policing facility in Grants Pen that will integrate policing presence with community services. It is projected that this facility will be duplicated islandwide and will assist in controlling crime.

Sports & Culture

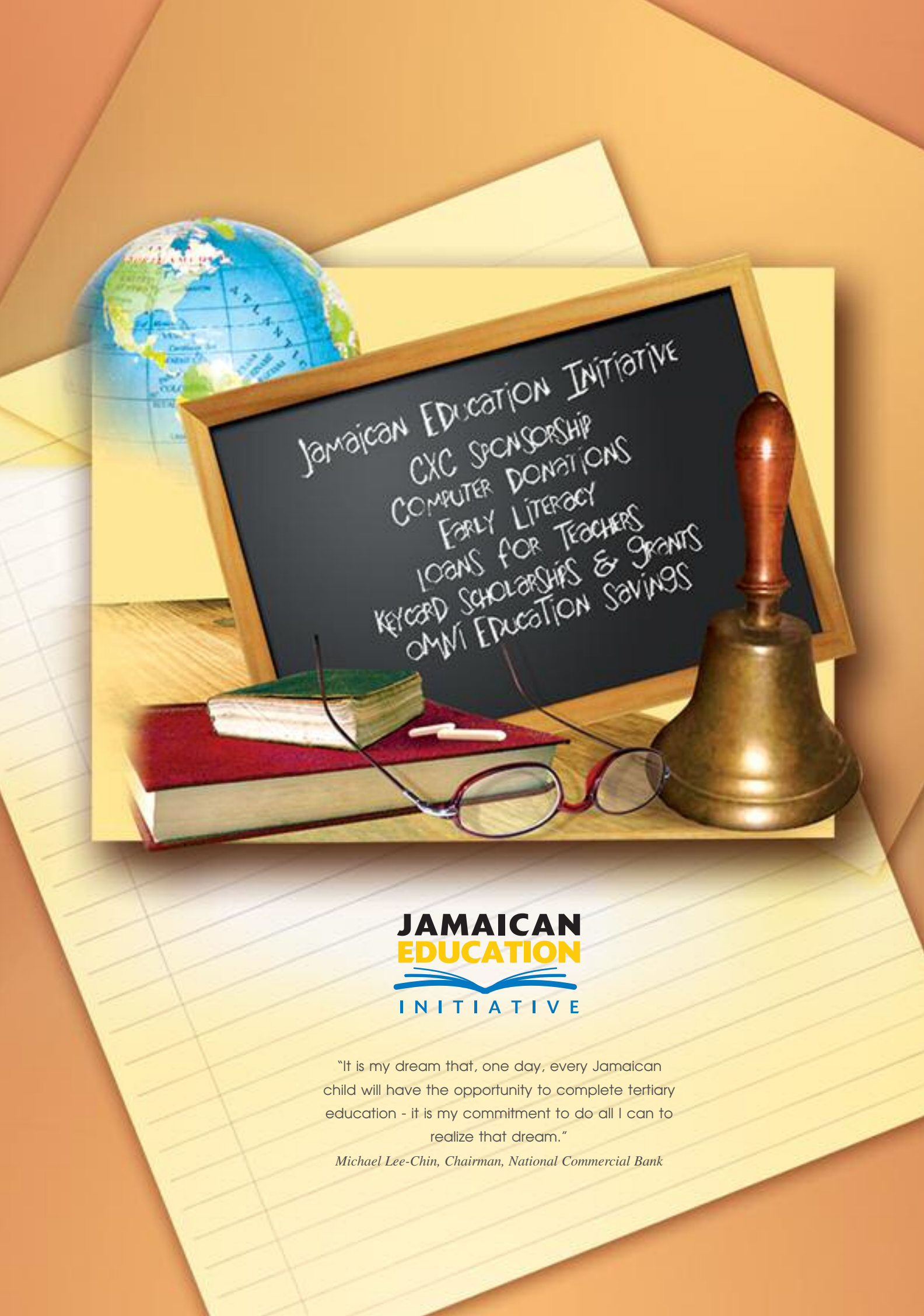
Our support for the youth, arts and sports remained strong during the year. NCB promoted excellence in our youth by sponsoring the Boys and Girls High School Relays at the second staging of the Jamaica International Invitational Meet, at a cost of US\$20,000. NCB sponsored the National Fine Arts Competition organized by Jamaica Cultural Development Commission (JCDC), which aims to showcase the nation's artistic talent and preserve our cultural heritage.

Volunteerism


Our employees continued to provide sterling support in our communities and service organizations throughout the Jamaica. During this financial year, a disaster relief drive was organized and NCB employees contributed over \$300,000 worth of food, clothing and other critical relief supplies. The donation was handed over to the Jamaica Red Cross for distribution.

We re-affirm our belief in Jamaica and thank all those with whom we worked during the year to make a positive contribution towards **building a better Jamaica**.

Patrick Hylton
Group Managing Director



Jamaican Education Initiative
 CXC SPONSORSHIP
 COMPUTER DONATIONS
 EARLY LITERACY
 LOANS FOR TEACHERS
 KEYCARD SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS
 OMNI EDUCATION SAVINGS

**JAMAICAN
 EDUCATION**

 INITIATIVE

"It is my dream that, one day, every Jamaican child will have the opportunity to complete tertiary education - it is my commitment to do all I can to realize that dream."

Michael Lee-Chin, Chairman, National Commercial Bank



JAMAICAN EDUCATION INITIATIVE

THE COMMITMENT CONTINUES



The 2004 CXC Top Student in Principles of Business, Gabrielle Broadie, is congratulated for her achievement by NCB Group Managing Director, Patrick Hylton.



JEI Administrator, Pam Harrison greets teachers attending a JEI sponsored workshop: "Techniques To Improve Early Childhood Reading". The workshop was facilitated by two reading specialists from Florida, U.S.A.

The Jamaican Education Initiative (JEI) was established in order to give each Jamaican child an opportunity to have a tertiary education; a mission which NCB Chairman, Michael Lee-Chin is firmly committed to. The programme was launched on May 20, 2003, and since then the support to education has been heralded as being fundamental and life-changing.

JEI is designed to advance the education agenda in Jamaica and is funded by the contribution of 1% of all NCB Keycard purchases in order to carry out the various programmes. The programme provides assistance at all levels - primary, secondary and tertiary - in order to help advance the Education agenda in Jamaica.

During this financial year, an additional 100 scholarships, valid for two years, were awarded to students from the University of the West Indies, University of Technology and the Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts. These students will join 120 others who are completing their tertiary education.

Ten (10) tertiary grants were also awarded to teachers and disabled students this year. Five (5) grants were also awarded to needy students at secondary and basic schools.

In November 2004, children from one hundred and eighty-four (184) public and independent secondary schools had their CXC examination fees for Principles of Business and Principles of Accounts paid for by JEI at a cost of \$15,202,000. In order to improve the pass rates in these examinations, teachers from those schools were invited to participate in workshops that would help them to improve the performance of students in those examinations.

In addition, over 2000 teachers have benefited from discounted loans, amounting to \$30 million, which they have used to finance goals such as higher education, home improvement and motor vehicle purchases.

NCB's employees continued to play their part to support the JEI by giving of their time and talent to the Music in Schools and Role Model programmes. Music in Schools aims to expose young students to classical music. This year, NCB executives continued visiting their Alma Mater and shared their experiences with the aim of providing appropriate role models for students, as well as giving them a template for educational success.

JEI also supported a number of external initiatives which provided benefits to the Education sector. In June, two reading specialists from Florida led workshops to train Jamaican teachers in techniques to improve early childhood reading. Over one hundred and fifty (150) teachers in Mandeville and St. Elizabeth received training.

JEI also sponsored the Creations Lab, a summer workshop which taught children the rudiments of animation, robotics and music production. Our contribution allowed one hundred (100) children the opportunity to attend a course of this nature, with a view to exposing them to future career options.

Through JEI, it is hoped that an educated cadre of Jamaicans will emerge with the necessary skills and inclination to make a meaningful contribution to Jamaica's economic development.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of National Commercial Bank Jamaica Limited will be held at the Hilton Kingston Hotel, 77 Knutsford Boulevard, in the parish of Saint Andrew on Thursday, January 26, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. to consider and if thought fit pass the following resolutions:



ORDINARY BUSINESS

Ordinary Resolutions

1. Audited Accounts

"THAT the Audited Accounts for the year ended September 30, 2005 and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors, circulated with the Notice convening the Meeting, be and are hereby adopted."

2. Election of Directors

Article 97 of the Company's Articles of Association provides that one-third of the Board (except the Managing Director and Deputy Managing Director) or, if the number of members of the Board is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to one-third shall retire from office at each Annual General Meeting. The Directors retiring under this Article are **Mr. Wayne Christopher Chen, Hon. Noel Arthur Anthony Hylton, Mr. Donovan Anthony Lewis and Mrs. Sandra Alicia Carol Glasgow** and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The proposed resolutions are therefore as follows:

- (a) "THAT Director, **MR. WAYNE CHRISTOPHER CHEN**, retiring pursuant to Article 97 of the Articles of Association be and is hereby re-elected."
- (b) "THAT Director, **THE HON. NOEL ARTHUR ANTHONY HYLTON, O.J., C.D., HON. LL D.**, retiring pursuant to Article 97 of the Articles of Association be and is hereby re-elected."

- (c) "THAT Director, **MR. DONOVAN ANTHONY LEWIS**, retiring pursuant to Article 97 of the Articles of Association be and is hereby re-elected."

- (d) "THAT Director, **MRS. SANDRA ALICIA CAROL GLASGOW**, retiring pursuant to Article 97 of the Articles of Association be and is hereby re-elected."

3. Directors' Remuneration

- (a) "THAT the Directors be and are hereby empowered to fix the remuneration of the Executive Directors."
- (b) "THAT the total remuneration of all of the Directors combined, other than the Executive Directors, for the financial year of the Company ending September 30, 2006, remains fixed at \$15,030,000."

4. Appointment of Auditors and their Remuneration

"THAT Messrs. PricewaterhouseCoopers, having signified their willingness to serve, continue in office as Auditors of the Company until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting, at a remuneration to be agreed with the Directors."

5. Resolutions in respect of any other business which can be transacted at an Annual General Meeting.

A Member of the Company, entitled to attend and vote, is entitled to appoint a Proxy to attend and vote in his stead, and a Proxy need not be a member.

If you are unable to attend the Meeting, a Form of Proxy is enclosed for your convenience. When completed, this Form should be deposited with the Secretary, at the Registered Office of the Company, "The Atrium", 32 Trafalgar Road, Kingston 10, Jamaica, not less than **48 hours** before the time appointed for the Meeting. The Proxy Form should bear stamp duty of **\$100.00**, before being signed. The stamp duty may be paid by adhesive stamps, which are to be cancelled by the person signing the Proxy.

DATED this 12th day of DECEMBER 2005

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD



Jennifer Dewdney Kelly (Mrs.)
COMPANY SECRETARY



DIRECTORS' REPORT

30 September 2005

The directors submit herewith the Consolidated Profit and Loss Account of National Commercial Bank Jamaica Limited and its subsidiaries for the year ended 30 September 2005, together with the Consolidated Balance Sheet as at that date:

Operating Results

| | \$'000 |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Gross operating revenue | 27,045,081 |
| Profit before taxation | 5,712,706 |
| Taxation | (1,425,725) |
| Net profit | 4,286,981 |

Dividends

The following dividends were paid during the year:

- \$0.09 per ordinary stock unit was paid in November 2004.
- \$0.21 per ordinary stock unit was paid in January 2005.
- \$0.06 per ordinary stock unit was paid in February 2005.
- \$0.12 per ordinary stock unit was paid in August 2005.

Directors

The Board of Directors comprises:

| | | |
|--|---|-------------------------|
| Mr. Michael A. Lee-Chin | - | Chairman |
| Mr. Kris S.A.C. Astaphan | - | Deputy Chairman |
| Mr. Patrick A.A. Hylton | - | Group Managing Director |
| Mr. Aylmer Desmond Blades | | |
| Mr. Wayne C. Chen | | |
| Dr. Nigel Andrew Lincoln Clarke | | |
| Mrs. Sandra A.C. Glasgow | | |
| Hon. Noel A.A. Hylton, OJ, CD, Hon. LL D | | |
| Mr. Donovan Anthony Lewis | | |
| Mrs. Thalia Lyn | | |
| Mr. Herbert I. Phillipps | | |
| Professor Alvin G. Wint | | |
| Rt. Hon. Justice Edward Zacca, OJ., PC (Appointed 27 January 2005) | | |
| Mrs. Jennifer Dewdney Kelly | - | Company Secretary |

DIRECTORS' REPORT (cont'd)

30 September 2005

Pursuant to Article 97 of the Articles of Association of the Bank, one-third of the Directors (or the number nearest to one-third) other than the Managing Director will retire at the Annual General Meeting.

Auditors

The auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers, have indicated their willingness to continue in office and offer themselves for re-appointment.

On behalf of the Board



Jennifer Dewdney Kelly
Secretary



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9 November 2005

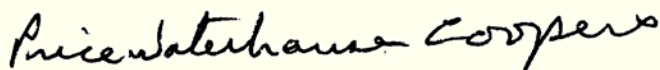
To the Members of
National Commercial Bank Jamaica Limited

Auditors' Report

We have audited the financial statements set out on pages 29 to 90, and have received all the information and explanations which we considered necessary. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Bank's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, proper accounting records have been kept and the financial statements, which are in agreement therewith, give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and Bank as at 30 September 2005 and the results of operations, changes in equity and cash flows of the Group and the Bank for the year then ended and have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and comply with the provisions of the Jamaican Companies Act applicable to banking companies.



Chartered Accountants
Kingston, Jamaica

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Year ended 30 September 2005

| | Note | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 |
|--|------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Operating Income | | | |
| Interest income from loans | | 6,366,474 | 4,979,253 |
| Interest income from securities | | 14,600,558 | 16,433,184 |
| Total interest income | | 20,967,032 | 21,412,437 |
| Interest expense | | (10,425,519) | (11,809,339) |
| Net interest income | | 10,541,513 | 9,603,098 |
| Net fee and commission income | 4 | 2,452,546 | 1,772,921 |
| Net trading income | 5 | 2,326,485 | 1,336,873 |
| Dividend income | | 133,672 | 101,539 |
| Loan provision recovered | 6 | 609,716 | - |
| Other operating income | | 555,630 | 187,940 |
| | | <u>16,619,562</u> | <u>13,002,371</u> |
| Operating Expenses | | | |
| Staff costs | 7 | 5,664,701 | 4,639,585 |
| Provision for credit losses | 18 | 61,393 | 422,341 |
| Depreciation and amortisation | | 1,071,135 | 976,029 |
| Impairment loss on investment in Dyoll Group Limited | | 236,359 | - |
| Other operating expenses | | 3,761,474 | 3,171,532 |
| | | <u>10,795,062</u> | <u>9,209,487</u> |
| Operating Profit | | 5,824,500 | 3,792,884 |
| Share of (loss)/profit of associates | | (111,794) | 67,230 |
| Profit before Taxation | 8 | 5,712,706 | 3,860,114 |
| Taxation | 10 | (1,425,725) | (643,376) |
| NET PROFIT | 11 | <u>4,286,981</u> | <u>3,216,738</u> |
| EARNINGS PER STOCK UNIT | 13 | <u>\$1.74</u> | <u>\$1.30</u> |

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

30 September 2005


| | Note | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 |
|---|------|--------------------|--------------------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| Cash and balances at Bank of Jamaica | 14 | 12,013,588 | 13,986,481 |
| Due from other banks | 15 | 11,112,575 | 13,659,635 |
| Trading securities | 16 | 2,185,753 | 293,885 |
| Reverse repurchase agreements | 17 | 26,692,189 | 21,372,536 |
| Loans and advances, net of provision for credit losses | 18 | 35,740,809 | 34,024,628 |
| Investment securities | 19 | 89,605,138 | 77,494,225 |
| Investments in associates | 20 | 1,562,322 | 1,163,192 |
| Investment properties | 21 | 12,000 | 21,300 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 22 | 3,629,271 | 3,489,077 |
| Intangible asset - computer software | 23 | 751,153 | 943,212 |
| Retirement benefit asset | 26 | 8,812 | 7,602 |
| Income tax recoverable | | 153,040 | 244,001 |
| Other assets | 24 | 7,016,106 | 6,081,825 |
| Customers' liability on acceptances, guarantees, indemnities and letters of credit | | 3,092,406 | 3,090,418 |
| Total Assets | | <u>193,575,162</u> | <u>175,872,017</u> |

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

30 September 2005

| | Note | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 |
|--|------|--------------------|--------------------|
| LIABILITIES | | | |
| Due to other banks | 27 | 5,945,194 | 6,794,790 |
| Customer deposits | | 84,371,554 | 79,862,280 |
| Derivative financial instruments | 28 | 695 | 44,983 |
| Promissory notes and certificates of participation | | 3,366,699 | 9,768,128 |
| Repurchase agreements | | 48,609,281 | 37,496,253 |
| Obligations under credit card and cash advance securitization arrangements | 28 | 10,677,302 | 9,427,736 |
| Other borrowed funds | 29 | 1,128,785 | 1,069,318 |
| Income tax payable | | 1,118,334 | 405,854 |
| Deferred tax liabilities | 25 | 726,057 | 852,926 |
| Policyholders' liabilities | 30 | 9,068,442 | 6,912,610 |
| Provisions | 31 | 67,573 | 117,000 |
| Retirement benefit obligations | 26 | 232,879 | 209,879 |
| Other liabilities | 32 | 4,117,456 | 3,525,837 |
| Liability on acceptances, guarantees, indemnities and letters of credit | | 3,092,406 | 3,090,418 |
| Total liabilities | | <u>172,522,657</u> | <u>159,578,012</u> |
| STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | | | |
| Share capital | 33 | 2,466,763 | 2,466,763 |
| Share premium | | 4,453,752 | 4,453,752 |
| Fair value and other reserves | 34 | 2,170,072 | 1,266,714 |
| Loan loss reserve | 35 | 211,590 | 111,650 |
| Banking reserve fund | 36 | 1,609,000 | 1,327,000 |
| Retained earnings reserve | 37 | 3,119,761 | 3,119,761 |
| Retained earnings | 12 | 7,021,567 | 3,548,365 |
| Total stockholders' equity | | <u>21,052,505</u> | <u>16,294,005</u> |
| Total equity and liabilities | | <u>193,575,162</u> | <u>175,872,017</u> |

Approved for issue by the Board of Directors on 9 November 2005 and signed on its behalf by:


 Patrick Hylton Group Managing Director


 Donovan Lewis Director


 Professor Alvin Wint Director


 Jennifer Dewdney Kelly Secretary

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Year ended 30 September 2005

| | Share Capital | Share Premium | Fair Value and Other Reserves | Loan Loss Reserve | Banking Reserve Fund | Retained Earnings Reserve | Retained Earnings | Total |
|---|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Balance as at 1 October 2003 | 2,466,763 | 4,453,752 | (270,773) | 72,891 | 1,078,000 | 1,218,761 | 3,852,438 | 12,871,832 |
| Currency translation differences | - | - | 22,625 | - | - | - | - | 22,625 |
| Unrealised gains on available-for-sale investments, net of taxes | - | - | 1,781,448 | - | - | - | - | 1,781,448 |
| Realised fair value gains transferred to Consolidated Profit and Loss Account | - | - | (266,586) | - | - | - | - | (266,586) |
| Net gains not recognised in Consolidated Profit and Loss Account | - | - | 1,537,487 | - | - | - | - | 1,537,487 |
| Net profit | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3,216,738 | 3,216,738 |
| Dividends paid | - | - | - | - | - | - | (1,332,052) | (1,332,052) |
| Transfer to Loan Loss Reserve | - | - | - | 38,759 | - | - | (38,759) | - |
| Transfer to Banking Reserve Fund | - | - | - | - | 249,000 | - | (249,000) | - |
| Transfer to Retained Earnings Reserve | - | - | - | - | - | 1,901,000 | (1,901,000) | - |
| Balance at 30 September 2004 | 2,466,763 | 4,453,752 | 1,266,714 | 111,650 | 1,327,000 | 3,119,761 | 3,548,365 | 16,294,005 |
| Currency translation differences | - | - | 13,266 | - | - | - | - | 13,266 |
| Unrealised gains on available-for-sale investments, net of taxes | - | - | 1,649,761 | - | - | - | - | 1,649,761 |
| Realised fair value gains transferred to Consolidated Profit and Loss Account | - | - | (759,669) | - | - | - | - | (759,669) |
| Net gains not recognised in Consolidated Profit and Loss Account | - | - | 903,358 | - | - | - | - | 903,358 |
| Net profit | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4,286,981 | 4,286,981 |
| Dividends paid | - | - | - | - | - | - | (1,184,046) | (1,184,046) |
| Negative goodwill transferred to retained earnings on adoption of IFRS 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 752,207 | 752,207 |
| Transfer to Loan Loss Reserve | - | - | - | 99,940 | - | - | (99,940) | - |
| Transfer to Banking Reserve Fund | - | - | - | - | 282,000 | - | (282,000) | - |
| Balance at 30 September 2005 | 2,466,763 | 4,453,752 | 2,170,072 | 211,590 | 1,609,000 | 3,119,761 | 7,021,567 | 21,052,505 |

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Year ended 30 September 2005

| | Note | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 |
|--|------|------------------|-------------------|
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities | | | |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 38 | 10,355,842 | 41,094 |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities | | | |
| Acquisition of property, plant and equipment | | (948,054) | (946,454) |
| Acquisition of intangible asset - computer software | | (100,290) | (536,671) |
| Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment | | 36,461 | 103,786 |
| Acquisition of investments in associates | | - | (1,148,446) |
| Dividends received from associates | | 37,287 | 21,345 |
| Investment securities, net | | (14,291,850) | 7,349,421 |
| Proceeds from disposal of investment properties | | 11,500 | 8,000 |
| Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities | | (15,254,946) | 4,850,981 |
| Cash Flows from Financing Activities | | | |
| Drawdowns under credit card and cash advance securitization arrangements | | 2,790,645 | 6,137,077 |
| Repayments under credit card and cash advance securitization arrangements | | (1,776,551) | (1,498,613) |
| Other borrowed funds | | 63,897 | (147,330) |
| Dividends paid | | (1,184,046) | (1,332,052) |
| Net cash (used in)/provided by financing activities | | (106,055) | 3,159,082 |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | | 68,063 | 762,815 |
| Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents | | (4,937,096) | 8,813,972 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year | | 14,892,665 | 6,078,693 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year | | 9,955,569 | 14,892,665 |
| Comprising: | | | |
| Cash and balances at Bank of Jamaica | 14 | 3,309,687 | 4,313,828 |
| Due from other banks | 15 | 11,112,575 | 13,659,635 |
| Investment securities | 19 | 1,478,501 | 3,713,992 |
| Due to other banks | 27 | (5,945,194) | (6,794,790) |
| | | <u>9,955,569</u> | <u>14,892,665</u> |

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Year ended 30 September 2005

| | Note | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 |
|--|------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Operating Revenue | | | |
| Interest income from loans | | 6,347,693 | 4,965,070 |
| Interest income from securities | | 6,901,933 | 9,395,905 |
| Total interest income | | 13,249,626 | 14,360,975 |
| Interest expense | | (4,816,354) | (6,843,225) |
| Net interest income | | 8,433,272 | 7,517,750 |
| Net fee and commission income | 4 | 2,207,359 | 1,554,505 |
| Net trading income | 5 | 2,445,019 | 1,110,864 |
| Dividend income | | 144,594 | 80,422 |
| Other operating income | | 221,723 | 109,800 |
| | | <u>13,451,967</u> | <u>10,373,341</u> |
| Operating Expenses | | | |
| Staff costs | 7 | 4,963,928 | 4,124,291 |
| Provision for credit losses | 18 | 61,393 | 422,211 |
| Depreciation and amortisation | | 1,025,210 | 939,103 |
| Impairment loss on investment in Dyoll Group Limited | | 468,409 | - |
| Other operating expenses | | 3,324,391 | 3,118,897 |
| | | <u>9,843,331</u> | <u>8,604,502</u> |
| Profit before Taxation | 8 | 3,608,636 | 1,768,839 |
| Taxation | 10 | (787,940) | (109,183) |
| NET PROFIT | | <u><u>2,820,696</u></u> | <u><u>1,659,656</u></u> |

BALANCE SHEET

30 September 2005


| | Note | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 |
|---|------|--------------------|--------------------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| Cash and balances at Bank of Jamaica | 14 | 11,788,837 | 13,131,337 |
| Due from other banks | 15 | 11,357,836 | 13,976,958 |
| Reverse repurchase agreements | 17 | 2,047,125 | 278,010 |
| Loans and advances, net of provision for credit losses | 18 | 35,486,712 | 33,801,580 |
| Investment securities | 19 | 55,957,051 | 48,754,521 |
| Investments in associates | 20 | 543,167 | 1,148,446 |
| Investments in subsidiaries | | 1,456,970 | 1,456,970 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 22 | 3,583,040 | 3,430,625 |
| Intangible asset - computer software | 23 | 699,479 | 889,295 |
| Other assets | 24 | 3,961,038 | 3,256,196 |
| Customers' liability on acceptances, guarantees, indemnities and letters of credit | | 3,092,406 | 3,090,418 |
| Total Assets | | 129,973,661 | 123,214,356 |

BALANCE SHEET

30 September 2005

| | Note | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 |
|---|------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| LIABILITIES | | | |
| Due to other banks | 27 | 5,945,194 | 6,795,508 |
| Customer deposits | | 85,253,696 | 79,393,594 |
| Derivative financial instruments | 28 | 695 | 44,983 |
| Repurchase agreements | | 6,093,805 | 7,580,162 |
| Obligations under credit card and cash advance securitization arrangements | 28 | 10,677,302 | 9,427,736 |
| Other borrowed funds | 29 | 1,129,101 | 1,082,144 |
| Income tax payable | | 802,289 | 456,088 |
| Deferred tax liabilities | 25 | 26,065 | 308,243 |
| Provisions | 31 | 67,573 | 117,000 |
| Retirement benefit obligations | 26 | 232,879 | 209,879 |
| Other liabilities | 32 | 2,234,739 | 2,024,453 |
| Liability on acceptances, guarantees, indemnities and letters of credit | | 3,092,406 | 3,090,418 |
| Total liabilities | | <u>115,555,744</u> | <u>110,530,208</u> |
| STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | | | |
| Share capital | 33 | 2,466,763 | 2,466,763 |
| Share premium | | 3,998,968 | 3,998,968 |
| Fair value and other reserves | 34 | 1,050,512 | 953,393 |
| Loan loss reserve | 35 | 211,590 | 111,650 |
| Banking reserve fund | 36 | 1,609,000 | 1,327,000 |
| Retained earnings reserve | 37 | 3,119,761 | 3,119,761 |
| Retained earnings | 12 | 1,961,323 | 706,613 |
| Total stockholders' equity | | <u>14,417,917</u> | <u>12,684,148</u> |
| Total equity and liabilities | | <u><u>129,973,661</u></u> | <u><u>123,214,356</u></u> |

Approved for issue by the Board of Directors on 9 November 2005 signed on its behalf by:


 Patrick Hylton Group Managing Director


 Donovan Lewis Director


 Professor Alvin Wint Director


 Jennifer Dewdney Kelly Secretary

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Year ended 30 September 2005

| | Share Capital | Share Premium | Fair Value and Other Reserves | Loan Loss Reserve | Banking Reserve Fund | Retained Earnings Reserve | Retained Earnings | Total |
|--|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Balance as at 1 October 2003 | 2,466,763 | 3,998,968 | 41,604 | 72,891 | 1,078,000 | 1,218,761 | 2,567,768 | 11,444,755 |
| Unrealised gains on available-for-sale investments, net of taxes | - | - | 1,008,875 | - | - | - | - | 1,008,875 |
| Realised fair value gains transferred to Profit and Loss Account | - | - | (97,086) | - | - | - | - | (97,086) |
| Net gains not recognised in Profit and Loss Account | - | - | 911,789 | - | - | - | - | 911,789 |
| Net profit | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,659,656 | 1,659,656 |
| Dividends paid | - | - | - | - | - | - | (1,332,052) | (1,332,052) |
| Transfer to Loan Loss Reserve | - | - | - | 38,759 | - | - | (38,759) | - |
| Transfer to Retained Earnings Reserve | - | - | - | - | - | 1,901,000 | (1,901,000) | - |
| Transfer to Banking Reserve Fund | - | - | - | - | 249,000 | - | (249,000) | - |
| Balance at 30 September 2004 | 2,466,763 | 3,998,968 | 953,393 | 111,650 | 1,327,000 | 3,119,761 | 706,613 | 12,684,148 |
| Unrealised gains on available-for-sale investments, net of taxes | - | - | 1,199,876 | - | - | - | - | 1,199,876 |
| Realised fair value gains transferred to Profit and Loss Account | - | - | (1,102,757) | - | - | - | - | (1,102,757) |
| Net gains not recognised in Profit and Loss Account | - | - | 97,119 | - | - | - | - | 97,119 |
| Net profit | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,820,696 | 2,820,696 |
| Dividends paid | - | - | - | - | - | - | (1,184,046) | (1,184,046) |
| Transfer to Loan Loss Reserve | - | - | - | 99,940 | - | - | (99,940) | - |
| Transfer to Banking Reserve Fund | - | - | - | - | 282,000 | - | (282,000) | - |
| Balance at 30 September 2005 | 2,466,763 | 3,998,968 | 1,050,512 | 211,590 | 1,609,000 | 3,119,761 | 1,961,323 | 14,417,917 |

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Year ended 30 September 2005

| | Note | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 |
|---|------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities | | | |
| Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities | 38 | 4,557,709 | (6,801,346) |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities | | | |
| Acquisition of property, plant and equipment | | (939,593) | (898,120) |
| Acquisition of intangible asset - computer software | | (72,169) | (502,913) |
| Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment | | 31,932 | 51,809 |
| Proceeds from disposal of investment in associates | | 533,637 | - |
| Acquisition of investments in associates | | - | (1,148,446) |
| Investment securities, net | | (7,477,182) | 13,027,407 |
| Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities | | (7,923,375) | 10,529,737 |
| Cash Flows from Financing Activities | | | |
| Drawdowns under credit card and cash advance securitization arrangements | | 2,790,645 | 6,137,077 |
| Repayments under credit card and cash advance securitization arrangements | | (1,776,551) | (1,498,613) |
| Other borrowed funds | | 51,387 | (170,648) |
| Dividends paid | | (1,184,046) | (1,332,052) |
| Net cash (used in)/provided by financing activities | | (118,565) | 3,135,764 |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | | 85,978 | 858,049 |
| Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents | | (3,398,253) | 7,722,204 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year | | 14,061,332 | 6,339,128 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year | | 10,663,079 | 14,061,332 |
| Comprising: | | | |
| Cash and balances at Bank of Jamaica | 14 | 3,084,936 | 3,458,683 |
| Due from other banks | 15 | 11,357,836 | 13,976,958 |
| Investment securities | 19 | 2,165,501 | 3,421,199 |
| Due to other banks | 27 | (5,945,194) | (6,795,508) |
| | | <u>10,663,079</u> | <u>14,061,332</u> |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

30 September 2005

1. Identification and Principal Activities

National Commercial Bank Jamaica Limited ("the Bank") is incorporated in Jamaica and licensed under the Banking Act, 1992. The Bank is a 70% subsidiary of AIC (Barbados) Limited. The ultimate parent company is Portland Holdings Inc., incorporated in Canada. The Bank's registered office is located at 32 Trafalgar Road, Kingston 10, Jamaica.

The Bank is listed on the Jamaica Stock Exchange and the Trinidad and Tobago Stock Exchange.

The Bank's subsidiaries, which together with the Bank are referred to as "the Group", are as follows:

| | <u>Principal Activities</u> | <u>Percentage Ownership by Bank</u> <u>30 September 2005</u> |
|--|---|---|
| Data-Cap Processing Limited | Data Processing | 100 |
| NCB Capital Markets Limited | Primary Dealer and Stock Broker | 100 |
| Mutual Security Insurance Brokers Limited | Insurance Brokers | 100 |
| NCB (Cayman) Limited and its 100% subsidiary NCB Servia Limited | Commercial Banking Money Remittance | 100 |
| N.C.B. (Investments) Limited | Money Market Trading | 100 |
| N.C.B. Jamaica (Nominees) Limited | Securities' Nominee | 100 |
| NCB Insurance Company Limited | Life Insurance | 100 |
| West Indies Trust Company Limited | Investment and Pension Fund Management and Trustee Services | 100 |
| Servia Money Services (UK) Limited | Money Remittance | 100 |

All subsidiaries are incorporated in Jamaica with the exception of NCB (Cayman) Limited and NCB Servia Limited, which are incorporated in the Cayman Islands and Servia Money Services (UK) Limited, which is incorporated in the United Kingdom.

The Group's associates are as follows:

| | <u>Principal Activities</u> | <u>Percentage ownership by Group</u> <u>30 September 2005</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Kingston Wharves Limited | Wharf Operations and Stevedoring | 43.45 |
| Dyoll Group Limited | Property and Casualty Insurance | 44.47 |

All amounts are stated in Jamaican dollars unless otherwise indicated.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

30 September 2005

2. Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with and comply with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), and have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of available-for-sale investment securities, trading securities, derivative contracts, investment property and certain property plant and equipment.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(b) Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements comprise those of the Bank and its subsidiaries presented as a single economic entity. Intra-group transactions, balances and unrealised gains and losses are eliminated in preparing the consolidated financial statements.

(c) Foreign currency translation

Foreign currency transactions are accounted for at the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. At the balance sheet date, monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated using the closing exchange rate.

Exchange differences resulting from the settlement of transactions at rates different from those at the dates of the transactions, and unrealised foreign exchange differences on unsettled foreign currency monetary assets and liabilities are recognised in the profit and loss account.

Exchange differences on non-monetary financial assets are a component of the change in their fair value. Depending on the classification of a non-monetary financial asset, exchange differences are either recognised in the profit and loss account (applicable for trading securities), or within stockholders' equity if non-monetary financial assets are classified as available-for-sale.

Assets and liabilities of foreign subsidiaries are translated at exchange rates at the balance sheet date, while profit and loss account and cash flow items are translated at average rates over the year. Differences resulting from the use of these different exchange rates are reflected in fair value and other reserves within stockholders' equity.

(d) Interest and fees

Interest income and expense are recognised in the profit and loss account for all interest-bearing instruments on an accrual basis using the effective yield method based on the actual purchase price. Interest income includes coupons earned on fixed income investments and accrued discount on treasury bills and other discounted instruments.

Jamaican banking regulations stipulate that, where collection of interest income is considered doubtful or payment is outstanding for 90 days or more, interest should be taken into account on the cash basis. IFRS require that when loans become doubtful of collection, they are written down to their recoverable amounts and interest income is thereafter recognised based on the rate of interest that was used to discount the future cash flows for the purpose of measuring the recoverable amount. The difference between the regulatory and IFRS bases of interest recognition was assessed to be immaterial.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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2. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(d) Interest and fees (continued)

Fee and commission income is generally recognised on an accrual basis when the service has been provided. Loan origination fees for loans which are likely to be drawn down are deferred, together with related direct costs, and recognised as an adjustment to the effective yield on the loan. Fees and commissions arising from negotiating or participating in the negotiation of a transaction for a third party are recognised on completion of the underlying transaction.

(e) Investments

Investments are classified into the following categories: trading securities, originated loans, and available-for-sale securities. Management determines the appropriate classification of investments at the time of purchase.

Trading securities are those which were either acquired for generating a profit from short-term fluctuations in price or dealer's margin, or are securities included in a portfolio in which a pattern of short-term profit-taking exists. They are initially recognised at cost, which includes transaction costs, and subsequently remeasured at fair value. All related realised and unrealised gains and losses are included in net trading income.

Originated debt securities include those where money is provided to the issuer, either directly or through an intermediary, other than those that are originated with the intent to be sold immediately or in the short-term, which are recorded as trading securities. They are initially recorded at cost, which is the cash given to originate the debt including any transaction costs, and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Available-for-sale securities are those intended to be held for an indefinite period of time and which may be sold in response to needs for liquidity or changes in interest rates, foreign exchange rates or market prices. They are initially recognised at cost, which includes transaction costs, and subsequently remeasured at fair value. Unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in fair value of available-for-sale securities are recognised in stockholders' equity. When the securities are disposed of or impaired, the related accumulated unrealised gains or losses included in stockholders' equity are transferred to the profit and loss account.

The fair values of quoted investments are based on current bid prices. For unquoted investments, the Group establishes fair value by using valuation techniques. These include the use of recent arm's length transactions, discounted cash flow analysis and other valuation techniques commonly used by market participants.

Financial assets are assessed at each balance sheet date for objective evidence of impairment. A financial asset is considered impaired if its carrying amount exceeds its estimated recoverable amount. The amount of the impairment loss for assets carried at amortised cost is calculated as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the original effective interest rate. The recoverable amount of a financial asset carried at fair value is the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the current market interest rate for a similar financial asset.

All purchases and sales of investment securities are recognised at settlement date.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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2. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(f) Repurchase and reverse repurchase transactions

Securities sold under agreements to repurchase (repurchase agreements) and securities purchased under agreements to resell (reverse repurchase agreements) are treated as collateralised financing transactions. The difference between the sale/purchase and repurchase/resale price is treated as interest and accrued over the life of the agreements using the effective yield method.

(g) Derivatives

Derivative instruments are initially recognised in the balance sheet at cost (including transaction costs) and subsequently are remeasured at their fair value. Fair values are obtained from quoted market prices, discounted cash flow models and option pricing models as appropriate. All derivatives are carried as assets when fair value is positive and as liabilities when fair value is negative.

Changes in the fair value of derivatives are included in net trading income. This includes derivative transactions which, while providing effective economic hedges under the Group's risk management positions, do not qualify for hedge accounting under the specific rules in International Accounting Standard (IAS) 39.

(h) Loans and provisions for credit losses

Loans are recognised when cash is advanced to borrowers. They are initially recorded at cost, which is the cash given to originate the loan including any transaction costs, and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

A provision for credit losses is established if there is objective evidence that a loan is impaired. A loan is considered impaired when management determines that it is probable that all amounts due according to the original contractual terms will not be collected. When a loan has been identified as impaired, the carrying amount of the loan is reduced by recording specific provisions for credit losses to its estimated recoverable amount, which is the present value of expected future cash flows including amounts recoverable from guarantees and collateral, discounted at the original effective interest rate of the loan.

The provision for credit losses also covers situations where there is objective evidence that probable losses are present in components of the loan portfolio at the balance sheet date. These have been estimated based upon historical patterns of losses in each component, the credit ratings allocated to the borrowers and the current economic climate in which the borrowers operate.

For non-performing and impaired loans the accrual of interest income based on the original terms of the loan is discontinued. Jamaican banking regulations require that interest on non-performing loans be taken into account on the cash basis. IFRS require that interest income on non-performing loans be accrued, to the extent collectible, and that the increase in the present value of impaired loans due to the passage of time be reported as interest income. The difference between the Jamaican regulatory basis and IFRS was assessed to be immaterial.

Write-offs are made when all or part of a loan is deemed uncollectible or is forgiven. Write-offs are charged against previously established provisions for credit losses and reduce the principal amount of a loan. Recoveries in part or in full of amounts previously written-off are credited to provision for credit losses in the profit and loss account.

Statutory and other regulatory loan loss reserve requirements that exceed these amounts are dealt with in a non-distributable loan loss reserve as an appropriation of retained earnings.

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2. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(i) Investment property

Investment property is held for long-term rental yields and is not occupied by the Group. Investment property is treated as a long-term investment and is carried at fair value, representing open market value determined annually by external valuers. Changes in fair values are recorded in the profit and loss account.

(j) Investments in subsidiaries

Investments by the Bank in subsidiaries are stated at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

(k) Investments in associates

Associates are entities over which the Group has significant influence, but which it does not control, generally accompanying a shareholding of between 20% and 50% of the voting rights. Investments in associates are accounted for by the equity method of accounting. Under this method, the Group's share of the post-acquisition profits or losses of associates is recognised in the consolidated profit and loss account and its share of post-acquisition movements in reserves is recognised in reserves. The Group's investment in associates includes goodwill on acquisition (net of accumulated amortisation and impairment losses).

In the Bank's unconsolidated balance sheet, investments in associates are shown at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

(l) Property, plant and equipment

Land and buildings, except for investment property, are shown at deemed cost, less subsequent depreciation for buildings. Under IFRS 1, a first-time adopter may elect to use a previous GAAP revaluation of an item of property, plant and equipment as its deemed cost. The Group elected to apply this provision. All other property, plant and equipment are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Land is not depreciated. Depreciation on other assets is calculated on the straight-line basis at annual rates that will write off the carrying value of each asset over the period of its expected useful life. Annual depreciation rates are as follows:

| | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Freehold buildings | 2 - 5% |
| Leasehold improvements | Period of lease |
| Computer equipment | 33⅓% |
| Office equipment and furniture | 20% |
| Other equipment | 10% |
| Motor vehicles | 20 - 25% |
| Leased assets | Shorter of period of lease or useful life of asset |

Property, plant and equipment are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. Where the carrying amount of an asset is greater than its estimated recoverable amount, it is written down immediately to its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use.

Gains or losses on disposal of property plant and equipment are determined by reference to their carrying amount and are taken into account in determining operating profit. Repairs and renewals are charged to the profit and loss account when the expenditure is incurred.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

30 September 2005

2. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(m) Intangible assets

(i) Goodwill

Goodwill represents the difference between the cost of an acquisition and the fair value of the Group's share of the net identifiable assets of the acquiree. Goodwill on acquisition of associates is included in investments in associates. Goodwill is assessed annually for impairment.

(ii) Computer Software

Costs associated with developing or maintaining computer software programs are recognised as an expense as incurred. Costs that are directly associated with acquiring identifiable and unique software products which are expected to generate economic benefits exceeding costs beyond one year, are recognised as intangible assets. These costs are amortised using the straight-line method over their useful lives, not exceeding a period of three years.

(n) Borrowings

Borrowings including those arising under securitization arrangements are recognised initially at cost, being their issue proceeds, net of transaction costs incurred. Subsequently, borrowings are stated at amortised cost and any difference between net proceeds and the redemption value is recognised in the profit and loss account over the period of the borrowings using the effective yield method.

(o) Employee benefits

(i) Pension plans

The Bank and its subsidiaries operate a number of retirement plans, the assets of which are generally held in separate trustee-administered funds. The pension plans are funded by payments from employees and by the relevant companies, taking into account the recommendations of independent qualified actuaries. The Group has both defined contribution and defined benefit plans. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the Group pays fixed contributions into a separate fund. The Group has no legal or constructive obligation beyond paying these contributions. A defined benefit plan is a pension plan that defines an amount of pension benefit that an employee will receive on retirement, usually dependent on one or more factors such as age, years of service and compensation.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are charged to the profit and loss account in the period to which they relate.

The asset or liability in respect of defined benefit plans is the difference between the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the balance sheet date and the fair value of plan assets, adjusted for unrecognised actuarial gains/losses and past service cost. Where a pension asset arises, the amount recognised is limited to the net total of any cumulative unrecognised net actuarial losses and past service cost and the present value of any economic benefits available in the form of refunds from the plan or reduction in future contributions to the plan. The pension costs are assessed using the projected unit credit method. Under this method, the cost of providing pensions is charged to the profit and loss account so as to spread the regular cost over the service lives of the employees in accordance with the advice of the actuaries, who carry out a full valuation of the plans every year. The pension obligation is measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows using discount estimated rates based on market yields on government securities which have terms to maturity approximating the terms of the related liability.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

30 September 2005

2. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(o) Employee benefits (continued)

(i) Pension plans (continued)

A portion of actuarial gains and losses is recognised in the profit and loss account if the net cumulative unrecognised actuarial gains or losses at the end of the previous reporting period exceeded 10 percent of the greater of the present value of the gross defined benefit obligation and the fair value of plan assets at that date. Any excess actuarial gains or losses are recognised in the profit and loss account over the average remaining service lives of the participating employees.

(ii) Other retirement obligations

Group companies provide post-retirement health care benefits to their retirees. The entitlement for these benefits is usually based on the employee remaining in service up to retirement age and the completion of a minimum service period. The expected costs of these benefits are accrued over the period of employment, using a methodology similar to that for defined benefit pension plans. Valuations of these obligations are carried out annually by independent qualified actuaries.

(p) Leases

(i) As Lessee

Leases of property, plant and equipment where the Group has substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are classified as finance leases. Finance leases are capitalised at the inception of the lease at the lower of the fair value of the leased asset or the present value of minimum lease payments. Each lease payment is allocated between the liability and interest charges so as to produce a constant rate of charge on the lease obligation. The interest element of the lease payments is charged to the profit and loss account over the lease period.

Leases where a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Payments under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

(ii) As Lessor

When assets are leased out under a finance lease, the present value of the lease payments is recognised as a receivable. The difference between the gross receivable and the present value of the receivable is recognised as unearned finance income. Lease income is recognised over the term of the lease in a manner which reflects a constant periodic rate of return on the net investment in the lease.

Assets leased out under operating leases are included in property, plant and equipment in the balance sheet. They are depreciated over their expected useful lives on a basis consistent with similar owned assets. Rental income is recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

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2. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(q) Income taxes

Taxation expense in the profit and loss account comprises current and deferred tax charges.

Current tax charges are based on taxable profits for the year, which differ from the profit before tax reported because it excludes items that are taxable or deductible in other years, and items that are never taxable or deductible. The Group's liability for current tax is calculated at tax rates that have been enacted at balance sheet date.

Deferred income tax is provided in full, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. Currently enacted tax rates are used in the determination of deferred income tax.

Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

Deferred income tax is provided on temporary differences arising on investments in subsidiaries and associates, except where the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference can be controlled and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax is charged or credited in the profit and loss account, except where it relates to items charged or credited to equity, in which case, deferred tax is also dealt with in equity.

(r) Policyholders' liabilities

Policyholders' liabilities are determined annually by an independent actuary using the Policy Premium Method of valuation. They represent the liability for future benefits payable by the Group based on contracts for the life assurance business in force at the balance sheet date. These liabilities represent the amount which, together with future premiums and investment returns, in the opinion of the actuary, will be sufficient to pay future benefits relating to contracts of insurance in force, as well as meet the expenses incurred in connection with such contracts. Allowance is made for interest, mortality and other assumptions considered to be appropriate to include in the liabilities of the Group under the terms of its policy contracts in force.

(s) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when there is a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate of the amount of the obligation can be made.

(t) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise balances with less than 90 days maturity from the date of acquisition including cash and balances at Bank of Jamaica (excluding statutory reserves), due from other banks, investment securities and due to other banks.

(u) Acceptances, guarantees, indemnities and letters of credit

The potential liability under acceptances, guarantees, indemnities and letters of credit is reported as a liability in the balance sheet. There are equal and offsetting claims against customers in the event of a call on these commitments, which are reported as an asset.

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2. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(v) Fiduciary activities

The Group acts as trustee and in other fiduciary capacities that result in holding or placing of assets on behalf of individuals, trusts, retirement benefit plans and other institutions. These assets and income arising thereon are excluded from these financial statements, as they are not assets of the Group.

(w) Segment reporting

Business segments provide products or services that are subject to risks and returns that are different from those of other business segments.

(x) Comparative information

Where necessary, comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with changes in presentation in the current year.

3. Segment Reporting

The Group is organised into the following business segments:

- (a) Retail banking - This incorporates the provision of banking services to individual and small business clients.
- (b) Corporate banking - This incorporates the provision of banking services to large corporate clients.
- (c) Treasury - This incorporates the Bank's liquidity and investment management function, management of correspondent bank relationships, as well as foreign currency trading services.
- (d) Wealth management - This incorporates stock brokerage, securities trading, investment management, pension fund management and trustee services.
- (e) Insurance - This incorporates life insurance and insurance brokerage services.

Other operations of the Group include data processing, money remittance services and registrar and transfer agent services.

The Group's operations are located mainly in Jamaica. The operations of subsidiaries located overseas account for less than 10 per cent of the Group's external operating revenue, assets and capital expenditures.

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3. Segment Reporting (Continued)

| | Banking | | | | | | Consolidated \$'000 | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | Retail \$'000 | Corporate \$'000 | Treasury \$'000 | Wealth Management \$'000 | Insurance \$'000 | Other \$'000 | | Eliminations \$'000 |
| External operating revenue | 5,128,715 | 3,586,421 | 8,677,634 | 8,176,063 | 1,454,574 | 21,674 | - | 27,045,081 |
| Operating revenue from other segments | 5,842,928 | 81,331 | 2,245,074 | 144,230 | 101,293 | 47,680 | (8,462,536) | - |
| Operating revenue | 10,971,643 | 3,667,752 | 10,922,708 | 8,320,293 | 1,555,867 | 69,354 | (8,462,536) | 27,045,081 |
| Segment result | 204,604 | 1,308,114 | 2,683,728 | 1,890,956 | 360,163 | 13,263 | (636,328) | 5,824,500 |
| Share of loss of associates | | | | | | | | (111,794) |
| Profit before tax | | | | | | | | 5,712,706 |
| Taxation expense | | | | | | | | (1,425,725) |
| Net profit | | | | | | | | 4,286,981 |
| Segment assets | 86,006,565 | 22,056,878 | 79,191,334 | 55,493,510 | 10,063,527 | 293,394 | (61,245,408) | 191,859,800 |
| Associates | | | | | | | | 1,562,322 |
| Unallocated assets | | | | | | | | 153,040 |
| Total assets | | | | | | | | 193,575,162 |
| Segment liabilities | 79,572,303 | 19,761,932 | 73,935,982 | 48,818,225 | 9,162,434 | 304,197 | (60,876,807) | 170,678,266 |
| Unallocated liabilities | | | | | | | | 1,844,391 |
| Total liabilities | | | | | | | | 172,522,657 |
| Capital expenditure | 858,141 | 83,408 | 70,344 | 27,972 | 8,025 | 21 | - | 1,047,911 |
| Depreciation and amortisation | 885,337 | 91,497 | 77,166 | 10,158 | 5,076 | 1,901 | - | 1,071,135 |

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3. Segment Reporting (Continued)

| | Banking | | | | Wealth | | | Consolidated \$'000 |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | Retail \$'000 | Corporate \$'000 | Treasury \$'000 | Management \$'000 | Insurance \$'000 | Other \$'000 | Eliminations \$'000 | |
| External operating revenue | 4,601,798 | 1,953,050 | 10,660,825 | 6,588,628 | 996,082 | 11,327 | - | 24,811,710 |
| Operating revenue from other segments | 5,826,997 | 75,713 | 921,172 | 1,409,847 | 391,844 | 51,390 | (8,676,963) | - |
| Operating revenue | 10,428,795 | 2,028,763 | 11,581,997 | 7,998,475 | 1,387,926 | 62,717 | (8,676,963) | 24,811,710 |
| Segment result | (775,938) | 380,201 | 2,598,241 | 1,175,768 | 410,116 | (3,149) | 7,645 | 3,792,884 |
| Share of profit of associates | | | | | | | | 67,230 |
| Profit before tax | | | | | | | | 3,860,114 |
| Taxation expense | | | | | | | | (643,376) |
| Net profit | | | | | | | | 3,216,738 |
| Segment assets | 84,110,573 | 23,746,727 | 75,764,678 | 49,755,191 | 7,664,014 | 221,684 | (66,798,043) | 174,464,824 |
| Associates | | | | | | | | 1,163,192 |
| Unallocated assets | | | | | | | | 244,001 |
| Total assets | | | | | | | | 175,872,017 |
| Segment liabilities | 77,452,022 | 22,427,160 | 72,440,586 | 45,503,571 | 7,004,298 | 237,195 | (66,842,385) | 158,222,447 |
| Unallocated liabilities | | | | | | | | 1,355,565 |
| Total liabilities | | | | | | | | 159,578,012 |
| Capital expenditure | 1,241,017 | 132,395 | 111,659 | 54,774 | 24,440 | 1,273 | - | 1,565,558 |
| Depreciation and amortisation | 785,668 | 83,813 | 70,685 | 22,786 | 10,718 | 2,359 | - | 976,029 |

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4. Net Fee and Commission Income

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 |
| Fee and commission income: | | | | |
| Retail banking fees | 755,534 | 631,081 | 825,997 | 656,857 |
| Credit related fees | 1,789,615 | 1,249,424 | 1,789,103 | 1,249,424 |
| Other fees | 414,168 | 310,675 | 94,387 | 66,483 |
| | <u>2,959,317</u> | <u>2,191,180</u> | <u>2,709,487</u> | <u>1,972,764</u> |
| Fee and commission expenses | (506,771) | (418,259) | (502,128) | (418,259) |
| | <u>2,452,546</u> | <u>1,772,921</u> | <u>2,207,359</u> | <u>1,554,505</u> |

5. Net Trading Income

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 |
| Foreign exchange translation and trading | 980,639 | 871,973 | 881,594 | 830,349 |
| Fixed income | 977,637 | 449,149 | 505,850 | 269,780 |
| Equities | 368,209 | 15,751 | 1,057,575 | 10,735 |
| | <u>2,326,485</u> | <u>1,336,873</u> | <u>2,445,019</u> | <u>1,110,864</u> |

Foreign exchange translation and trading income includes gains and losses arising from translation of assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency as well as those arising from foreign currency trading activity.

During the year ended 30 September 2005, gains of \$798,097,000 were recognised in the Bank on the sale of equities to a subsidiary.

6. Loan Provision Recovered

This represents the recovery during the year of a loan which was provided for by a subsidiary.

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7. Staff Costs

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Wages and salaries | 3,734,822 | 3,150,448 | 3,148,758 | 2,741,685 |
| Statutory contributions | 388,572 | 353,710 | 335,835 | 315,138 |
| Pension costs - defined contribution plans | 124,919 | 113,669 | 115,063 | 106,688 |
| Pension costs - defined benefit plans (Note 26) | (372) | (520) | - | - |
| Allowances and benefits | 716,026 | 661,978 | 666,767 | 604,406 |
| Staff profit share | 364,641 | 246,390 | 364,641 | 246,390 |
| Termination benefits | 336,093 | 113,910 | 332,864 | 109,984 |
| | <u>5,664,701</u> | <u>4,639,585</u> | <u>4,963,928</u> | <u>4,124,291</u> |

The number of persons employed as at 30 September:

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| Full-time | 2,126 | 2,445 | 1,875 | 2,243 |
| Part-time | 217 | 109 | 216 | 107 |
| Contract | 177 | 137 | 165 | 122 |
| | <u>2,520</u> | <u>2,691</u> | <u>2,256</u> | <u>2,472</u> |

8. Profit before Taxation

The following have been charged/(credited) in arriving at profit before taxation:

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Directors' emoluments - | | | | |
| Fees | 9,113 | 2,500 | 4,118 | 1,760 |
| Management remuneration | 28,772 | 59,050 | 28,772 | 59,050 |
| Auditors' remuneration - | | | | |
| Current year | 24,103 | 20,518 | 14,520 | 12,460 |
| Prior year | 2,000 | - | 1,200 | - |
| Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment | (11,817) | (29,257) | (12,409) | (28,490) |
| Operating lease rentals | <u>72,894</u> | <u>72,782</u> | <u>69,646</u> | <u>72,782</u> |

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9. Expenses by Nature

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 |
| Staff costs | 5,664,701 | 4,639,585 | 4,963,928 | 4,124,291 |
| Depreciation | 704,963 | 661,359 | 686,036 | 638,421 |
| Amortisation of intangible asset | 366,172 | 314,670 | 339,174 | 300,682 |
| Impairment loss on investment in | | | | |
| Dyoll Group Limited | 236,359 | - | 468,409 | - |
| Provision for credit losses | 61,393 | 422,341 | 61,393 | 422,211 |
| Banking and dealer fees | 778,155 | 323,660 | 843,415 | 433,832 |
| Office expense | 135,734 | 120,486 | 116,059 | 109,336 |
| Light and fuel | 188,223 | 138,742 | 185,838 | 135,958 |
| Security | 119,238 | 103,973 | 119,238 | 103,973 |
| Courier services | 105,318 | 144,053 | 105,318 | 144,053 |
| Bank charges | 47,494 | 31,920 | 34,724 | 31,571 |
| Telephone and postage | 142,379 | 197,899 | 137,985 | 195,028 |
| Technical, consultancy | | | | |
| and professional fees | 662,611 | 589,478 | 431,423 | 531,784 |
| Stationery | 133,954 | 121,966 | 119,899 | 109,543 |
| Rent, rates and taxes | 115,194 | 128,303 | 111,304 | 116,134 |
| Subscription and donations | 133,032 | 119,866 | 54,330 | 117,374 |
| Travelling and motor vehicle | 42,930 | 70,652 | 35,335 | 63,805 |
| Repairs and maintenance | 477,854 | 466,800 | 467,095 | 465,102 |
| Advertising | 304,044 | 331,693 | 263,227 | 302,781 |
| Insurance | 272,683 | 197,782 | 264,903 | 192,179 |
| Other | 102,631 | 84,259 | 34,298 | 66,444 |
| | <u>10,795,062</u> | <u>9,209,487</u> | <u>9,843,331</u> | <u>8,604,502</u> |

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10. Taxation

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|--|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Current: | | | | |
| Income tax at 33½% | 1,577,632 | 449,610 | 1,158,429 | 428,274 |
| Premium tax at 3% (2004 - 1½% up to 31 December 2003 and 3% thereafter) | 75,457 | 75,148 | - | - |
| Investment income tax at 15% (2004 - 7½% up to 31 December 2003 and 15% thereafter) | 62,356 | 2,116 | - | - |
| Share of tax of associates (Note 20) | 56,832 | 22,835 | - | - |
| Deferred tax (Note 25) | (346,552) | 93,667 | (370,489) | (319,091) |
| | <u>1,425,725</u> | <u>643,376</u> | <u>787,940</u> | <u>109,183</u> |

The tax on profit differs from the theoretical amount that would arise using the basic statutory rate of 33½% as follows:

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Profit before tax | <u>5,712,706</u> | <u>3,860,114</u> | <u>3,608,636</u> | <u>1,768,839</u> |
| Tax calculated at a tax rate of 33½% | 1,904,235 | 1,286,705 | 1,202,879 | 589,613 |
| Income not subject to tax or in respect of which tax has been remitted | (873,365) | (638,787) | (713,803) | (497,967) |
| Expenses not deductible for tax purposes | 141,249 | 65,624 | 173,874 | 39,414 |
| Effect of different tax regime applicable to life insurance subsidiary | 24,969 | 12,844 | - | - |
| Losses in associates, not deductible | 94,097 | - | - | - |
| Prior year under/(over) provision | 132,346 | (31,860) | 125,801 | (31,860) |
| Other | 2,194 | (51,150) | (811) | 9,983 |
| Taxation expense | <u>1,425,725</u> | <u>643,376</u> | <u>787,940</u> | <u>109,183</u> |

Tax on the life insurance business is charged on investment income, less expenses allowable in earning that income, at the rate of 7½% up to 31 December 2003 and 15% thereafter and on premium income less reinsurance premiums at 1½% up to 31 December 2003 and 3% thereafter.

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11. Net Profit

| | 2005 | 2004 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Dealt with in the financial statements of: | | |
| The Bank | 2,820,696 | 1,659,656 |
| Subsidiaries | 1,908,557 | 1,549,384 |
| Associates | (442,272) | 7,698 |
| | <u>4,286,981</u> | <u>3,216,738</u> |

12. Retained Earnings

| | 2005 | 2004 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Reflected in the financial statements of: | | |
| The Bank | 1,961,323 | 706,613 |
| Subsidiaries | 4,742,611 | 2,834,054 |
| Associates | 317,633 | 7,698 |
| | <u>7,021,567</u> | <u>3,548,365</u> |

13. Earnings Per Stock Unit

Basic earnings per stock unit is calculated by dividing the net profit attributable to stockholders by the weighted average number of ordinary stock units in issue during the year.

| | 2005 | 2004 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Net profit attributable to stockholders (\$'000) | 4,286,981 | 3,216,738 |
| Weighted average number of ordinary stock units in issue ('000) | 2,466,763 | 2,466,763 |
| Basic earnings per stock unit (\$) | <u>1.74</u> | <u>1.30</u> |

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14. Cash and Balances at Bank of Jamaica

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 |
| Cash in hand and at bank | 2,291,750 | 3,590,187 | 2,069,893 | 2,736,749 |
| Balances with the Bank of Jamaica | | | | |
| other than statutory reserves | 1,017,937 | 723,641 | 1,015,043 | 721,934 |
| Included in cash and cash equivalents | 3,309,687 | 4,313,828 | 3,084,936 | 3,458,683 |
| Statutory reserves with the Bank of Jamaica - interest-bearing | 3,730,101 | 5,165,356 | 3,730,101 | 5,165,356 |
| Statutory reserves with the Bank of Jamaica - non-interest-bearing | 4,973,800 | 4,507,297 | 4,973,800 | 4,507,298 |
| | <u>12,013,588</u> | <u>13,986,481</u> | <u>11,788,837</u> | <u>13,131,337</u> |

Statutory reserves with the Bank of Jamaica represent the required ratio of 9% (2004 - 9%) of prescribed liabilities. They are not available for investment, lending or other use by the Group.

Since 15 January 2003, the Bank has been required by the Bank of Jamaica under section 28A of the Bank of Jamaica Act, to maintain a special deposit wholly in the form of cash, representing 5% of prescribed liabilities. The rate was reduced to 3%, effective 1 March 2005. This was further reduced to 1% of the prescribed liabilities of the Bank, effective 16 May 2005. This special deposit earns interest at 6% per annum.

15. Due from Other Banks

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 |
| Items in course of collection from other banks | 1,069,697 | 1,080,605 | 1,069,697 | 1,080,605 |
| Placements with other banks | 10,042,878 | 12,579,030 | 10,288,139 | 12,896,353 |
| Included in cash and cash equivalents | <u>11,112,575</u> | <u>13,659,635</u> | <u>11,357,836</u> | <u>13,976,958</u> |

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16. Trading Securities

| | The Group | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Government of Jamaica debt securities | 1,561,559 | 7,689 |
| Quoted equity securities | 624,194 | 286,196 |
| | <u>2,185,753</u> | <u>293,885</u> |

17. Reverse Repurchase Agreements

The Group and the Bank enter into collateralised reverse repurchase agreements which may result in credit exposure in the event that the counterparty to the transaction is unable to fulfill its contractual obligations.

At 30 September 2005, the Group and the Bank held \$22,926,205,000 (2004 - \$21,562,000,000) and \$2,298,452,000 (2004 - \$278,010,000), respectively of securities, mainly representing Government of Jamaica debt securities, as collateral for reverse repurchase agreements.

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18. Loans and Advances

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 |
| Gross loans and advances | 37,707,702 | 36,189,151 | 37,450,341 | 35,962,839 |
| Provision for credit losses | (1,966,893) | (2,164,523) | (1,963,629) | (2,161,259) |
| | <u>35,740,809</u> | <u>34,024,628</u> | <u>35,486,712</u> | <u>33,801,580</u> |

The movement in the provision for credit losses determined under the requirements of IFRS is as follows:

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 |
| Balance at beginning of year | 2,164,523 | 2,163,517 | 2,161,259 | 2,151,883 |
| Provided during the year | 587,956 | 853,400 | 587,956 | 853,270 |
| Recoveries | (526,563) | (431,059) | (526,563) | (431,059) |
| Net charge to profit | 61,393 | 422,341 | 61,393 | 422,211 |
| Write-offs | (259,023) | (421,335) | (259,023) | (412,835) |
| Balance at end of year | <u>1,966,893</u> | <u>2,164,523</u> | <u>1,963,629</u> | <u>2,161,259</u> |

The aggregate amount of non-performing loans on which interest was not being accrued amounted to \$1,608,710,000 as at 30 September 2005 (2004 - \$1,475,419,000).

The provision for credit losses determined under Bank of Jamaica regulatory requirements is as follows:

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 |
| Specific provision | 1,821,208 | 1,932,230 | 1,817,944 | 1,928,966 |
| General provision | 357,275 | 343,943 | 357,275 | 343,943 |
| | <u>2,178,483</u> | <u>2,276,173</u> | <u>2,175,219</u> | <u>2,272,909</u> |
| Excess of regulatory provision over IFRS provision reflected in non-distributable loan loss reserve (Note 35) | <u>211,590</u> | <u>111,650</u> | <u>211,590</u> | <u>111,650</u> |

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19. Investment Securities

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 |
| Originated debt securities - at amortised cost | | | | |
| Government of Jamaica | 49,399,502 | 47,661,489 | 37,653,819 | 35,796,728 |
| Corporate | 435,750 | - | 310,250 | - |
| Other | 433,293 | 621,819 | 402,329 | 563,353 |
| | <u>50,268,545</u> | <u>48,283,308</u> | <u>38,366,398</u> | <u>36,360,081</u> |
| Available-for-sale securities - at fair value | | | | |
| Debt securities | | | | |
| - Government of Jamaica | 37,231,738 | 27,197,789 | 15,624,418 | 10,419,354 |
| - Foreign government | - | 171,199 | - | 171,199 |
| - Corporate | 770,407 | 8,170 | 770,407 | 8,170 |
| Equity securities | | | | |
| - Quoted | 1,316,193 | 1,800,503 | 1,177,573 | 1,762,462 |
| - Unquoted | 18,255 | 33,256 | 18,255 | 33,255 |
| | <u>39,336,593</u> | <u>29,210,917</u> | <u>17,590,653</u> | <u>12,394,440</u> |
| Total | <u>89,605,138</u> | <u>77,494,225</u> | <u>55,957,051</u> | <u>48,754,521</u> |

The Bank of Jamaica holds as security, Government of Jamaica Local Registered Stocks with a face value of \$1,425,000,000 (2004 - \$1,400,000,000) for the Group and \$1,300,000,000 (2004 - \$1,300,000,000) for the Bank against possible shortfalls in the operating account.

The Financial Services Commission holds as security, Government of Jamaica Local Registered Stocks with a face value of \$90,000,000 (2004 - \$90,000,000) for the life insurance subsidiary, in accordance with Section 8(1)(B) of the Insurance Regulations 2001.

Included in investment securities are the following amounts which are regarded as cash equivalents for purposes of the statement of cash flows:

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 |
| Debt securities with an original maturity of less than 90 days | <u>1,478,501</u> | <u>3,713,992</u> | <u>2,165,501</u> | <u>3,421,199</u> |

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20. Investments in Associates

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 |
| At the beginning of the year | 1,163,192 | - | 1,148,446 | - |
| Acquisitions during the year | - | 1,148,446 | - | 1,148,446 |
| Disposals during the year | - | - | (136,870) | - |
| Share of results before tax | (111,794) | 67,230 | - | - |
| Share of tax (Note 10) | (56,832) | (22,835) | - | - |
| Dividends received | (37,287) | (21,345) | - | - |
| Amortisation of positive goodwill | - | (36,363) | - | - |
| Amortisation of negative goodwill | - | 21,011 | - | - |
| Negative goodwill transferred to retained earnings | 752,207 | - | - | - |
| Impairment of positive goodwill | (236,359) | - | - | - |
| Other equity movements | 89,195 | 7,048 | - | - |
| Provision for impairment | - | - | (468,409) | - |
| At end of year | 1,562,322 | 1,163,192 | 543,167 | 1,148,446 |
| Comprising: | | | | |
| Share of net assets | 1,562,322 | 1,679,040 | | |
| Unamortised positive goodwill | - | 236,359 | | |
| Unamortised negative goodwill | - | (752,207) | | |
| At end of year | 1,562,322 | 1,163,192 | | |

21. Investment Properties

| | The Group | |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 |
| Balance at beginning of year | 21,300 | 28,200 |
| Disposals | (11,500) | (8,000) |
| Fair value gains | 2,200 | 1,100 |
| Balance at end of year | 12,000 | 21,300 |

The investment properties are valued annually at 30 September at fair value representing open market value by an independent professionally qualified valuer.

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22. Property, Plant and Equipment

| | The Group | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| | Freehold Land and Buildings \$'000 | Leasehold Improvements \$'000 | Furniture & Equipment \$'000 | Assets Capitalised Under Finance Leases \$'000 | Work-in- Progress \$'000 | Total \$'000 |
| Cost - | | | | | | |
| At 1 October 2003 | 1,479,520 | 340,684 | 2,057,650 | 887,621 | 512,307 | 5,277,782 |
| Additions | 114,670 | 33,110 | 366,110 | 87,400 | 427,597 | 1,028,887 |
| Disposals | (10,525) | - | (22,873) | (50,393) | - | (83,791) |
| Transfers | 267,382 | 33,459 | 217,915 | 13,491 | (566,414) | (34,167) |
| Reclassifications and adjustments | - | - | - | - | 4,967 | 4,967 |
| At 30 September 2004 | 1,851,047 | 407,253 | 2,618,802 | 938,119 | 378,457 | 6,193,678 |
| Additions | 100,786 | 3,523 | 311,500 | - | 531,812 | 947,621 |
| Disposals | (8,116) | (414) | (26,060) | (57,959) | (2,161) | (94,710) |
| Transfers | 415,032 | 6,548 | 256,948 | - | (755,717) | (77,189) |
| Reclassifications and adjustments | (24,406) | (365) | (35,318) | 61,230 | (5,138) | (3,997) |
| At 30 September 2005 | 2,334,343 | 416,545 | 3,125,872 | 941,390 | 147,253 | 6,965,403 |
| Accumulated | | | | | | |
| Depreciation - | | | | | | |
| At 1 October 2003 | 229,793 | 227,057 | 855,874 | 795,812 | - | 2,108,536 |
| Charge for the year | 27,011 | 64,991 | 473,740 | 85,047 | - | 650,789 |
| Disposals | (1,921) | - | (18,649) | (44,724) | - | (65,294) |
| Reclassifications & adjustments | (47,429) | (17,846) | 96,092 | (20,247) | - | 10,570 |
| At 30 September 2004 | 207,454 | 274,202 | 1,407,057 | 815,888 | - | 2,704,601 |
| Charge for the year | 38,056 | 52,022 | 553,924 | 63,940 | - | 707,942 |
| Disposals | (1,359) | (413) | (21,747) | (49,913) | - | (73,432) |
| Reclassifications and adjustments | (3,162) | 604 | (5,897) | 5,476 | - | (2,979) |
| At 30 September 2005 | 240,989 | 326,415 | 1,933,337 | 835,391 | - | 3,336,132 |
| Net Book Value - | | | | | | |
| 30 September 2005 | 2,093,354 | 90,130 | 1,192,535 | 105,999 | 147,253 | 3,629,271 |
| 30 September 2004 | 1,643,593 | 133,051 | 1,211,745 | 122,231 | 378,457 | 3,489,077 |

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22. Property, Plant and Equipment (Continued)

| | The Bank | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| | Freehold Land and Buildings \$'000 | Leasehold Improvements \$'000 | Furniture & Equipment \$'000 | Assets Capitalised Under Finance Leases \$'000 | Work-in- Progress \$'000 | Total \$'000 |
| Cost - | | | | | | |
| At 1 October 2003 | 1,453,637 | 318,191 | 1,999,552 | 889,755 | 536,055 | 5,197,190 |
| Additions | 114,670 | 18,067 | 333,819 | 87,400 | 426,597 | 980,553 |
| Disposals | (10,525) | - | (9,295) | (50,393) | - | (70,213) |
| Transfers | 293,265 | 33,459 | 217,915 | 13,491 | (592,297) | (34,167) |
| Reclassifications and adjustments | - | - | - | - | 4,967 | 4,967 |
| At 30 September 2004 | 1,851,047 | 369,717 | 2,541,991 | 940,253 | 375,322 | 6,078,330 |
| Additions | 100,786 | 2,890 | 304,100 | - | 531,812 | 939,588 |
| Disposals | (8,116) | (414) | (8,477) | (57,959) | (2,161) | (77,127) |
| Transfers | 415,032 | 6,548 | 256,948 | - | (755,717) | (77,189) |
| Reclassifications and adjustments | (24,406) | (1,201) | (34,961) | 61,230 | (5,136) | (4,474) |
| At 30 September 2005 | 2,334,343 | 377,540 | 3,059,601 | 943,524 | 144,120 | 6,859,128 |
| Accumulated | | | | | | |
| Depreciation - | | | | | | |
| At 1 October 2003 | 229,793 | 221,828 | 813,881 | 795,812 | - | 2,061,314 |
| Charge for the year | 27,011 | 58,569 | 457,224 | 85,047 | - | 627,851 |
| Disposals | (1,921) | - | (5,385) | (44,724) | - | (52,030) |
| Reclassifications and adjustments | (47,429) | (17,846) | 96,092 | (20,247) | - | 10,570 |
| At 30 September 2004 | 207,454 | 262,551 | 1,361,812 | 815,888 | - | 2,647,705 |
| Charge for the year | 38,056 | 45,080 | 542,525 | 63,940 | - | 689,601 |
| Disposals | (1,359) | (413) | (5,968) | (49,913) | - | (57,653) |
| Reclassifications and adjustments | (3,162) | (186) | (5,693) | 5,476 | - | (3,565) |
| At 30 September 2005 | 240,989 | 307,032 | 1,892,676 | 835,391 | - | 3,276,088 |
| Net Book Value - | | | | | | |
| 30 September 2005 | 2,093,354 | 70,508 | 1,166,925 | 108,133 | 144,120 | 3,583,040 |
| 30 September 2004 | 1,643,593 | 107,166 | 1,180,179 | 124,365 | 375,322 | 3,430,625 |

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22. Property, Plant and Equipment (Continued)

Included in the table above are amounts totaling \$164,000,000 (2004 - \$164,000,000) for the Group and the Bank representing the previous Jamaican GAAP revalued amount of land and buildings which has been used as the deemed cost of these assets under the provision of IFRS 1 (Note 2(l)).

Assets capitalised under finance leases comprise motor vehicles and computer equipment.

23. Intangible Asset - Computer Software

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Net book value at beginning of year | 943,212 | 742,570 | 889,295 | 658,032 |
| Additions | 100,290 | 536,671 | 72,169 | 502,913 |
| Disposals | (3,366) | (55,526) | - | (5,135) |
| Transfers from property, plant and equipment | 77,189 | 34,167 | 77,189 | 34,167 |
| Amortisation charge | (366,172) | (314,670) | (339,174) | (300,682) |
| Net book value at end of year | <u>751,153</u> | <u>943,212</u> | <u>699,479</u> | <u>889,295</u> |

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Cost | 1,651,703 | 1,477,590 | 1,527,167 | 1,377,809 |
| Accumulated amortisation | (900,550) | (534,378) | (827,688) | (488,514) |
| Net book value | <u>751,153</u> | <u>943,212</u> | <u>699,479</u> | <u>889,295</u> |

24. Other Assets

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Accounts receivable and prepayments | 1,215,146 | 744,606 | 597,283 | 459,879 |
| Interest receivable | 5,095,745 | 4,071,907 | 2,504,170 | 1,896,175 |
| Withholding tax recoverable | 705,215 | 1,265,312 | 859,585 | 900,142 |
| | <u>7,016,106</u> | <u>6,081,825</u> | <u>3,961,038</u> | <u>3,256,196</u> |

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25. Deferred Income Taxes

Deferred income taxes are calculated on all temporary differences under the liability method using a tax rate of 15% for the insurance subsidiary and 33½% for the Bank and all other subsidiaries.

The movement in the net deferred income tax balance is as follows:

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 |
| Net liability at beginning of year | 852,926 | 317,540 | 308,243 | 422,349 |
| Deferred tax (income)/expense (Note 10) | (346,552) | 93,667 | (370,489) | (319,091) |
| Deferred tax charged to stockholders' equity on available-for-sale investment securities | 219,683 | 441,719 | 88,311 | 204,985 |
| Net liability at end of year | 726,057 | 852,926 | 26,065 | 308,243 |

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are due to the following items:

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 |
| Deferred income tax assets: | | | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 2,251 | 133 | - | - |
| Investment securities - available-for-sale | 17 | 2,530 | - | - |
| Loan loss provisions | 48,561 | 77,431 | 48,561 | 77,431 |
| Pensions and other post-retirement benefits | 77,626 | 70,893 | 77,626 | 69,960 |
| Interest payable | 292,578 | 300,115 | - | - |
| Interest rate swap | 232 | 14,994 | 232 | 14,994 |
| Unrealised foreign exchange loss | 9,445 | - | 9,445 | - |
| Other temporary differences | 39,825 | 38,453 | 35,624 | 32,111 |
| | 470,535 | 504,549 | 171,488 | 194,496 |
| Deferred income tax liabilities: | | | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 62,547 | 103,256 | 60,323 | 100,440 |
| Investment securities - available-for-sale | 368,137 | 157,085 | 132,480 | 44,169 |
| Investment securities - trading | 5,124 | 25,237 | - | - |
| Obligations under securitization arrangements | 4,750 | 21,265 | 4,750 | 21,265 |
| Interest receivable | 744,968 | 705,866 | - | - |
| Unrealised foreign exchange gains | 6,928 | 341,124 | - | 336,865 |
| Other temporary differences | 4,138 | 3,642 | - | - |
| | 1,196,592 | 1,357,475 | 197,553 | 502,739 |

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25. Deferred Income Taxes (Continued)

Deferred income tax liabilities have not been provided for on the withholding and other taxes that would be payable on the undistributed earnings of certain subsidiaries to the extent that such earnings are permanently reinvested. Such undistributed earnings totalled \$4,742,611,000 at 30 September 2005 (2004 - \$2,834,054,000).

26. Retirement Benefits

(Assets)/liabilities recognised on the balance sheet are as follows:

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 |
| Pension schemes | (8,812) | (7,602) | - | - |
| Other retirement benefits | 232,879 | 209,879 | 232,879 | 209,879 |

Pension schemes

The Bank and its subsidiaries have established a number of pension schemes covering all permanent employees. The assets of funded plans are held independently of the Group's assets in separate trustee administered funds. Defined benefit plans are valued by independent actuaries annually using the projected unit credit method. The latest actuarial valuations were carried out as at 30 June 2005.

The amounts recognised in the balance sheet are determined as follows:

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 |
| Present value of funded obligations | 4,973,811 | 4,101,467 | 4,964,412 | 4,091,070 |
| Fair value of plan assets | (10,930,174) | (9,311,163) | (10,911,313) | (9,294,518) |
| | (5,956,363) | (5,209,696) | (5,946,901) | (5,203,448) |
| Unrecognised actuarial gains | 2,443,470 | 2,192,330 | 2,442,820 | 2,193,684 |
| Limitation on asset due to uncertainty of obtaining economic benefits | 3,504,081 | 3,009,764 | 3,504,081 | 3,009,764 |
| Asset in the balance sheet | (8,812) | (7,602) | - | - |

Pension plan assets include:

- Ordinary stock units of the Bank with a fair value of \$1,032,125,000 (2004 - \$1,622,032,000).
- Repurchase obligations, promissory notes and lease obligations of the Group aggregating \$398,295,000 (2004 - \$620,277,000).
- Properties occupied by the Group with a fair value of \$299,425,000 (2004 - \$238,050,000).

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26. Retirement Benefits (Continued)

The amounts recognised in the profit and loss account are as follows:

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Current service cost | (27) | (390) | - | - |
| Interest cost | 499,659 | 387,572 | 498,344 | 386,200 |
| Expected return on plan assets | (920,680) | (541,050) | (919,020) | (539,548) |
| Net actuarial gains recognised | (73,641) | - | (73,641) | - |
| Change in limitation on asset | 494,317 | 153,348 | 494,317 | 153,348 |
| Total, included in staff costs (Note 7) | (372) | (520) | - | - |

The actual return on plan assets was \$1,827,726,000 (2004 - \$2,545,018,000) and \$1,825,432,000 (2004 - \$2,543,189,000) for the Group and the Bank, respectively.

Movements in the amounts recognised in the balance sheet:

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|----------------------------|-----------|---------|----------|--------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Asset at beginning of year | (7,602) | (6,009) | - | - |
| Total income, as above | (372) | (520) | - | - |
| Contributions paid | (838) | (1,073) | - | - |
| Asset at end of year | (8,812) | (7,602) | - | - |

The principal actuarial assumptions used were as follows:

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| Discount rate | 12.5% | 12.5% | 12.5% | 12.5% |
| Expected return on plan assets | 10.0% | 10.0% | 10.0% | 10.0% |
| Future salary increases | 9.5% | 9.5% | 9.5% | 9.5% |
| Future pension increases | 0 - 3.5% | 0 - 3.5% | 3.5% | 3.5% |

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26. Retirement Benefits (Continued)

Other retirement benefits

In addition to pension benefits, the Bank and its subsidiaries offer retiree medical and life insurance benefits that contribute to the health care and life insurance coverage of employees and beneficiaries after retirement. The method of accounting and frequency of valuations are similar to those used for defined benefit pension schemes.

In addition to the assumptions used for pension schemes, the main actuarial assumption is a long-term increase in health costs of 15% per year (2004 - 15%).

The amounts recognised in the balance sheet are determined as follows:

| | The Group and The Bank | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Present value of unfunded obligations | 193,182 | 173,259 |
| Unrecognised actuarial gains | 39,697 | 36,620 |
| Liability in the balance sheet | <u>232,879</u> | <u>209,879</u> |

The amounts recognised in the profit and loss account are as follows:

| | The Group and The Bank | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Current service cost | 11,520 | 12,383 |
| Interest cost | 22,479 | 27,772 |
| Actuarial gains recognised | (1,100) | - |
| Total, included in staff costs | <u>32,899</u> | <u>40,155</u> |

Movements in the amounts recognised in the balance sheet:

| | The Group and The Bank | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Liability at beginning of year | 209,879 | 178,257 |
| Total expense, as above | 32,899 | 40,155 |
| Contributions paid | (9,899) | (8,533) |
| Liability at end of year | <u>232,879</u> | <u>209,879</u> |

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27. Due to Other Banks

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 |
| Items in course of payment | 1,325,982 | 1,310,633 | 1,325,982 | 1,310,633 |
| Deposits from other banks | 4,619,212 | 5,484,157 | 4,619,212 | 5,484,875 |
| | <u>5,945,194</u> | <u>6,794,790</u> | <u>5,945,194</u> | <u>6,795,508</u> |

28. Obligations Under Credit Card and Cash Advance Securitization Arrangements

| | The Group and The Bank | |
|--|------------------------|------------------|
| | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 |
| Principal outstanding - US\$171.4 million (2004 - US\$154.3 million) | 10,756,068 | 9,532,453 |
| Unamortised transaction fees | (78,766) | (104,717) |
| Net liability | <u>10,677,302</u> | <u>9,427,736</u> |

In 2001, the Bank entered into an arrangement for the sale of Future Accounts Receivable amounting to US\$125,000,000 in respect of credit card and cash advance transactions in Jamaica between Visa International Service Association and Master Card International Incorporated and cardholders holding cards issued by banks outside of Jamaica (primarily in the U.S.A.). This took the form of variable funding certificates issued by Citibank N.A. through Citicorp administered commercial paper conduits. Payments under the arrangement were due quarterly commencing in October 2001 and ending October 2006. In September 2004, the arrangement was amended to extend the scheduled final payment date from October 2006 to October 2009 and to increase the facility limit to US\$200,000,000. The final drawdown of US\$45,703,000 was made in November 2004.

Interest is calculated daily based on the weighted average rate applicable to commercial paper transactions administered by the respective conduits. The rate approximates one month US dollar LIBOR plus 200 basis points.

Related to this arrangement, the Bank also entered into two interest rate swap agreements effective October 2001 with Citibank N.A. as follows:

Swap 1 - The Bank pays 4.33% per annum fixed and receives three month US dollar LIBOR on a notional amount of US\$45,000,000 every quarter commencing January 2002 and ending July 2006.

Swap 2 - The Bank pays 3.78% per annum fixed and receives three month US dollar LIBOR on a notional amount of US\$45,000,000 every quarter commencing January 2002 and ending July 2006.

The combined fair value of these interest rate swaps at 30 September 2005 is negative \$695,000 (US\$11,000) (2004 - Negative \$44,983,000 (US\$728,000)).

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29. Other Borrowed Funds

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 |
| Development Bank of Jamaica | 912,005 | 865,166 | 912,005 | 865,166 |
| Student loan funds | 21,266 | 93,090 | 21,266 | 93,090 |
| European Investment Bank | 75,758 | - | 75,758 | - |
| Finance lease obligations | 119,756 | 111,062 | 120,072 | 123,888 |
| | <u>1,128,785</u> | <u>1,069,318</u> | <u>1,129,101</u> | <u>1,082,144</u> |

- (a) The loans from Development Bank of Jamaica are granted in both Jamaican dollar and US dollar currencies and are utilised by the Bank to finance customers with viable projects in agricultural, agro-industrial, manufacturing, mining and tourism sectors of the economy. The loans to customers are for terms up to 12 years and at rates of 10 - 13%.
- (b) Student loan funds represent funds provided by the Government of Jamaica and various funding agencies to the Bank for the purpose of making loans to students of tertiary educational institutions. These are repayable over 7 - 10 years and attract interest at a rate of 16 - 18%.
- (c) The loans from European Investment Bank are granted in Euro dollar currencies and are utilised by the bank for on lending. The loans are repayable over 8 - 10 years at a rate of 6.76%.
- (d) The finance lease obligations are as follows:

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 |
| Minimum lease payments | | | | |
| under finance leases: | | | | |
| Not later than 1 year | 63,849 | 59,291 | 64,165 | 72,574 |
| Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years | 93,848 | 91,386 | 93,848 | 91,729 |
| | <u>157,697</u> | <u>150,677</u> | <u>158,013</u> | <u>164,303</u> |
| Future finance charges | (37,941) | (39,615) | (37,941) | (40,415) |
| Present value of finance lease obligations | <u>119,756</u> | <u>111,062</u> | <u>120,072</u> | <u>123,888</u> |

The present value of finance lease obligations are as follows:

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 |
| Not later than 1 year | 42,071 | 37,998 | 42,387 | 50,481 |
| Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years | 77,685 | 73,064 | 77,685 | 73,407 |
| | <u>119,756</u> | <u>111,062</u> | <u>120,072</u> | <u>123,888</u> |

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30. Policyholders' Liabilities

The Board of Directors of the Group's life insurance subsidiary appoints the Actuary pursuant to the Insurance Act. His responsibility is to carry out an annual valuation of the company's policyholders' liabilities in accordance with accepted actuarial practice and regulatory requirements and report thereon to the policyholders and shareholders. In performing the valuation, the Actuary makes assumptions as to the future rates of interest, asset defaults, mortality, morbidity, claims experience, policy termination, inflation, reinsurance recoveries, expenses and other contingencies, taking into consideration the circumstances of the company and the insurance policies in force.

| | The Group | |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| (a) Composition of policyholders' liabilities: | | |
| Life assurance fund | 9,460,752 | 7,105,114 |
| Insurance risk reserve | (392,310) | (192,504) |
| | <u>9,068,442</u> | <u>6,912,610</u> |
| (b) Change in policyholders' liabilities: | | |
| Life assurance fund: | | |
| At the beginning of the year | 7,105,114 | 4,232,286 |
| Gross premiums | 2,482,832 | 2,764,700 |
| Cost of insurance transferred to profit and loss account | (26,223) | (24,595) |
| Fees transferred to profit and loss account | (131,930) | (93,579) |
| Claims and benefits | (934,866) | (666,961) |
| Interest credited | 965,825 | 893,263 |
| At the end of the year | <u>9,460,752</u> | <u>7,105,114</u> |
| Insurance risk reserve: | | |
| At the beginning of the year | (192,504) | 55,372 |
| Change in reserve | (199,806) | (247,876) |
| At the end of the year | <u>(392,310)</u> | <u>(192,504)</u> |

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31. Provisions

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| At beginning of year | 117,000 | 140,000 | 117,000 | 140,000 |
| Provided during the year | 32,573 | - | 32,573 | - |
| Utilised/reversed during the year | (82,000) | (23,000) | (82,000) | (23,000) |
| At end of year | <u>67,573</u> | <u>117,000</u> | <u>67,573</u> | <u>117,000</u> |
| Comprising: | | | | |
| Provision for litigation | <u>67,573</u> | <u>117,000</u> | <u>67,573</u> | <u>117,000</u> |

32. Other Liabilities

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Interest payable | 1,684,878 | 1,803,507 | 858,028 | 1,089,008 |
| Accrued liabilities | 2,432,578 | 1,722,330 | 1,376,711 | 935,445 |
| | <u>4,117,456</u> | <u>3,525,837</u> | <u>2,234,739</u> | <u>2,024,453</u> |

33. Share Capital

| | 2005 | 2004 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Authorised | <u>5,750,000</u> | <u>5,750,000</u> |
| Issued and Fully Paid Up - | | |
| 2,466,762,828 Ordinary stock units of \$1 each | <u>2,466,763</u> | <u>2,466,763</u> |

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34. Fair Value and Other Reserves

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 |
| Fair value reserve - available-for-sale investments | 1,727,641 | 837,549 | 702,044 | 604,925 |
| Translation reserve | 134,313 | 121,047 | - | - |
| Capital reserve | 308,118 | 308,118 | 348,468 | 348,468 |
| | <u>2,170,072</u> | <u>1,266,714</u> | <u>1,050,512</u> | <u>953,393</u> |
| Capital reserve comprises: | | | | |
| Realised: | | | | |
| Capital gains from the scheme of arrangement | - | - | 300,564 | 300,564 |
| Surplus on revaluation of property, plant and equipment | 92,991 | 92,991 | - | - |
| Retained earnings capitalised | 98,167 | 98,167 | - | - |
| Unrealised: | | | | |
| Surplus on revaluation of property, plant and equipment | 116,960 | 116,960 | 47,904 | 47,904 |
| | <u>308,118</u> | <u>308,118</u> | <u>348,468</u> | <u>348,468</u> |

35. Loan Loss Reserve

This is a non-distributable reserve representing the excess of the provision for credit losses determined using the Bank of Jamaica's regulatory requirements over the amount determined under IFRS (Note 18).

36. Banking Reserve Fund

This fund is maintained in accordance with the Banking Act 1992 which requires that a minimum of 15% of the net profits, as defined by the Act, of the Bank be transferred to the reserve fund until the amount of the fund is equal to 50% of the paid-up capital of the Bank and thereafter 10% of the net profits until the amount of the fund is equal to the paid-up capital of the Bank.

37. Retained Earnings Reserve

Section 2 of the Banking Act 1992 permits the transfer of any portion of the Bank's net profit to a retained earnings reserve. This reserve constitutes a part of the capital base for the purpose of determining the maximum level of deposit liabilities and lending to customers.

The deposit liabilities of the Bank and other indebtedness for borrowed money together with all interest accrued should not exceed twenty-five times its capital base.

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38. Cash Flows from Operating Activities

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 |
| Net profit | 4,286,981 | 3,216,738 | 2,820,696 | 1,659,656 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net profit to cash flow provided by/(used in) operating activities: | | | | |
| Depreciation of property, plant and equipment | 704,963 | 661,359 | 686,036 | 638,421 |
| Amortisation of intangible asset | 366,172 | 314,670 | 339,174 | 300,682 |
| Impairment of investment in Dyoll Group Limited | 236,359 | - | 468,409 | - |
| Share of after tax loss/(profits) of associates | 168,626 | (44,395) | - | - |
| Provision for credit losses | 61,393 | 422,341 | 61,393 | 422,211 |
| Interest income | (20,967,032) | (21,412,437) | (13,249,626) | (14,360,975) |
| Interest expense | 10,425,519 | 11,809,339 | 4,816,354 | 6,843,225 |
| Income tax expense | 1,715,445 | 526,874 | 1,158,429 | 428,274 |
| Unrealised exchange loss on credit card and cash advance securitization arrangements | 194,365 | 130,909 | 194,365 | 130,909 |
| Amortisation of upfront fees on credit card and cash advance securitization arrangements | 41,107 | 81,384 | 41,107 | 81,384 |
| Change in retirement benefit asset/obligation | 21,790 | 30,029 | 23,000 | 31,622 |
| Unrealised exchange gain on foreign currency denominated investments | (980,639) | (1,037,974) | (881,594) | (1,010,595) |
| Deferred tax expense/(credit) | (346,552) | 93,667 | (370,489) | (319,091) |
| Gain on sale of investment in associates | - | - | (396,767) | - |
| Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment and intangible asset | (11,817) | (29,763) | (12,409) | (28,491) |
| Fair value gains on investment properties | (2,200) | (1,100) | - | - |
| Fair value gains on interest rate swap | (44,288) | (83,926) | (44,288) | (83,926) |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | | | |
| Statutory reserves at Bank of Jamaica | 968,752 | (974,113) | 968,753 | (974,113) |
| Reverse repurchase agreements | (5,319,653) | (15,539,579) | (1,769,115) | 292,528 |
| Loans and advances | (1,777,574) | (8,046,822) | (1,746,525) | (7,949,051) |
| Customer deposits | 4,509,274 | 10,173,312 | 5,860,102 | 8,721,651 |
| Repurchase agreements | 11,113,028 | 7,871,512 | (1,486,357) | (10,277,939) |
| Promissory notes and certificates of participation | (6,401,429) | (351,421) | - | - |
| Policyholders' liabilities | 2,155,832 | 2,624,952 | - | - |
| Other | 750,378 | (171,777) | 294,992 | (45,594) |
| | 1,868,800 | (9,736,221) | (2,224,360) | (15,499,212) |
| Interest received | 19,943,194 | 22,327,820 | 12,641,631 | 16,073,076 |
| Interest paid | (10,544,148) | (12,038,420) | (5,047,334) | (7,337,631) |
| Income tax paid | (912,004) | (512,085) | (812,228) | (37,579) |
| Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities | 10,355,842 | 41,094 | 4,557,709 | (6,801,346) |

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39. Related Party Transactions and Balances

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial or operational decisions.

The following transactions were carried out with related parties:

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 |
| Interest income from loans: | | | | |
| Directors | 1,074 | 930 | 1,074 | 930 |
| Relatives of directors | 2,425 | 1,911 | 2,425 | 1,911 |
| Companies controlled by directors and related by virtue of common directorships | 333,457 | 275,085 | 333,457 | 275,085 |
| | <u>336,956</u> | <u>277,926</u> | <u>336,956</u> | <u>277,926</u> |
| Interest income from securities: | | | | |
| Fellow subsidiaries | 10,216 | 9,325 | - | - |
| Subsidiaries | - | - | 9,915 | 17,671 |
| | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>9,915</u> | <u>17,671</u> |
| Fees and commissions earned: | | | | |
| Directors | 87 | - | - | - |
| Relatives of directors | 15 | - | - | - |
| Companies controlled by directors and related by virtue of common directorships | 126,760 | 128,772 | 125,723 | 128,772 |
| Parent company | 220 | - | - | - |
| Subsidiaries | - | - | 70,463 | 79,760 |
| Fellow subsidiaries | 5,176 | - | 5,176 | - |
| | <u>132,258</u> | <u>128,772</u> | <u>201,362</u> | <u>208,532</u> |
| Other operating income: | | | | |
| Directors | 98 | - | 98 | - |
| Relatives of directors | 1,177 | - | 1,177 | - |
| Companies controlled by directors and related by virtue of common directorships | 6,167 | - | 6,167 | - |
| Subsidiaries | - | - | 11,894 | 16,286 |
| | <u>7,442</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>19,336</u> | <u>16,286</u> |
| Interest expense: | | | | |
| Directors | 2,577 | 1,764 | 384 | 1,764 |
| Companies controlled by directors and related by virtue of common directorships | 101,015 | 28,245 | 48,837 | 28,245 |
| Relatives of directors | 1,483 | 1,241 | 1,076 | - |
| Fellow subsidiaries | 2,065 | - | - | - |
| Subsidiaries | - | - | 273,913 | 1,504,544 |
| | <u>107,140</u> | <u>31,250</u> | <u>324,210</u> | <u>1,534,553</u> |
| Other operating expenses: | | | | |
| Fellow subsidiaries | 12,705 | 7,061 | 13,722 | 7,061 |
| Parent company | 63,103 | 205,592 | 63,103 | 205,592 |
| Subsidiaries | - | - | 58,031 | 23,825 |
| | <u>75,808</u> | <u>212,653</u> | <u>134,856</u> | <u>236,478</u> |

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39. Related Party Transactions and Balances (Continued)

Year-end balances with related parties are as follows:

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 |
| Loans and advances: | | | | |
| Directors | 5,102 | 4,458 | 5,102 | 4,458 |
| Relatives of directors | 15,399 | 1,663 | 15,399 | 1,663 |
| Companies controlled by directors and related by virtue of common directorships | 1,074,792 | 1,078,830 | 1,074,792 | 1,078,830 |
| | <u>1,095,293</u> | <u>1,084,951</u> | <u>1,095,293</u> | <u>1,084,951</u> |
| Reverse repurchase agreements: | | | | |
| Companies controlled by directors and related by virtue of common directorships | 168,536 | 469,025 | - | - |
| Subsidiaries | - | - | 687,000 | - |
| | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>687,000</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Due from other banks: | | | | |
| Subsidiaries | - | - | 447,408 | 440,630 |
| | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>447,408</u> | <u>440,630</u> |
| Other assets: | | | | |
| Fellow subsidiaries | 8,866 | 6,131 | 7,730 | - |
| Companies controlled by directors and related by virtue of common directorships | - | 236,935 | - | 236,935 |
| Parent company | 129,144 | - | 129,144 | - |
| Subsidiaries | - | - | 219,574 | 102,682 |
| | <u>138,010</u> | <u>243,066</u> | <u>356,448</u> | <u>339,617</u> |
| Customer deposits: | | | | |
| Directors | 8,144 | 90,495 | 8,144 | 90,495 |
| Relatives of directors | 72,774 | 5,968 | 72,774 | 5,968 |
| Companies controlled by directors and related by virtue of common directorships | 933,723 | 1,028,831 | 933,723 | 1,028,831 |
| Associates | 17,617 | 25,034 | 17,617 | 25,034 |
| Subsidiaries | - | - | 3,343,622 | 2,408,992 |
| | <u>1,032,258</u> | <u>1,150,328</u> | <u>4,375,880</u> | <u>3,559,320</u> |
| Repurchase agreements: | | | | |
| Companies controlled by directors and related by virtue of common directorships | 537,584 | - | - | - |
| Relatives of directors | 27,519 | 8,423 | - | - |
| Subsidiaries | - | - | 288,250 | 2,395,900 |
| | <u>565,103</u> | <u>8,423</u> | <u>288,250</u> | <u>2,395,900</u> |
| Obligations under finance leases: | | | | |
| Subsidiaries | - | - | 316 | 12,826 |
| | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>316</u> | <u>12,826</u> |
| Other liabilities: | | | | |
| Companies controlled by directors and related by virtue of common directorships | 13,161 | 248,353 | - | 248,353 |
| Relatives of directors | 178 | 85 | - | - |
| Directors | 165 | - | 10 | - |
| Parent | 160,845 | 23,737 | 3,235 | 23,737 |
| Subsidiaries | - | - | 78,072 | 245,707 |
| | <u>174,349</u> | <u>272,175</u> | <u>81,317</u> | <u>517,797</u> |

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40. Financial Risk Management

By its nature, the Group's activities are principally related to the use of financial instruments. The Group accepts deposits from customers at both fixed and floating rates and for various periods and seeks to earn above average interest margins by investing these funds in high quality assets. The Group seeks to increase these margins by consolidating short-term funds and lending for longer periods at higher rates while maintaining sufficient liquidity to meet all claims that might fall due.

The Group also seeks to raise its interest margins by obtaining above average margins, net of provisions, through lending to commercial and retail borrowers with a range of credit standing. Such exposures involve not just loans and advances but also guarantees and other commitments such as letters of credit.

The Group also trades in financial instruments where it takes positions to take advantage of short-term market movements in equity and bond prices and in foreign exchange and interest rates. The Board places trading limits on the level of exposure that can be taken.

(a) Liquidity risk

The Group is exposed to daily calls on its available cash resources from overnight deposits, current accounts, maturing deposits and repurchase agreements, loan draw downs, and guarantees. The Group does not maintain cash resources to meet all of these needs as experience shows that a minimum level of reinvestment of maturing funds can be predicted with a high level of certainty. The Group's Treasury Division seeks to have available a minimum proportion of maturing funds to meet such calls. The Group's policy is to hold a high proportion of liquid assets to cover withdrawals at unexpected levels of demand.

The following tables analyse assets and liabilities of the Group and the Bank into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period, at balance sheet date, to the contractual maturity date.

The matching and controlled mismatching of the maturities and interest rates of assets and liabilities is fundamental to the management of the Group. It is unusual for financial institutions ever to be completely matched since business transacted is often of uncertain term and of different types. An unmatched position potentially enhances profitability, but can also increase the risk of loss.

The maturities of assets and liabilities and the ability to replace, at an acceptable cost, interest-bearing liabilities as they mature, are important factors in assessing the liquidity of the Group and its exposure to changes in interest rates and exchange rates.

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40. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(a) Liquidity risk (continued)

As at 30 September 2005:

| | The Group | | | | | Total \$'000 |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Within 1 Month \$'000 | 1 to 3 Months \$'000 | 3 to 12 Months \$'000 | 1 to 5 Years \$'000 | Over 5 Years \$'000 | |
| | | | | | | |
| Assets | | | | | | |
| Cash and balances at | | | | | | |
| Bank of Jamaica | 12,013,588 | - | - | - | - | 12,013,588 |
| Due from other banks | 9,220,310 | 45,109 | 1,847,156 | - | - | 11,112,575 |
| Trading Securities | 3,185 | 975 | 13,078 | 500,325 | 1,668,190 | 2,185,753 |
| Reverse repurchase agreements | 4,603,064 | 2,332,794 | 19,756,331 | - | - | 26,692,189 |
| Loans and advances net of provision for credit losses | 7,350,724 | 2,976,820 | 3,598,234 | 13,163,290 | 8,651,741 | 35,740,809 |
| Investment securities | 1,670,070 | 5,877,613 | 15,854,685 | 26,600,159 | 39,602,611 | 89,605,138 |
| Investment in associates | - | - | - | - | 1,562,322 | 1,562,322 |
| Other | 558,243 | 2,457,372 | 2,227,775 | 1,005,639 | 8,413,759 | 14,662,788 |
| Total assets | 35,419,184 | 13,690,683 | 43,297,259 | 41,269,413 | 59,898,623 | 193,575,162 |
| Liabilities | | | | | | |
| Due to other banks | 3,215,569 | - | 2,729,625 | - | - | 5,945,194 |
| Customer deposits | 68,463,431 | 2,152,642 | 12,635,851 | 1,119,630 | - | 84,371,554 |
| Derivative financial instruments | 39 | - | 656 | - | - | 695 |
| Promissory notes and certificates of participation | 1,663,384 | 1,092,803 | 598,725 | 11,787 | - | 3,366,699 |
| Repurchase agreements | 23,413,384 | 12,102,263 | 12,115,088 | 977,846 | 700 | 48,609,281 |
| Obligations under credit card and cash advance securitization arrangements | 595,600 | - | 1,810,552 | 8,271,150 | - | 10,677,302 |
| Other borrowed funds | 88,827 | 33,110 | 47,392 | 540,245 | 419,211 | 1,128,785 |
| Other | 10,938,152 | 2,151,364 | 962,842 | 93,710 | 4,277,079 | 18,423,147 |
| Total liabilities | 108,378,386 | 17,532,182 | 30,900,731 | 11,014,368 | 4,696,990 | 172,522,657 |
| Net Liquidity Gap | (72,959,202) | (3,841,499) | 12,396,528 | 30,255,045 | 55,201,633 | 21,052,505 |
| Cumulative Liquidity Gap | (72,959,202) | (76,800,701) | (64,404,173) | (34,149,128) | 21,052,505 | |
| As at 30 September 2004: | | | | | | |
| Total assets | 42,455,776 | 11,573,915 | 28,343,437 | 38,679,457 | 54,819,432 | 175,872,017 |
| Total liabilities | 99,340,044 | 15,150,133 | 27,413,376 | 11,259,433 | 6,415,026 | 159,578,012 |
| Net Liquidity Gap | (56,884,268) | (3,576,218) | 930,061 | 27,420,024 | 48,404,406 | 16,294,005 |
| Cumulative Liquidity Gap | (56,884,268) | (60,460,486) | (59,530,425) | (32,110,401) | 16,294,005 | |

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40. Financial Risk Management (continued)

(a) Liquidity risk (continued)

As at 30 September 2005:

| | The Bank | | | | | Total \$'000 |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Within 1 Month \$'000 | 1 to 3 Months \$'000 | 3 to 12 Months \$'000 | 1 to 5 Years \$'000 | Over 5 Years \$'000 | |
| | Assets | | | | | |
| Cash and balances at | | | | | | |
| Bank of Jamaica | 11,788,837 | - | - | - | - | 11,788,837 |
| Due from other banks | 9,525,178 | 31,375 | 1,801,283 | - | - | 11,357,836 |
| Reverse repurchase agreements | 1,714,550 | 332,575 | - | - | - | 2,047,125 |
| Loans and advances net of provision for credit losses | 7,347,294 | 2,976,820 | 3,472,957 | 13,095,959 | 8,593,682 | 35,486,712 |
| Investment securities | 578,344 | 3,229,924 | 11,141,050 | 9,675,945 | 31,331,788 | 55,957,051 |
| Investment in subsidiaries | - | - | - | - | 1,456,970 | 1,456,970 |
| Investments in associates | - | - | - | - | 543,167 | 543,167 |
| Other | 430,347 | 1,492,018 | 760,866 | - | 8,652,732 | 11,335,963 |
| Total assets | 31,384,550 | 8,062,712 | 17,176,156 | 22,771,904 | 50,578,339 | 129,973,661 |
| Liabilities | | | | | | |
| Due to other banks | 3,215,569 | - | 2,729,625 | - | - | 5,945,194 |
| Customer deposits | 71,117,091 | 1,444,660 | 11,572,314 | 1,119,631 | - | 85,253,696 |
| Derivative financial instruments | 39 | - | 656 | - | - | 695 |
| Repurchase agreements | 4,605,254 | 330,913 | 215,319 | 942,319 | - | 6,093,805 |
| Obligations under credit card and cash advance securitization arrangements | 595,600 | - | 1,810,553 | 8,271,149 | - | 10,677,302 |
| Other borrowed funds | 89,143 | 33,110 | 47,391 | 540,246 | 419,211 | 1,129,101 |
| Other | 918,967 | 507,158 | 220,295 | 93,711 | 4,715,820 | 6,455,951 |
| Total liabilities | 80,541,663 | 2,315,841 | 16,596,153 | 10,967,056 | 5,135,031 | 115,555,744 |
| Net Liquidity Gap | (49,157,113) | 5,746,871 | 580,003 | 11,804,848 | 45,443,308 | 14,417,917 |
| Cumulative Liquidity Gap | (49,157,113) | (43,410,242) | (42,830,239) | (31,025,391) | 14,417,917 | |
| As at 30 September 2004: | | | | | | |
| Total assets | 39,101,410 | 4,534,517 | 8,553,872 | 21,590,958 | 49,433,599 | 123,214,356 |
| Total liabilities | 76,066,736 | 3,310,580 | 15,146,066 | 10,815,456 | 5,371,370 | 110,530,208 |
| Net Liquidity Gap | (36,965,326) | 1,403,937 | (6,592,194) | 10,775,502 | 44,062,229 | 12,684,148 |
| Cumulative Liquidity Gap | (36,965,326) | (35,561,389) | (42,153,583) | (31,378,081) | 12,684,148 | |

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40. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(b) Interest rate risk

The Group takes on exposure to the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates on its financial position and cash flows. Interest margins may increase as a result of such changes but may decrease or create losses in the event that unexpected movements arise. The Asset and Liability Committee sets limits on the level of mismatch of interest rate repricing that may be undertaken.

The Group is exposed to various risks associated with the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates on its financial position and cash flows. The following tables summarise the Group's and the Bank's exposure to interest rate risk. Included in the tables are the Group's and the Bank's assets and liabilities at carrying amounts, categorised by the earlier of contractual repricing or maturity dates.

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40. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(b) Interest rate risk (Continued)

As at 30 September 2005:

| | The Group | | | | | | Total \$'000 |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| | Within 1 Month \$'000 | 1 to 3 Months \$'000 | 3 to 12 Months \$'000 | 1 to 5 Years \$'000 | Over 5 Years \$'000 | Non-Interest Bearing \$'000 | |
| | Assets | | | | | | |
| Cash and balances at | | | | | | | |
| Bank of Jamaica | 4,986,944 | - | - | - | - | 7,026,644 | 12,013,588 |
| Due from other banks | 2,727,165 | 45,109 | 1,339,321 | - | - | 7,000,980 | 11,112,575 |
| Trading securities | 163,735 | 1,645,465 | 376,553 | - | - | - | 2,185,753 |
| Reverse repurchase agreements | 4,289,405 | 2,144,544 | 20,258,240 | - | - | - | 26,692,189 |
| Loans and advances net of provision for credit losses | 29,669,921 | 12,525 | 264,092 | 4,431,543 | 1,362,728 | - | 35,740,809 |
| Investment securities | 9,822,758 | 41,985,968 | 17,431,285 | 6,924,618 | 11,835,239 | 1,605,270 | 89,605,138 |
| Investment in associates | - | - | - | - | - | 1,562,322 | 1,562,322 |
| Other | 13,402 | 72,024 | 7,564 | 11,528 | - | 14,558,270 | 14,662,788 |
| Total assets | 51,673,330 | 45,905,635 | 39,677,055 | 11,367,689 | 13,197,967 | 31,753,486 | 193,575,162 |
| Liabilities | | | | | | | |
| Due to other banks | 3,215,570 | - | 2,729,624 | - | - | - | 5,945,194 |
| Customer deposits | 27,535,654 | 10,156,189 | 28,819,219 | 1,119,630 | - | 16,740,862 | 84,371,554 |
| Derivative financial instruments | 39 | - | 656 | - | - | - | 695 |
| Promissory notes and certificates of participation | 1,663,384 | 1,092,803 | 598,725 | 11,787 | - | - | 3,366,699 |
| Repurchase agreements | 23,413,384 | 12,101,263 | 12,059,309 | 1,034,623 | 702 | - | 48,609,281 |
| Obligations under credit card and cash advance securitization arrangements | 595,600 | - | 1,810,552 | 8,271,150 | - | - | 10,677,302 |
| Other borrowed funds | 84,383 | 24,870 | 16,558 | 583,764 | 419,210 | - | 1,128,785 |
| Other | 8,156,546 | 325,588 | 1,074,444 | - | 67,560 | 8,799,009 | 18,423,147 |
| Total liabilities | 64,664,560 | 23,700,713 | 47,109,087 | 11,020,954 | 487,472 | 25,539,871 | 172,522,657 |
| On balance sheet interest sensitivity gap | (12,991,230) | 22,204,922 | (7,432,032) | 346,735 | 12,710,495 | 6,213,615 | 21,052,505 |
| Cumulative interest sensitivity gap | (12,991,230) | 9,213,692 | 1,781,660 | 2,128,395 | 14,838,890 | 21,052,505 | |
| As at 30 September 2004: | | | | | | | |
| Total assets | 47,808,527 | 44,424,178 | 29,348,181 | 15,787,640 | 6,407,580 | 32,095,911 | 175,872,017 |
| Total liabilities | 51,865,992 | 24,816,407 | 46,227,489 | 10,834,879 | 537,711 | 25,295,534 | 159,578,012 |
| On balance sheet interest sensitivity gap | (4,057,465) | 19,607,771 | (16,879,308) | 4,952,761 | 5,869,869 | 6,800,377 | 16,294,005 |
| Cumulative interest sensitivity gap | (4,057,465) | 15,550,306 | (1,329,002) | 3,623,759 | 9,493,628 | 16,294,005 | |

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40. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(b) Interest rate risk (Continued)

As at 30 September 2005:

| | The Bank | | | | | | Total \$'000 |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| | Within 1 Month \$'000 | 1 to 3 Months \$'000 | 3 to 12 Months \$'000 | 1 to 5 Years \$'000 | Over 5 Years \$'000 | Non-Interest Bearing \$'000 | |
| | Assets | | | | | | |
| Cash and balances at | | | | | | | |
| Bank of Jamaica | 4,730,101 | - | - | - | - | 7,058,736 | 11,788,837 |
| Due from other banks | 2,583,270 | 31,375 | 1,801,283 | - | - | 6,941,908 | 11,357,836 |
| Reverse repurchase agreements | 1,714,550 | 332,575 | - | - | - | - | 2,047,125 |
| Loans and advances net of provision for credit losses | 29,415,824 | 12,525 | 264,092 | 4,431,543 | 1,362,728 | - | 35,486,712 |
| Investment securities | 700,308 | 25,359,571 | 11,335,097 | 5,026,345 | 11,942,460 | 1,593,270 | 55,957,051 |
| Investment in subsidiaries | - | - | - | - | - | 1,456,970 | 1,456,970 |
| Investment in associates | - | - | - | - | - | 543,167 | 543,167 |
| Other | - | - | - | - | - | 11,335,963 | 11,335,963 |
| Total assets | 39,144,053 | 25,736,046 | 13,400,472 | 9,457,888 | 13,305,188 | 28,930,014 | 129,973,661 |
| Liabilities | | | | | | | |
| Due to other banks | 3,215,570 | - | 2,729,624 | - | - | - | 5,945,194 |
| Customer deposits | 30,189,314 | 9,448,207 | 27,579,409 | 1,119,630 | - | 16,917,136 | 85,253,696 |
| Derivative financial instruments | 39 | - | 656 | - | - | - | 695 |
| Repurchase agreements | 4,605,254 | 330,913 | 215,319 | 942,319 | - | - | 6,093,805 |
| Obligations under credit card and cash advance securitization arrangements | 595,600 | - | 1,810,552 | 8,271,150 | - | - | 10,677,302 |
| Other borrowed funds | 84,699 | 24,870 | 16,557 | 583,764 | 419,211 | - | 1,129,101 |
| Other | - | - | - | - | - | 6,455,951 | 6,455,951 |
| Total liabilities | 38,690,476 | 9,803,990 | 32,352,117 | 10,916,863 | 419,211 | 23,373,087 | 115,555,744 |
| On balance sheet interest sensitivity gap | 453,577 | 15,932,056 | (18,951,645) | (1,458,975) | 12,885,977 | 5,556,927 | 14,417,917 |
| Cumulative interest sensitivity gap | 453,577 | 16,385,633 | (2,566,012) | (4,024,987) | 8,860,990 | 14,417,917 | |
| As at 30 September 2004: | | | | | | | |
| Total assets | 38,084,549 | 24,757,188 | 7,163,974 | 13,006,678 | 5,662,255 | 34,539,712 | 123,214,356 |
| Total liabilities | 28,912,242 | 12,913,176 | 34,210,502 | 10,648,795 | 504,696 | 23,340,797 | 110,530,208 |
| On balance sheet interest sensitivity gap | 9,172,307 | 11,844,012 | (27,046,528) | 2,357,883 | 5,157,559 | 11,198,915 | 12,684,148 |
| Cumulative interest sensitivity gap | 9,172,307 | 21,016,319 | (6,030,209) | (3,672,326) | 1,485,233 | 12,684,148 | |

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40. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(b) Interest rate risk (Continued)

The table below summarises the effective interest rate by major currencies for financial instruments of the Group and the Bank.

| | The Group | | | | The Bank | | | |
|---|-----------|------|-------|-----|----------|------|-------|-----|
| | J\$ | US\$ | CAN\$ | GBP | J\$ | US\$ | CAN\$ | GBP |
| | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| Assets | | | | | | | | |
| Cash and balances at | | | | | | | | |
| Bank of Jamaica | 6.0 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 3.9 | 6.0 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 3.9 |
| Due from other banks | - | 2.6 | 2.7 | 4.4 | - | 2.6 | 2.7 | 4.4 |
| Trading securities | | | | | | | | |
| - debt securities | 15.9 | 8.4 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Reverse repurchase agreements | 14.3 | 6.1 | - | - | 11.9 | 5.7 | - | - |
| Loans and advances | 23.9 | 9.1 | - | - | 23.9 | 9.1 | - | - |
| Investment securities | | | | | | | | |
| - debt securities | 14.7 | 10.4 | - | - | 14.3 | 11.0 | - | - |
| Liabilities | | | | | | | | |
| Due to other banks | - | 5.2 | - | - | - | 5.2 | - | - |
| Customer deposits | 5.3 | 3.2 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 5.3 | 3.1 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Repurchase agreements | 12.7 | 5.8 | - | 3.0 | 12.6 | 5.4 | - | - |
| Obligations under credit card and cash advance | | | | | | | | |
| securitization arrangements | - | 3.1 | - | - | - | 3.1 | - | - |
| Other borrowed funds | 11.5 | 3.3 | - | - | 11.5 | 3.3 | - | - |

(c) Currency risk

The Group takes on exposure to effects of fluctuations in the prevailing foreign currency exchange rates on its financial position and cash flows. The Credit and Risk Management Committee sets limits on the level of exposure by currency and in total for both overnight and intra-day positions.

The following tables summarise the exposure of the Group and the Bank to foreign currency exchange rate risk. Included in the tables are the Group's and the Bank's assets and liabilities at carrying amounts categorised by currency.

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40. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(c) Currency risk (Continued)

As at 30 September 2005:

| | The Group | | | | | |
|--|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| | Jamaican \$ J\$'000 | US\$ J\$'000 | GBP J\$'000 | CAN\$ J\$'000 | Other J\$'000 | Total J\$'000 |
| Assets | | | | | | |
| Cash and balances at | | | | | | |
| Bank of Jamaica | 7,851,415 | 3,513,438 | 503,630 | 78,294 | 66,811 | 12,013,588 |
| Due from other banks | 1,809,905 | 4,530,430 | 4,226,226 | 282,168 | 263,846 | 11,112,575 |
| Trading securities | 1,789,790 | 383,108 | - | - | 12,855 | 2,185,753 |
| Reverse repurchase agreements | 24,816,853 | 1,875,336 | - | - | - | 26,692,189 |
| Loans and advances net of provision for credit losses | 17,980,396 | 17,760,413 | - | - | - | 35,740,809 |
| Investment securities | 59,023,011 | 30,244,988 | - | - | 337,139 | 89,605,138 |
| Investment in associates | 1,562,322 | - | - | - | - | 1,562,322 |
| Other | 12,201,749 | 2,238,153 | 154,239 | 20,617 | 48,030 | 14,662,788 |
| Total assets | 127,035,441 | 60,545,866 | 4,884,095 | 381,079 | 728,681 | 193,575,162 |
| Liabilities | | | | | | |
| Due to other banks | 2,617,572 | 3,208,561 | 60,734 | 17,722 | 40,605 | 5,945,194 |
| Customer deposits | 51,312,505 | 27,782,571 | 4,539,149 | 514,480 | 222,849 | 84,371,554 |
| Derivative financial instruments | - | 695 | - | - | - | 695 |
| Promissory notes and certificates of participation | 3,275,683 | 91,016 | - | - | - | 3,366,699 |
| Repurchase agreements | 29,445,162 | 19,122,866 | 25,107 | - | 16,146 | 48,609,281 |
| Obligations under credit card and cash advance securitization arrangements | - | 10,677,302 | - | - | - | 10,677,302 |
| Other borrowed funds | 916,729 | 136,298 | - | - | 75,758 | 1,128,785 |
| Retirement benefit obligations | 232,879 | - | - | - | - | 232,879 |
| Other | 15,489,100 | 2,529,734 | 141,686 | 178 | 29,570 | 18,190,268 |
| Total liabilities | 103,289,630 | 63,549,043 | 4,766,676 | 532,380 | 384,928 | 172,522,657 |
| Net position | 23,745,811 | (3,003,177) | 117,419 | (151,301) | 343,753 | 21,052,505 |
| As at 30 September 2004: | | | | | | |
| Total assets | 108,403,441 | 61,194,393 | 5,506,774 | 311,363 | 456,046 | 175,872,017 |
| Total liabilities | 96,329,620 | 57,931,942 | 4,683,867 | 404,253 | 228,330 | 159,578,012 |
| Net position | 12,073,821 | 3,262,451 | 822,907 | (92,890) | 227,716 | 16,294,005 |

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40. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(c) Currency risk (Continued)

As at 30 September 2005:

| | The Bank | | | | | |
|--|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| | Jamaican \$ J\$'000 | US\$ J\$'000 | GBP J\$'000 | CAN\$ J\$'000 | Other J\$'000 | Total J\$'000 |
| Assets | | | | | | |
| Cash and balances at | | | | | | |
| Bank of Jamaica | 8,104,920 | 3,088,434 | 502,952 | 75,533 | 16,998 | 11,788,837 |
| Due from other banks | 2,258,668 | 4,384,209 | 4,170,098 | 281,014 | 263,847 | 11,357,836 |
| Reverse repurchase agreements | 1,200,000 | 847,125 | - | - | - | 2,047,125 |
| Loans and advances net of provision for credit losses | 17,980,396 | 17,506,313 | 3 | - | - | 35,486,712 |
| Investment securities | 39,572,329 | 16,117,011 | - | - | 267,711 | 55,957,051 |
| Investments in subsidiaries | 1,325,063 | 131,565 | 342 | - | - | 1,456,970 |
| Investments in associates | 543,167 | - | - | - | - | 543,167 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 3,583,040 | - | - | - | - | 3,583,040 |
| Intangible assets | | | | | | |
| - computer software | 699,479 | - | - | - | - | 699,479 |
| Other | 4,732,789 | 2,098,841 | 153,297 | 20,616 | 47,901 | 7,053,444 |
| Total assets | 79,999,851 | 44,173,498 | 4,826,692 | 377,163 | 596,457 | 129,973,661 |
| Liabilities | | | | | | |
| Due to other banks | 2,617,573 | 3,208,561 | 60,734 | 17,722 | 40,604 | 5,945,194 |
| Customer deposits | 54,652,704 | 25,444,080 | 4,457,169 | 509,276 | 190,467 | 85,253,696 |
| Derivative financial instruments | - | 695 | - | - | - | 695 |
| Repurchase agreements | 2,359,951 | 3,733,854 | - | - | - | 6,093,805 |
| Obligations under credit card and cash advance securitization arrangements | - | 10,677,302 | - | - | - | 10,677,302 |
| Other borrowed funds | 917,045 | 136,298 | - | - | 75,758 | 1,129,101 |
| Deferred tax | 26,065 | - | - | - | - | 26,065 |
| Retirement benefit obligations | 232,879 | - | - | - | - | 232,879 |
| Other | 4,113,697 | 1,928,138 | 138,114 | 171 | 16,887 | 6,197,007 |
| Total liabilities | 64,919,914 | 45,128,928 | 4,656,017 | 527,169 | 323,716 | 115,555,744 |
| Net position | 15,079,937 | (955,430) | 170,675 | (150,006) | 272,741 | 14,417,917 |
| As at 30 September 2004: | | | | | | |
| Total assets | 71,607,887 | 45,384,142 | 5,460,822 | 305,459 | 456,046 | 123,214,356 |
| Total liabilities | 62,238,355 | 43,088,875 | 4,572,746 | 401,902 | 228,330 | 110,530,208 |
| Net position | 9,369,532 | 2,295,267 | 888,076 | (96,443) | 227,716 | 12,684,148 |

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40. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(d) Market risk

The Group takes on exposure to market risks. Market risks arise from open positions in interest rate, currency and equity products, all of which are exposed to general and specific market movements. The Group estimates the market risk of positions held and the maximum losses expected based on a number of assumptions for various changes in market conditions. Market risk is monitored by the Credit and Risk Management Division which carries out extensive research and monitors the price movement of financial assets on the local and international markets.

(e) Credit risk

The Group takes on exposure to credit risk which is the risk that a counterparty will be unable to pay amounts in full when due. Credit risk is inherent in traditional banking products - loans, commitments to lend, and contracts to support counterparties' obligations to third parties such as letters of credit. Positions in tradeable assets such as bonds and equities also carry credit risk.

The risk is managed primarily by review of the financial status of each counterparty. The Group structures the levels of credit risk it undertakes by placing limits on the amount of risk accepted in relation to one borrower, or groups of borrowers, and to geographical and industry segments. Such risks are monitored on a revolving basis and subject to an annual or more frequent review. The exposure to any one borrower including banks and brokers is restricted by limits covering on and off-balance sheet exposures. Actual exposures against limits are monitored daily. Exposure to credit risk is managed through regular analysis of the ability of borrowers and potential borrowers to meet interest and capital repayment obligations and by changing these lending limits where appropriate. Exposure to credit risk is also managed in part by obtaining collateral and corporate and personal guarantees.

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40. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(e) Credit risk (Continued)

The following tables summarise the credit exposure of the Group and the Bank to businesses and government by sector:

| | The Group | | | | The Bank | | | |
|--|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | Loans and advances | Guarantees and letters of credit | Total | | Loans and advances | Guarantees and letters of credit | Total | |
| | | | 2005 | 2004 | | | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Agriculture, fishing and mining | 387,446 | 2,577 | 390,023 | 264,556 | 387,446 | 2,577 | 390,023 | 264,556 |
| Construction and real estate | 1,378,832 | 1,119,951 | 2,498,783 | 2,286,071 | 1,378,832 | 1,119,951 | 2,498,783 | 2,182,466 |
| Distribution | 1,696,704 | 135,979 | 1,832,683 | 2,366,436 | 1,696,704 | 135,979 | 1,832,683 | 2,366,436 |
| Financial institutions | 200,241 | 11,650 | 211,891 | 272,661 | 200,241 | 11,650 | 211,891 | 272,661 |
| Government and public entities | 9,699,817 | 555 | 9,700,372 | 9,136,123 | 9,699,817 | 555 | 9,700,372 | 9,136,123 |
| Manufacturing | 1,250,668 | 694,777 | 1,945,445 | 1,406,986 | 1,250,668 | 694,777 | 1,945,445 | 1,403,165 |
| Personal | 13,057,462 | 64,358 | 13,121,820 | 9,882,346 | 12,966,195 | 64,358 | 13,030,553 | 9,764,894 |
| Professional and other services | 1,880,677 | 662,368 | 2,543,045 | 1,657,490 | 1,880,677 | 662,368 | 2,543,045 | 1,657,490 |
| Tourism and entertainment | 6,337,072 | 58,639 | 6,395,711 | 4,426,942 | 6,337,072 | 58,639 | 6,395,711 | 4,425,509 |
| Transportation storage and communication | 1,647,456 | 140,959 | 1,788,415 | 7,203,079 | 1,647,456 | 140,959 | 1,788,415 | 7,203,079 |
| Other | 171,327 | 200,593 | 371,920 | 376,879 | 5,233 | 200,593 | 205,826 | 376,878 |
| Total | 37,707,702 | 3,092,406 | 40,800,108 | 39,279,569 | 37,450,341 | 3,092,406 | 40,542,747 | 39,053,257 |
| Total provision | (1,966,893) | - | (1,966,893) | (2,164,523) | (1,963,629) | - | (1,963,629) | (2,161,259) |
| Net | 35,740,809 | 3,092,406 | 38,833,215 | 37,115,046 | 35,486,712 | 3,092,406 | 38,579,118 | 36,891,998 |

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41. Fair Values of Financial Instruments

Fair value is the amount for which an asset could be exchanged, or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction. Market price is used to determine fair value where an active market (such as a recognised stock exchange) exists as it is the best evidence of the fair value of a financial instrument. However, market prices are not available for a significant number of the financial assets and liabilities held and issued by the Group. Therefore, for financial instruments where no market price is available, the fair values presented have been estimated using present value or other estimation and valuation techniques based on market conditions existing at balance sheet dates.

The values derived from applying these techniques are significantly affected by the underlying assumptions used concerning both the amounts and timing of future cash flows and the discount rates. The following methods and assumptions have been used:

- (a) Trading securities, derivatives and other transactions undertaken for trading purposes are measured at fair value by reference to quoted market prices when available. If quoted market prices are not available, then fair values are estimated on the basis of pricing models, or discounted cash flows. Fair value is equal to the carrying amount for these items;
- (b) Investment securities classified as available-for-sale are measured at fair value by reference to quoted market prices when available. If quoted market prices are not available, then fair values are estimated on the basis of pricing models or other recognised valuation techniques;
- (c) The fair value of liquid assets and other assets maturing within one year is assumed to approximate their carrying amount. This assumption is applied to liquid assets and the short-term elements of all other financial assets and financial liabilities;
- (d) The fair value of demand deposits and savings accounts with no specific maturity is assumed to be the amount payable on demand at the balance sheet date;
- (e) The fair value of variable rate financial instruments is assumed to approximate their carrying amounts; and
- (f) The fair value of fixed rate loans is estimated by comparing market interest rates when the loans were granted with current market rates offered on similar loans. For match-funded loans the fair value is assumed to be equal to their carrying value, as gains and losses offset each other. Changes in the credit quality of loans within the portfolio are not taken into account in determining gross fair values as the impact of credit risk is recognised separately by deducting the amount of the provisions for credit losses from both book and fair values.

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41. Fair Values of Financial Instruments (Continued)

The following tables present the fair value of financial instruments based on the following valuation methods and assumptions for those financial assets and financial liabilities that are not carried at fair value.

| | The Group | | | |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | Carrying Value | Fair Value | Carrying Value | Fair Value |
| | 2005 \$'000 | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 |
| Financial Assets | | | | |
| Investment securities | 89,605,138 | 89,850,697 | 77,494,225 | 77,925,919 |
| Investment in associates | 1,562,322 | 2,626,832 | 1,163,192 | 2,434,409 |
| Financial Liabilities | | | | |
| Obligations under credit card and cash advance securitization arrangements | 10,677,302 | 10,756,068 | 9,427,736 | 9,532,453 |

| | The Bank | | | |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | Carrying Value | Fair Value | Carrying Value | Fair Value |
| | 2005 \$'000 | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 |
| Financial Assets | | | | |
| Investment securities | 55,957,051 | 55,944,681 | 48,754,521 | 48,984,684 |
| Investment in associates | 543,167 | 2,089,885 | 1,148,446 | 2,434,409 |
| Financial Liabilities | | | | |
| Obligations under credit card and cash advance securitization arrangements | 10,677,302 | 10,756,068 | 9,427,736 | 9,532,453 |

42. Banking Act

At 30 September 2005 and 30 September 2004:

The Bank was in breach of Section 13(1)(d) of the Banking Act. This section deals with unsecured lending to connected persons. These lendings represent approximately 0.4% (2004 - 0.1%) of the Bank's loans and advances.

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43. Commitments

(a) Capital:

Capital expenditure contracted for at the balance sheet date but not recognised in the financial statements is as follows:

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Authorised and contracted | 396,860 | 231,530 | 396,860 | 231,530 |
| Authorised but not yet contracted | 630,730 | 821,910 | 630,730 | 821,910 |
| | <u>1,027,590</u> | <u>1,053,440</u> | <u>1,027,590</u> | <u>1,053,440</u> |

(b) Operating lease:

The future aggregate minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Not later than 1 year | 55,079 | 49,538 | 55,079 | 49,302 |
| Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years | 10,543 | 27,522 | 10,543 | 27,522 |
| Later than 5 years | - | 2,210 | - | 2,210 |
| | <u>65,622</u> | <u>79,270</u> | <u>65,622</u> | <u>79,034</u> |

44. Pledged Assets

| | The Group | | The Bank | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| | Asset | Related Liability | Asset | Related Liability |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Balances at Bank of Jamaica | 8,703,901 | - | 8,703,901 | - |
| Securities | 56,613,175 | 51,356,077 | 8,203,052 | 6,093,805 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 108,134 | 120,073 | 108,134 | 120,073 |
| Other | <u>1,397,800</u> | <u>1,255,000</u> | <u>1,397,800</u> | <u>1,255,000</u> |

Assets are pledged as collateral under repurchase agreements, loans from other institutions, and security deposits relating to stock exchange membership. Statutory reserves are also held with the Bank of Jamaica. These deposits are not available to finance the Group's day-to-day operations.

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45. Fiduciary Activities

The Group provides custody, trustee, corporate administration, investment management and advisory services to third parties which involve the Group making allocation and purchase and sale decisions in relation to a wide range of financial instruments. Those assets that are held in a fiduciary capacity are not included in these financial statements. At 30 September 2005, the Group had financial assets under administration of approximately \$37.9 billion (2004 - \$30.9 billion).

46. Litigation and Contingent Liabilities

The Bank and its subsidiaries are subject to various claims, disputes and legal proceedings, as part of the normal course of business. Provision is made for such matters when, in the opinion of management and its professional advisors, it is probable that a payment will be made by the Group, and the amount can be reasonably estimated.

In respect of claims asserted against the Group which, according to the principles outlined above, have not been provided for, management is of the opinion that such claims are either without merit, can be successfully defended or will result in exposure to the Group which is immaterial to both financial position and results of operations.

Significant matters are as follows:

- (a) Suit has been filed by a customer of the Bank against the Attorney General of Jamaica, the Bank and Mr. Dunbar McFarlane. The customer is claiming damages arising out of an alleged breach of a contract between the customer and the National Insurance Fund of which Mr. Dunbar McFarlane, a former director of the Bank, was Chairman, for the sale of certain premises which were mortgaged to the Bank. The customer also claims special damages amounting to approximately \$110 million. No provision has been in the financial statements as the Bank's attorneys, are of the opinion that the plaintiff's claims against Mr. McFarlane and the Bank are unlikely to succeed.
- (b) Suit has been filed by the Bank's Staff Association against the Bank and Trustees of the N.C.B. Pension Scheme for breach of trust in respect of matters concerning the amendment and merger of the former pension funds, as well as the management and investment of the funds of the pension scheme. No provision has been made in the financial statements as the Bank's attorneys are of the opinion that the suit against the Bank is unlikely to succeed.
- (c) Suit has been filed against the Bank by a customer for breach of contract. The claim for damages is approximately \$24 million. No provision has been made in these financial statements for this claim as the Bank's attorneys are of the view that the suit against the Bank is unlikely to succeed.
- (d) Suit has been filed by a customer against the Bank for breach of contract, breach of trust and negligence and damages. The claim for damages includes a sum equivalent to the profit of the business foregone as a result of an inability to access a loan approved by the Bank and the cost of interim financing. Based on the advice of the Bank's attorneys, no provision has been made in the financial statements in respect of this suit.
- (e) Suit has been filed by a customer against the Bank for damages suffered as a result of the Bank's negligence in the sale of property for an undervalued amount. The claim is for \$31 million plus interest. Based on the advice of the Bank's attorneys, a provision has been made in the financial statements in respect of this claim.

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30 September 2005

46. Litigation and Contingent Liabilities (Continued)

- (f) Suit has been filed by a customer against the Bank for unlawful, wrongful and/or improper use of power in the appointment of a Receiver and Manager of the customer's business property and assets. Damages, interest and costs have been claim against the Bank. The Bank's attorneys are unable to determine the outcome of the suit and no provision has been made in the financial statements.
- (g) Suit has been filed against the Bank by former senior managers claiming damages for breach of contract. The Bank is appealing the decision of the Court which handed down judgement against the Bank in the sum of \$24.7 million plus interest. Based on the advice of the Bank's attorneys, the Bank has a fair chance of success. A provision has been made in the financial statements in respect of this claim.
- (h) A number of other suits claiming damages in excess of \$5 million each have been filed by customers of the Bank. The sums totalled approximately \$44 million. In some instances counter claims have been filed by the Bank. Provision has been made in the financial statements for certain of these claims. No provision has been made where the Bank's attorneys are of the view that the Bank has a good defence.

47. Dividends

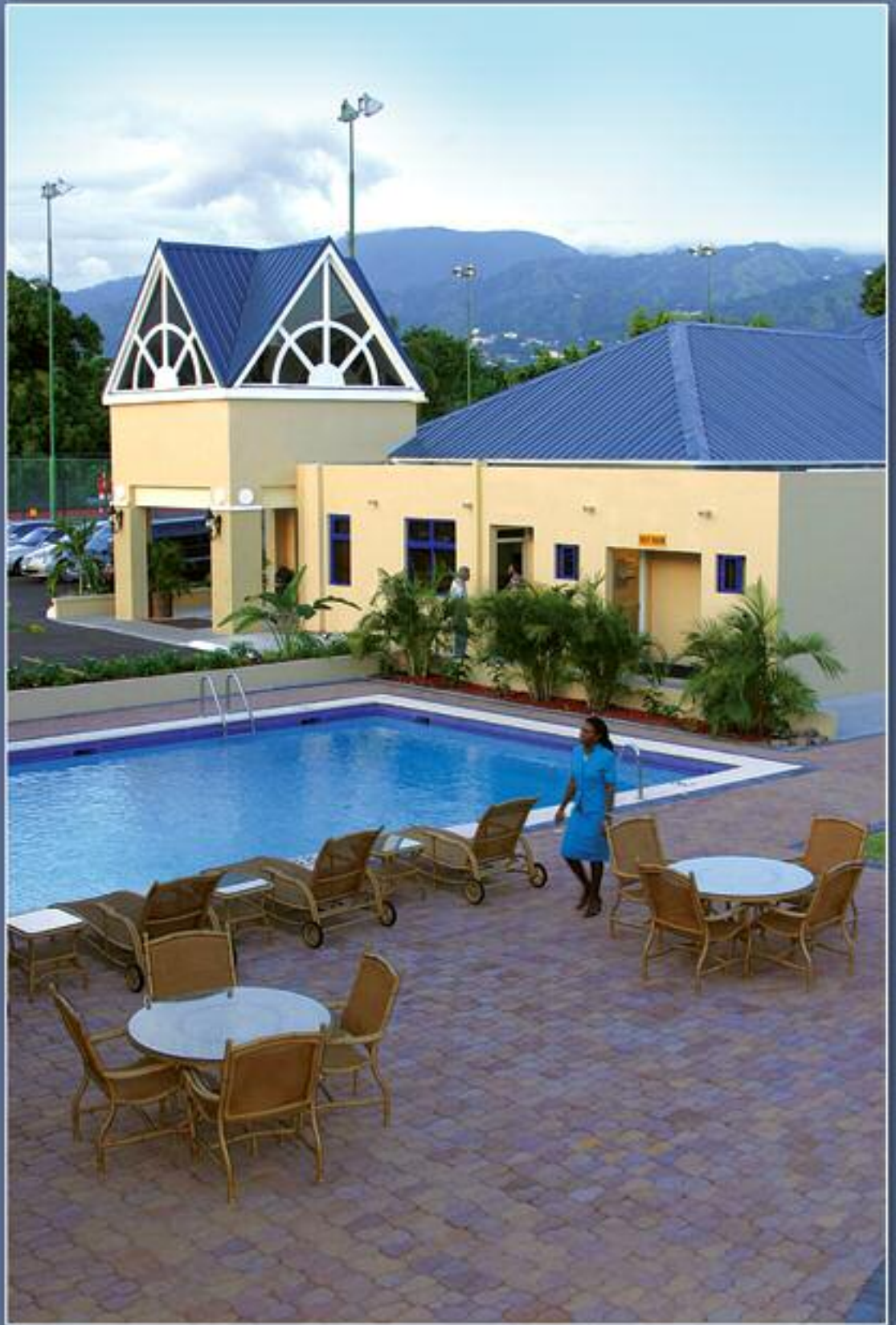
At the Board of Directors meeting on 27 October 2005, an interim dividend in respect of 2005 of \$0.20 per ordinary stock unit was declared. The financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2005 do not reflect this resolution, which will be accounted for in shareholders' equity as an appropriation of retained profits in the year ending 30 September 2006.

48. Subsequent Event

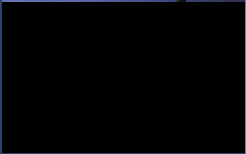
On 27 October 2005, NCB Insurance Company Limited (a subsidiary of the Bank), Environmental Health Foundation Limited and Blue Cross of Jamaica Limited signed a shareholders' agreement for the subsidiary to purchase 75% of Blue Cross of Jamaica Limited. The transaction is subject to approval by the Jamaican regulators and Blue Cross/Blue Shield International.

The Bank has not disclosed the effect of this proposed acquisition in the financial statements as details of the transaction have not been finalised and the transaction is still under negotiation.

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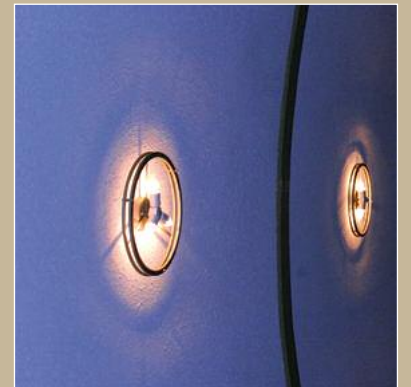


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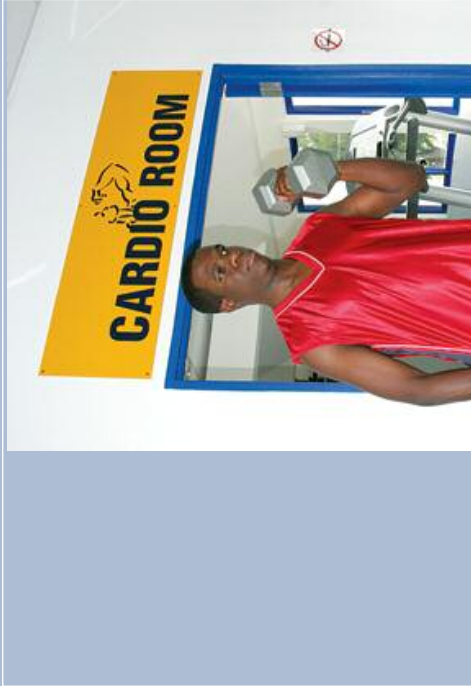
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NCB JAMAICA LIMITED

10 LARGEST SHAREHOLDERS

AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

| NAME OF SHAREHOLDER | UNITS |
|---|---------------|
| AIC Barbados Limited | 1,719,513,510 |
| West Indies Trust Company Limited a/c WT. 109 | 47,379,462 |
| Jamaica National Building Society | 20,919,723 |
| Trading Pooled Equity # 1- Life of Jamaica | 19,405,056 |
| T & T Unit Trust Corporation - Fus. | 18,250,000 |
| National Insurance Fund | 17,711,712 |
| Ideal Portfolio Services | 17,104,542 |
| RBTT Nominee Service Limited - a/c Capils (T & T) | 16,500,000 |
| AIC Limited | 15,056,320 |
| West Indies Trust Company a/c WT 89 | 13,572,311 |

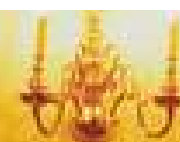
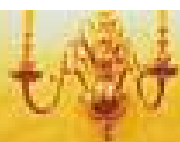


SHAREHOLDINGS OF DIRECTORS

AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

| | | |
|--|---|----------------------|
| KRIS ASTAPHAN | 1,003,845 | 1,003,845 |
| AYLMER "DESMOND" BLADES | Nil | Nil |
| WAYNE CHEN | Nil 158,526 * | 158,526 |
| DR. NIGEL CLARKE | 1,440 | 1,440 |
| SANDRA GLASGOW | 1,500 2,000 * | 3,500 |
| HON. NOEL A.A. HYLTON | Nil | Nil |
| PATRICK ANDREW HYLTON | 259,232 | 259,232 |
| MICHAEL LEE-CHIN AIC (Barbados) Ltd | 5,520,990 1,719,513,510 * 186,070 * | 1,725,220,570 |
| DONOVAN LEWIS | 15,000 18,640,819 * | 18,655,819 |
| THALIA LYN | 12,500 15,120 * | 27,620 |
| HERBERT PHILLIPPS JNR. | Nil | Nil |
| PROF. ALVIN WINT | 150 | 150 |
| RT. HON. JUSTICE EDWARD ZACCA | 46,200 4,080 * | 50,280 |

*Indicates shares held by Nominees or connected persons





SHAREHOLDINGS OF EXECUTIVES

AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

| | | |
|------------------------|----------------|---------|
| RICKERT GEORGE ALLEN | 52,142 | 52,142 |
| SEPTIMUS "BOB" BLAKE | 10,050 | 10,050 |
| COURTNEY CAMPBELL | 78,111 | 78,111 |
| FFRENCH CAMPBELL | 4,500 | 4,500 |
| INGRID S.M. CHAMBERS | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| DENNIS G. COHEN | Nil 3,000* | 3,000 |
| YVONNE CLARKE | 14,711 | 14,711 |
| SHEREEN JONES | Nil 52,560* | 52,560 |
| PATRICK ANDREW HYLTON | 259,232 | 259,232 |
| JENNIFER DEWDNEY KELLY | 26,194 | 26,194 |
| LEONARD MAHIPALAMUDALI | Nil | Nil |
| SHEREE MARTIN | 1,360 | 1,360 |
| JANICE MCKENLEY | Nil | Nil |
| GRACE MCKOY | 947,111 | 947,111 |
| MINISH PARIKH | Nil | Nil |
| MARJORIE SEEBERAN | 3,720 | 3,720 |
| INGRID STEPHENS | Nil | Nil |
| CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS | Nil | Nil |

* Indicates shares held by Nominees or connected persons

LISTING OF SUBSIDIARIES

OF NATIONAL COMMERCIAL BANK JAMAICA LIMITED



1. **NCB CAPITAL MARKETS LIMITED**
(Incorporated in Jamaica)

NCB Capital Markets Limited (formerly Edward Gayle & Co. Ltd) is a pioneer in the Jamaican equities market, holding one of the first five seats on the Jamaican Stock Exchange. The company's vision since then has been to foster a vibrant equities market in Jamaica. This vision has evolved to encompass so much more.

Today, NCB Capital Markets Limited is one of Jamaica's most prominent wealth management companies, managing more than J\$46 billion dollars on behalf of individuals and corporations.

The company has earned a reputation for accurate market research and for building profitable relationships. Currently, the NCB Capital Markets team is leading the industry in developing the emerging Corporate Finance segment.



2. **NCB INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED**
(Incorporated in Jamaica)

Licensed under the Insurance Act 2001 of Jamaica, NCB Insurance Company is engaged in underwriting, issuing and marketing of insurance and investment plans. The company currently offers six (6) products, including the two most popular brands in their product class; **OMNI** and the **OMNI Educator**, which are medium to long-term investment plans. In addition to these, there are four insurance products - **ProVISION** (for Accidental Injury & Death), **ProCARE** (for Critical Illness), **Group Life** (employer sponsored) and **Creditor Life** (for loan customers of NCB Ja. Ltd.). Insurance Advisors/ Customer Relationship Officers are located in NCB branches across the breadth of Jamaica.



3. **N.C.B. JAMAICA (NOMINEES) LIMITED**
(Incorporated in Jamaica)

Providing the vital link between Shareholders and Corporations NCB Jamaica (Nominees) Limited serves as the Registrar, Sub- Registrar, Nominees, Transfer and Paying Agents for listed companies in Jamaica and the wider Caribbean. Services include maintaining share registers, paying and dispatching dividends and support for Annual General Meetings of companies.



4. **NCB (CAYMAN) LIMITED**
(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands)

The core business of this Company is the provision of banking and financial services to overseas clients.



5. **N.C.B. (INVESTMENTS) LIMITED**
(Incorporated in Jamaica)

This Company is presently dormant.



6. **WEST INDIES TRUST COMPANY LIMITED**
(Incorporated in Jamaica)

The West Indies Trust Company (WITCo) is the market leader and a specialist in Segregated Pension Fund Management. The company provides employer-sponsored pension plans including pension administration and pension fund management, as well as Trust Services. As a highly customer focused institution, WITCo gives unmatched service which has been enhanced by newly installed pension administration and investment management systems. Customers are allowed participation in investment classes such as Equities, Fixed Income, Real Estate, Mortgages, Leases and Insurance Premium Financing. The Client Relationship and Investment teams are located at "The Atrium", NCB Head Office.



7. **SENVIA MONEY SERVICES (UK) LIMITED**
(Incorporated in the U.K.)

The principal activity of the Company is the remittance of pounds sterling overseas.

8. **MUTUAL SECURITY INSURANCE BROKERS LIMITED**
(Incorporated in Jamaica)

The principal activity of the Company is the placement of insurance on behalf of clients from which commissions are earned. At present the principal clients are National Commercial Bank Jamaica Limited and its subsidiaries. There are two other clients.

9. **DATA-CAP PROCESSING LIMITED**
(Incorporated in Jamaica)

The Company is presently dormant.

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Manager
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Linda Miller - Manager

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Beverley Creighton - Customer Relations
Manager

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Ashbourne Solomon - Manager

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Manager
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Dale Robinson - Managing Director



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES 2006

1.

Recruit, develop and retain high quality and **EMPOWERED EMPLOYEES.**

2.

Consistently **EXCEED CUSTOMER EXPECTATIONS** in our chosen segments and markets.

3.

RUN OUR BUSINESS EFFICIENTLY across all delivery channels, with the use of superior business processes and IT systems.

4.

EXPAND REVENUES by increasing our range of **PROFITABLE** financial services offerings, locally and overseas.

ENGAGE IN NATION BUILDING.

THE

ATRIUM



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