

Condensed Balance Sheet

CENTRALE BANK VAN CURAÇAO EN SINT MAARTEN

January 2015

(millions of NAf.)

Assets	Difference compared to		Liabilities	Difference compared to	
	31-Jan-15	31-Dec-14		31-Jan-15	31-Dec-14
Claims on nonresidents	3,807.2	287.6	Liabilities to nonresidents	454.5	-18.3
Gold	948.4	45.9	Deposits of nonresidents in foreign currency	454.5	-18.3
Official reserves	2,684.8	241.7			
Other	174.1	0.0			
Domestic assets	535.8	-49.9	Domestic liabilities	3,014.0	206.2
			Currency in circulation	423.9	-11.9
Claims on the government	0.6	0.0	Government deposits	634.7	211.1
Government paper in portfolio	0.6	0.0	Government of Curacao	378.9	217.4
Government agencies and institutions	0.0	0.0	Government of Sint Maarten	61.0	-2.2
Other	0.0	0.0	Former Central Government	69.1	-4.1
			Government agencies and institutions	125.7	0.0
Claims on deposit money banks	40.2	-47.4	Liabilities to deposit money banks	1,592.9	5.0
Current account balances	40.2	-47.4	Current account balances	363.6	-24.8
			Certificates of Deposit	110.2	20.1
			Required reserves	1,119.1	9.7
Claims on other sectors	495.0	-2.5	Liabilities to other sectors	362.6	1.9
Other assets	495.0	-2.5	Deposits of other residents	266.4	2.6
			Other liabilities	96.2	-0.6
			Capital and reserves	874.4	49.7
Total assets	4,343.0	237.6	Total liabilities	4,343.0	237.6

During the month of January 2015, the Bank continued to direct its monetary policy at a tightening of the surplus in the money market by auctioning more certificates of deposit (CDs). As a result, the outstanding amount of CDs rose by NAf.20.1 million. The percentage of the reserve requirement remained unchanged at 18.00%. Nevertheless, the amount of required reserves increased by NAf.9.7 million due to the higher base amount¹ upon which it is calculated.

Base money² decreased by NAf.36.7 million in January 2015, reflecting a decrease in the current account balances of the commercial banks (NAf.24.8 million) and a decline in currency in circulation (NAf.11.9 million). The latter is characteristic for January, when the public's demand decreases compared to the December holidays. The decrease in the current account balances of the commercial banks was caused primarily by the purchase of CDs and the increase in the required reserves at the Bank, mitigated by transfers by commercial banks in Bonaire and the net sale of foreign exchange to the Bank. Furthermore, part of the short-term credit that was extended to the commercial banks by the Bank was repaid. This repayment explains the decline by NAf.47.4 million in the item "Claims on deposit money banks" on the assets side of the balance sheet.

¹ The base amount is equal to the commercial banks' domestic liabilities -/- long term deposits.

² The sum of currency in circulation and the current account balances of the commercial banks at the Bank.

The item “Government deposits” increased by NAf.211.1 million due largely to the deposit of the proceeds of debt securities issued by the government of Curaçao in January 2015 on behalf of the construction of a new hospital. Because of the standing subscription, these debt securities were purchased by the Dutch State, largely explaining also the increase by NAf.241.7 million in the item “Official reserves”.

Furthermore, the item “Liabilities to nonresidents” decreased by NAf.18.3 million, due largely to transactions carried out by some banks in Bonaire towards the local commercial banks.

Finally, the item “Gold” on the assets side of the balance sheet increased by NAf.45.9 million as a result of a higher value at the balance sheet date, compared to the end of the December 2014. The increase in the item “Capital and reserves” on the liabilities side of the balance sheet was related to the rise in the market value of gold.

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