

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

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

<b>Condensed Balance Sheet</b>					
(millions of NAf.)					
		Diff. compared with			Diff. compared with
<b>Assets</b>	<b>05-31- 01</b>	<b>04-30- 01</b>	<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>05-31- 01</b>	<b>04-30-01</b>
Gold	138.9	0.0	Capital and Reserves	141.1	0.4
Official reserves	433.2	-37.4	Bank notes	225.1	-7.5
Central Government Advance account	29.3	0.0	Central Government Receiver	1.9	-0.5
Advanced license fees	41.5	0.0	Special Account Central Government	1.9	-5.0
Government paper in portfolio	105.3	-0.1	Island Government Receiver	-	0.0
Other	118.9	7.3	Banks	241.7	-13.4
			Multi-annual plan projects	9.7	-2.0
			Advance account projects	57.5	-7.2
			Financial support	68.8	0.0
			Solidarity fund	-	0.0
			Deposits of other residents	0.3	7.5
			Deposits non-residents	33.3	-0.1
			Other	85.8	-2.3
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>867.1</b>	<b>-30.2</b>	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>867.1</b>	<b>-30.2</b>

During the month of May 2001, official reserves, i.e. the international reserves managed by the Bank, decreased by NAf. 37.4 million. This is the result of mainly the net purchase of foreign exchange by the commercial banks. This net purchase offset the transfers to the Isla refinery and local pension beneficiaries, and foreign investment income received. In addition, the depreciation of the Euro also had negative effects on the reserves, because these are partly held in Euros. Furthermore, NAf. 4.6 million was transferred abroad in connection with the construction of the new prison.

The liability side of the balance sheet shows that the "Special account Central Government" decreased by NAf. 5.0 million. This was the result of, on the one hand the payment of interest and redemption on domestic loans, payments for several projects, and a payment to the Solidarity fund. Deposits on new Central government loans could not compensate these payments.

The value of the item "Banknotes in circulation" decreased by NAf. 7.5 million. This is a usual reaction after a period of festivities, such as in April, when more banknotes enter in circulation.

The position of the commercial banks with the Bank, reflected in the account "Banks" decreased by NAf. 13.4 million. This decline is mainly due to a decrease of the reserves of the commercial banks. This decrease can be explained by a growth in long term deposits of the commercial banks. These deposits are exempted from the reserve requirements. With the funds thus generated, a part of the above mentioned net purchase of foreign exchange was paid.

The accounts "Multi-annual plan projects" and "Advance account projects" decreased by NAf. 2.0 million and NAf. 7.2 million, during the past month. These decreases are related to the spending of funds on behalf of regular development projects and the construction of a new prison 'Bon Futuro' at Koraal Specht respectively. The earlier mentioned depreciation of the Euro also explained part of the decrease in the account "Advance account projects".

Further, the account "Deposits other residents" increased by NAf. 7.5 million. This can largely be explained by the receipts of interest and redemption on government bonds.

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