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## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

### **Introduction**

The Central Bank of Liberia (CBL) is committed to the principles and implementation of good corporate governance. The Bank recognizes the valuable contribution that it makes to long-term business prosperity and to ensuring accountability to the Government of Liberia.

The CBL believes that full disclosure and transparency in its operations are in the interests of good governance. As indicated in the statement of responsibilities of Governors and notes to the financial statements, the Bank adopts standard accounting practices and ensures sound internal control to facilitate the reliability of the financial statements.

### **The Board of Governors**

The Board is responsible for the formulation and implementation of policies of the Bank and controlling and monitoring activities of the executive management. The Board consists of five (5) Governors, including, the Executive Governor who serves as Chairman of the Board and four (4) Non-Executive Governors. Members of the Board are appointed by the President of Liberia and confirmed by the Liberian senate. The Non-Executive Governors are independent of management and free from any constraints, which could materially interfere with the exercise of their independent judgment. They have experience and knowledge of the industry, markets, financial and/or other business information to make a valuable contribution to the Bank's progress. The Board is required to meet as often as the business of the Bank may require, but not less frequently than once every three months.

### **The Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee is made up of four (4) Governors who are independent of management and free of any relationship, which could interfere with their independent judgments. The committee meets on a quarterly basis. Members of the committee elect the Chairman of the committee. The terms of reference of the audit committee is made available to members of management.

The duties of the Audit Committee includes; keeping under review the scope and results of the audit, as well as the independence and objectivity of the external auditor. The Audit Committee also keeps under review internal financial controls, risk management, and compliance with laws and regulations. The Audit Committee also reviews the adequacy of the audit program of the Internal Audit Section on a yearly basis. The Committee also reviews reports prepared by the Internal Audit Section and the financial statements of the Central Bank.

### **Banking Reform Committee**

The Committee is made up of the Deputy Governor, who is the Chairman, four (4) Directors, an Expatriate Advisor and the Legal Counsellor. The committee meets on a quarterly basis. The terms and reference of the committee are determined by the main Board. The Banking Reform Committee is responsible for the stability of the banking system and promoting its contribution to economic growth and the increased participation of Liberian entrepreneurs in the national economy. A reform agenda was drafted geared towards ensuring that banks are adequately capitalized with appropriate management procedures and internal controls and the Central Bank has the capacity to effectively supervise and regulate the activities of the commercial banks.

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (continued)**

### **Compliance Committee**

The Compliance Committee is a subcommittee of the Banking Reform Committee, set up to strengthen the supervisory function of the Bank and ensure that commercial banks are in compliance with the banking laws, regulations and directives of the Central Bank.

### **Money management and Policy Review Committee**

The Money Management Committee is an advisory body to the Executive Governor. The committee is made up of the Executive Governor who is an ex-officio, Deputy Governor who is the chairman and three (3) Directors. Its responsibilities include discussions of a wide range of monetary, financial and economic issues, reviewing policies and making appropriate recommendations to the Governor for smooth operation of the Bank, and the strengthening of the banking system.

### **External Auditors**

In August 2010, the CBL re-appointed PricewaterhouseCoopers Ghana, to be its auditor for the 2010 financial statements. It is expected that PricewaterhouseCoopers will continue as auditor of the Central Bank up to the end of 2012.

## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS ON THE CENTRAL BANK OF LIBERIA (CBL)**

The Governors have the pleasure in presenting their report with the audited financial statements of the Central Bank of Liberia for the year ended December 31, 2010.

### **STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

The Acts of Legislature establishing the Central Bank of Liberia (approved into law on March 18, 1999) and Bye laws adopted on December 16, 1999 required the Board of Governors to ensure that financial statements prepared for each financial year give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Bank and the result of its operations for the year then ended. In preparing the financial statement, the Board of Governors is required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies consistent with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and apply them consistently;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departure disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Ensure that the financial statements are prepared on a going-concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Bank will continue to be in business;
- Ensure that proper accounting records are maintained which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Central Bank of Liberia;
- Ensure that the financial statements comply with the reporting requirements of the Act of Legislature establishing the Bank, as well as the Bye laws pertaining to its operation; and
- Put in place relevant mechanisms for safeguarding the assets of the Bank and accordingly, take reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities, if any.

The above statement is made with the view to distinguishing for the benefit of all interested parties, the responsibilities of the Board of Governors and those of the External Auditor in relation to the financial statements of the Central Bank of Liberia.

### **NATURE OF BUSINESS/FUNCTIONS**

The Central Bank shall have functional independence, power and authority to:

1. issue legal tender banknotes and coins;
2. administer the currency laws and regulate the supply of money
3. provide credit to bank-financial institutions on a discretionary basis;
4. act as fiscal agent for the Government;
5. administer the New Financial Institutions Act of 1999 and regulate banking activities;
6. regulate bank and non-bank financial institution as well as non-bank financial services institutions;
7. hold and manage the foreign exchange reserve of Liberia, including gold;
8. advise the Government on financial and economic matter;
9. conduct foreign exchange operations; and
10. play an active role in collaboration with bank-financial institutions in the creation and maintenance of efficient and safe mechanisms for payments, clearing and settlements to meet the needs of the financial markets, commerce, government agencies and the public. The Central Bank shall execute this responsibility through implementation of the proper regulations and standards, as needed.

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS ON THE CENTRAL BANK OF LIBERIA  
(CBL) (CONTINUED)**

**GOVERNORS AND GOVERNMENT INTEREST**

The statement of responsibility of the Board of Governors of the Bank is set out on page 5. The Board of Governors of the Bank does not have any interest in contracts entered into by the Bank.

**Financial results**

The financial results for the year are set out below:

	<b>2010</b> <b><u>LS'000'</u></b>	2009 <u>LS'000'</u>
Operating (loss)/profit attributed to shareholder to which is added balance on general reserves	(532,509)	74,667
account brought forward of	<b>3,817,416</b>	2,219,387
Other comprehensive income	<b><u>206,554</u></b>	<u>1,523,362</u>
leaving a balance on general reserve account to be carried forward of	<b><u>3,491,461</u></b>	<u>3,817,416</u>

Signed on behalf of the Board by:

**J. Mills Jones**

**John G. Bestman**

**Executive Governor and Chairman of the Board**

**Governor**

**April ..... 2011**

**April ..... 2011**

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR  
TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF LIBERIA**

**REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Central Bank of Liberia set out on pages 8 to 64. These financial statements comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2010, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

**Board of Governors' responsibility for the financial statements**

The Board of Governors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and for such internal control, as the Governors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditor's responsibility**

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 comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

**Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of Central Bank of Liberia as at December 31, 2010 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

**Chartered Accountants**

**April..... 2011**

**Accra, Ghana**

**Statement of comprehensive income**

*(All amounts in thousands of Liberian Dollars unless otherwise stated)*

	Note	Year ended	
		December-31	
		2010	2009
Interest income	6	541,713	561,258
Interest expenses	6(i)	(38,493)	(8,694)
<b>Net interest income</b>		<b>503,220</b>	<b>552,564</b>
Fees and commissions	7	184,968	192,472
Other income	8	51,660	37,796
<b>Operating income</b>		<b>739,848</b>	<b>782,832</b>
Administrative expenses	9	(944,760)	(505,222)
Other operating expenses	10	(327,597)	(203,757)
Impairment release on non-financial assets	11	-	814
<b>Net operating (loss)/profit attributable to shareholder transferred to general reserve account</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>(532,509)</b>	<b>74,667</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income and expenses:</b>			
Actuarial (loss)/gain on defined benefit pension plan	31	(41,631)	22,970
Exchange difference on translation to presentation currency		248,185	1,500,392
<b>Other comprehensive loss/income for the year</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>206,554</b>	<b>1,523,362</b>
<b>Total comprehensive loss/gain transferred to general reserve account</b>		<b>(325,955)</b>	<b>1,598,029</b>

The notes on pages 12 to 64 are integral part of these financial statements

**Statement of financial position**

(All amounts in thousands of Liberian Dollars unless otherwise stated)

	Note	As at	
		December 31	
		2010	2009
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and balances with Central Banks	12	11,935,787	10,217,291
Cash and balances with commercial banks	13	2,950,282	2,031,087
Loans and advances to banks	14	357,500	37,489
Loans and advances to Government of Liberia	15	14,116,647	13,653,539
Investment securities:Held-to-maturity	16	4,069,808	488,998
Staff loans	17	34,500	17,541
Intangible assets	19	1,350	9,315
Investment property	20	20,020	19,740
Property,machinery and equipment	21	484,569	469,380
Other assets	22	415,844	343,986
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>34,386,307</b>	<b>27,288,366</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Notes in circulation	23	5,550,742	4,583,438
Deposits from banks	24	7,328,812	5,060,310
Other deposits	25	6,783	19,706
Deposits of GOL and Agencies	26	7,620,881	4,146,696
Other borrowed funds	27	810,038	482,757
Commercial bank loan	28	958,073	906,032
Other liabilities	29	566,733	350,874
Provident fund	30	63,472	47,740
Retirement benefit obligations	31	390,725	274,810
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>23,296,259</b>	<b>15,872,363</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Share capital	32	7,598,587	7,598,587
General reserve	33	3,491,461	3,817,416
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>11,090,048</b>	<b>11,416,003</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>		<b>34,386,307</b>	<b>27,288,366</b>

The financial statements on pages 8 to 64 were approved by the Board of Governors on April.....2011, and signed on its behalf by:

Name of Governor:..... Name of Governor:.....

Signature:..... Signature:.....

The notes on pages 12 to 64 are integral part of these financial statements

**Statement of Changes in Equity**

*(All amounts in thousands of Liberian Dollars unless otherwise stated)*

	<u>Stated Capital</u>	<u>General Reserve</u>	<u>Total Equity</u>
<b>Balance at January 1, 2010</b>	<b>7,598,587</b>	<b>3,817,416</b>	<b>11,416,003</b>
Loss for the year	-	(532,509)	<b>(532,509)</b>
Acturial loss		(41,631)	<b>(41,631)</b>
Exchange difference on translation to presentation currency	-	248,185	<b>248,185</b>
Total comprehensive Loss	-	(325,955)	<b>(325,955)</b>
<b>Balance at December 31, 2010</b>	<b>7,598,587</b>	<b>3,491,461</b>	<b>11,090,048</b>
<b>Balance at January 1, 2009</b>	<b>7,598,587</b>	<b>2,219,387</b>	<b>9,817,974</b>
Profit for the year	-	74,667	<b>74,667</b>
Acturial gain	-	22,970	<b>22,970</b>
Exchange difference on translation to presentation currency	-	1,500,392	<b>1,500,392</b>
Total comprehensive income	-	1,598,029	<b>1,598,029</b>
<b>Balance at December 31, 2009</b>	<b>7,598,587</b>	<b>3,817,416</b>	<b>11,416,003</b>

**The notes on pages 12 to 64 are integral part of these financial statements**

**Statement of Cash Flows**

*(All amounts in thousands of Liberian Dollars unless otherwise stated)*

	Note	As at	
		December 2010	December 2009
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Interest received		260,086	240,267
Fees and commission receipts	7	184,968	192,472
Other income received		50,578	37,796
Payments to employees and suppliers		(859,791)	(706,342)
Exchange difference on translation to presentation currency		96,118	495,448
<b>Cash generated from operations before changes in operating assets and liabilities:</b>		<b>(268,041)</b>	<b>259,641</b>
Loans and advances to banks	14	(320,011)	(37,489)
Other assets	22	(71,859)	(25,923)
Notes in circulation	23	967,305	424,254
Deposits from banks and others	24,25	2,255,579	1,035,222
Deposits of GOL and agencies	26	3,474,185	1,645,410
Other liabilities	29	215,858	(59,888)
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>		<b>6,253,017</b>	<b>3,241,227</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Proceeds from sale of machinery & equipment	21	1,083	725
Purchase of machinery and equipment	21	(44,887)	(62,541)
Investment security	16	(3,571,521)	-
Loans and advances to GOL - long term	15	-	234,636
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		<b>(3,615,325)</b>	<b>172,820</b>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>2,637,691</b>	<b>3,414,047</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at January 1	34	12,248,378	8,834,331
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at December 31</b>		<b>14,886,069</b>	<b>12,248,378</b>

The notes on pages 12 to 64 are integral part of these financial statements

## **Notes to the financial statements**

### **1. General information**

The Central Bank of Liberia (CBL) is the Central Bank of the Republic of Liberia and is incorporated under an Act of Legislature of March 18, 1999. The Board of Governors and other officers of the Central Bank officially took office on October 20, 1999. The Central Bank of Liberia is the successor in business to the erstwhile National Bank of Liberia and took over its functions, assets and liabilities. The address of its registered office is Central Bank of Liberia, P.O. Box 2048, Monrovia, Liberia. The principal activities of the Central Bank have been stated under note 1.5 below.

#### **1.1 Share Capital**

The minimum authorized capital of the Central Bank is L\$400 million. The amount may be increased by an amendment to the Act, as shall be proposed to the National Legislature by the Board of Governors of the Central Bank per the provisions of the Act the Central Bank is required to have a minimum paid-up capital of L\$100 million.

#### **1.2 Subscribed Capital**

The Government of Liberia (GOL) in October 1999 contributed to the share capital of the CBL through the issuance of promissory notes for L\$200 million (equivalent to US\$ 5 million at the exchange rate at the time of issue).

#### **1.3 Paid-up capital**

The consideration for the paid-up capital was the net book value of assets and liabilities taken over from the National Bank of Liberia (NBL) on the establishment of the CBL. The net worth of the erstwhile National Bank of Liberia (NBL) was L\$7.3 billion. (note 32). The principal assets which underlie the capital transfer of L\$7.3 billion are two long-term loans denominated in L\$ and US\$ due from the Government of Liberia. The amounts are a result of transactions between the Government and the former National Bank of Liberia prior to the formation of the Central Bank of Liberia.

#### **1.4 Ownership**

In keeping with the relevant provision of the Act, all paid-up capital shall be subscribed to and held exclusively by the Government of Liberia (GOL). No reduction of capital shall be effected except by amendment of the legislative Act which created the CBL.

**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

**1. General information (continued)**

**1.5 Functions of the Central Bank**

The principal objectives of the Bank, as set out in the Act, are to issue legal tender banknotes and coins; to administer the currency laws and regulate the supply of money; to provide credit to bank-financial institutions on a discretionary basis; to act as fiscal agent for the Government; to administer the New Financial Institution Act (FIA) of 1999 and regulate banking activities; to regulate bank and non-bank financial institutions, as well as non-bank financial services institutions; to hold and manage the foreign exchange reserves of Liberia, including gold; to advise the Government on financial and economic matters; to conduct foreign exchange operations; and to play an active role in collaboration with bank-financial institutions in the creation and maintenance of efficient and safe mechanisms for payments, clearing and settlements to meet the needs of the financial markets, commerce, government agencies and the general public.

**1.6 Powers of the Central Bank**

The powers of the Central Bank of Liberia include but are not limited to supervision of banks/financial institutions, non-bank financial institutions and authorized non-bank financial service dealers and brokers; formulation and implementation of monetary policies; handling of external banking affairs of the Government; determination of an appropriate foreign exchange regime, formulation and implementation of foreign exchange policy, holding and managing foreign exchange reserves; and management of aggregate credit in the economy by indirect means, by loan securitization, purchase and sale of securities, transactions in derivatives and foreign exchange, and through the establishment of required reserves of the commercial banks under its jurisdiction.

**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

**2. Summary of significant accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

**2.1 Basis of preparation**

The Bank's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investment properties which have been measured at fair value and financial assets and liabilities which are initially recognised at fair value.

The disclosures on risks from financial instruments are presented in the financial risk management report contained in Note 3.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgement in the process of applying the Bank's accounting policies. Changes in assumptions may have a significant impact on the financial statements in the period the assumptions changed. The directors believe that the underlying assumptions are appropriate and that the Bank's financial statements therefore present the financial position and results fairly. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in Note 4.

**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

**2. Summary of significant accounting policies**

**2.1 Basis of preparation**

**2.1.1 Changes in accounting policy and disclosures**

(a) New and amended standards adopted by the Bank

The amendments to existing standards below that are part of the Annual Improvements Project 2009 are relevant to the Bank's operations:

<b>Standard</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Applicable for financial year beginning on/after</b>
IAS 1	Presentation of financial statements	1 January 2010
IAS 17	Leases	1 January 2010
IAS 36	Impairment of Assets	1 January 2010

- IAS 1, 'Presentation of financial statements'. The amendment clarifies that the potential settlement of a liability by the issue of equity is not relevant to its classification as current or non-current. By amending the definition of current liability, the amendment permits a liability to be classified as non-current provided that the entity has an unconditional right to defer settlement by transfer of cash or other assets for at least 12 months after the accounting period. The application of the amendment does not have a significant impact on the Bank's financial statements.
- IAS 17, 'Leases. The amendment clarifies that when a lease includes both land and buildings elements, an entity shall assess the classification of each element as a finance or an operating lease separately. The application of the amendment does not have a significant impact on the Bank's financial statements.
- IAS 36, 'Impairment of Assets'. The amendment clarifies that the largest cash-generating unit (or group of units) to which goodwill should be allocated for the purposes of impairment testing is an operating segment, as defined by paragraph 5 of IFRS 8, 'Operating Segments' (that is, before the aggregation of segments with similar economic characteristics). The application of the amendment does not have a significant impact on the Bank's financial statements

**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

**2. Summary of significant accounting policies**

**2.1 Basis of preparation**

**2.1.1 Changes in accounting policy and disclosures**

(b) New and amended standards, and interpretations mandatory for the financial year beginning 1 January 2010 but not relevant to the Bank:

<b>Standard/ Interpretation</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Applicable for financial years beginning on/after</b>
IFRS 1	First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards - Additional exemptions for first-time adopters	1 July 2009
IFRS 2 (amended)	Share-based payment – Group cash-settled share-based payment transaction	1 January 2010
IFRS 2	Share-based Payment (part of Annual Improvement Project 2009) - Scope of IFRS 2 and revised IFRS 3	1 July 2009
IFRS 3	Business combinations	1 July 2009
IFRS 5	Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations (part of Annual Improvement Project 2009) – Disclosures of non-current assets (or disposal groups) classified as held for sale or discontinued operations	1 January 2010
IAS 27 (revised)	Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements	1 July 2009
IAS 38	Intangible assets (part of Annual Improvement Project 2009) – Additional consequential amendments arising from revised IFRS 3	1 July 2009
IAS 39	Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement (part of Annual Improvement Project 2009) – (i) Treating loan prepayment penalties as closely related embedded derivatives (ii) Scope exemption for business combination contracts	1 January 2010  30 June 2009
IFRIC 9 & IAS 39	Reassessment of embedded derivatives & Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement	
IFRIC 17	Distribution of non-cash assets to owners	1 July 2009
IFRIC 18	Transfers of assets from customers	1 July 2009
IFRS 8	Operating Segments	1 January 2010

**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

**2. Summary of significant accounting policies**

**2.1 Basis of preparation**

**2.1.1 Changes in accounting policy and disclosures**

(c) Standards and interpretations issued but not yet effective

The following new standards, amendments to existing standards and interpretations have been issued and are mandatory for the Bank's accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2011 or later periods and are not expected to be relevant to the Bank, except for IFRS 9 and IAS 24.

<b>Standard/ Interpretation</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Applicable for financial years beginning on/after</b>
IFRS 1 (amended)	First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards – Limited exemption from comparative IFRS 7 disclosures for first-time adopters	1 July 2010
IFRS 9	Financial instruments part 1: Classification and measurement	1 January 2013
IAS 24 (amended)	Related party disclosures	1 January 2011
IAS 32 (amended)	Financial instruments: Presentation – Classification of rights issue	1 February 2010
IFRIC 14 (amended)	IAS 19 – The limit on a defined benefit asset, minimum funding requirement and their interaction	1 January 2011
IFRIC 19	Extinguishing Financial Liabilities with Equity Instruments	1 July 2010

• **IFRS 9, 'Financial instruments part 1: Classification and measurement' and part 2: Financial liabilities and De-recognition of financial instruments**

- IFRS 9, part 1 was issued in November 2009 and replaces those parts of IAS 39 relating to the classification and measurement of financial assets. Key features are as follows:
  - Financial assets are required to be classified into two measurement categories: those to be measured subsequently at fair value, and those to be measured subsequently at amortised cost. The decision is to be made at initial recognition. The classification depends on the entity's business model for managing its financial instruments and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the instrument.
  - An instrument is subsequently measured at amortised cost only if it is a debt instrument and both the objective of the entity's business model is to hold the asset to collect the contractual cash flows, and the asset's contractual cash flows represent only payments of principal and interest (that is, it has only 'basic loan features'). All other debt instruments are to be measured at fair value through profit or loss.

**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

**2. Summary of significant accounting policies**

**2.1 Basis of preparation**

**2.1.1 Changes in accounting policy and disclosures**

(c) Standards and interpretations issued but not yet effective (continued)

• **IFRS 9, ‘Financial instruments part 1: Classification and measurement’ and part 2: Financial liabilities and De-recognition of financial instruments (continued)**

- All equity instruments are to be measured subsequently at fair value. Equity instruments that are held for trading will be measured at fair value through profit or loss. For all other equity investments, an irrevocable election can be made at initial recognition, to recognise unrealised and realised fair value gains and losses through other comprehensive income rather than profit or loss. There is to be no recycling of fair value gains and losses to profit or loss. This election may be made on an instrument-by-instrument basis. Dividends are to be presented in profit or loss, as long as they represent a return on investment.
- While adoption of IFRS 9 is mandatory from 1 January 2013, earlier adoption is permitted. The Bank is considering the implications of the Standard, the impact on the Bank and the timing of its adoption by the Bank.
- IFRS 9, part 2 was issued in October 2010 and includes guidance on financial liabilities and derecognition of financial instruments. The accounting and presentation of financial liabilities and for derecognising financial instruments has been relocated from IAS 39, ‘Financial instruments: Recognition and Measurement’, without change except for financial liabilities that are designated at fair value through profit or loss.
- Under the new standard, entities with financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss recognise changes in the liability’s credit risk directly in other comprehensive income. There is no subsequent recycling of the amounts in other comprehensive income to profit or loss, but accumulated gains or losses may be transferred within equity.

▪ **Improvements to IFRS**

‘Improvements to IFRS’ were issued in May 2010. The amendments that are relevant to the Bank’s operations relate to: IFRS 7, ‘Financial Instruments: Disclosures’ and IAS 1, ‘Presentation of financial statements’. Most of the amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2011 with early application permitted.

IFRS 7, ‘Financial Instruments: Disclosures’. The amendment emphasises the interaction between quantitative and qualitative disclosures about the nature and extent of risks associated with financial instruments.

IAS 1, ‘Presentation of financial statements’. The amendment clarifies that an entity must present an analysis of other comprehensive income for each component of equity, either in the statement of changes in equity or in the notes to the financial statements.

(d) Early adoption of standards

The Bank did not early-adopt new or amended standards in 2010.

**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

**2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

**2.2. Foreign currency translation (continued)**

**a) Functional and presentation currency**

Both the Liberian Dollar (L\$) and the United States Dollar (US\$) are legal tender in Liberia and circulate freely in the country alongside each other. Although, transactions are carried out in both currencies, the majority of the Central Bank's transactions are currently denominated in United States Dollars (US\$). Accordingly, the Central Bank considers the United States Dollars as its functional currency for the purpose of IFRS. The financial statements are presented in Liberian Dollars (L\$), which is the Central Bank's presentation currency. This is in keeping with requirements of Part V Section 19 of the Central Bank of Liberia Act of 1999.

**b) Transactions and balances**

Foreign currency and Liberia dollar transactions are converted into the functional currency (US\$) using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. At the reporting date monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the functional currency, are translated into the functional currency at period end rates. Non-monetary assets and liabilities are translated at historic rates. Exchange differences resulting from this conversion and translation are recognized in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. For reporting purposes all assets and liabilities are translated from the functional currency into the presentation currency at their respective year-end exchange rates, and income and expenses are translated at their average rates. Exchange differences resulting from translation into the reporting currency are recognized in other comprehensive income.

**2.3 Property, machinery and equipment**

**(a) Cost or Valuation**

Property, machinery and equipment is recorded at historical costs or revalued amounts, as described below, less accumulated depreciation in accordance with IAS 16.

Historical cost includes expenditures directly attributable to the acquisition of the Property, machinery and equipment which comprise land, work-in-progress (building under construction), leasehold improvements, motor vehicles, furniture, generators and office equipments. Subsequent costs are included in the assets carrying amount or recognized as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the CBL and the cost of the item can be measured reliably.

**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

**2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

**2.3 Property, machinery and equipment (continued)**

**(a) Cost or Valuation**

The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognized. All other repairs and maintenance costs are charged to the statement of comprehensive income and expenses during the financial period in which they are incurred. Property, machinery and equipment that are depreciable are depreciated on a straight-line basis.

Land and buildings are shown at fair value, based on periodic, but at least triennial valuations by external independent valuer, less subsequent depreciation for building. Revaluations are required with sufficient regularity to ensure that the carrying amount of an asset does not differ materially from that which would be determined using fair value at the reporting period date.

**(b) Depreciation**

Land is not depreciated. It is stated at cost.

WIP (Building) is not depreciated. It is stated at cost less impairment losses.

Depreciation on other assets is calculated using the straight-line basis to allocate their cost or revalued amounts to their residual values over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

Leasehold improvements: over the life of the lease

Equipment: three (3) years

Motor Vehicles: four (4) years

Furniture & fittings: six (6) years

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each Balance sheet date. Gains and losses on disposals of property, machinery and equipment are determined by comparing the net disposal proceeds with the carrying amount of the item and are recognized within "Other (losses)/gains – net" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

**2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

**2.4 Investment property**

An investment property is a land or building-or part of a building, or both, held by the owner or by the lessee under a finance lease to earn rentals or for capital appreciation, or both, rather than for use in the production or supply of goods or services, or for administrative purposes, or for sale in the ordinary course of business. The property is a building situated in Virginia, Montserrado County, and is not occupied by the CBL. The CBL intends to use the building to earn rental or for capital appreciation purposes, although, the property is not currently rented out.

The CBL revised its policy from the cost model and has adopted the fair value model in accordance with IAS 40 to account for its investment property. The bank considers that the new policy gives a fairer presentation of Investment Property. Fair value is the price at which the property could be exchanged between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction. The property is stated at fair value, determined at balance sheet date by an independent valuer based on market evidence. Changes in fair value are recognized in profit or loss in the period in which they arise. The asset's useful life is reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each Statement of Financial Position date at least triennially.

Gains and losses on disposals of investment property are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amounts. These are included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

**2.5 Intangible assets**

The CBL has adopted the cost model in accounting for its intangible assets in accordance with IAS 38. On initial recognition, intangible assets are recognized at cost. Intangible assets consist of BankMaster Plus software acquired externally and used by the CBL. The costs of the BankMaster Plus software include acquisition, installation and other major costs associated with getting the software ready for use. Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the CBL and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. These costs are amortized on the basis of the expected useful lives of the software estimated at 3 years, using the straight-line method. Costs associated with maintaining software programs are recognized as an expense when incurred. Intangible assets are carried at cost less accumulated amortization.

**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

**2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

**2.6 Impairment of non-financial assets**

Assets that are subject to amortization are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognized for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of the assets' fair value (less costs to sell) and value in use. Non-financial assets that suffered impairment are reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

**2.7 Financial assets classification**

The CBL classifies its financial assets in the following categories: loans and receivables and held-to-maturity investments. The CBL determines the classification of its investments at initial recognition.

**a) Loans and receivables**

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They arise when the CBL provides money, goods or services directly to a debtor with no intention of trading the receivable.

**b) Held-to-maturity financial assets**

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturities. They comprise: (i) loan notes issued by the Government of Liberia. The terms of these loan notes were renegotiated with the GOL in July 2007. The agreement requires the CBL to hold this instrument until redeemed by the GOL. Hence, the CBL has classified the instruments as held-to-maturity. (ii) United States Treasury Bills which form part of the CBL's international reserve. The CBL has the intention and ability to hold these to maturity, which is typically 6 months. Accordingly the CBL has classified these as held to maturity.

**Recognition and measurement of financial instruments**

The CBL measures its financial assets initially at fair value including transaction costs. Subsequently, all non-trading financial assets are measured at amortized cost, less impairment losses, while financial liabilities are measured at amortized cost. Amortized cost is calculated using the effective interest rate method. Premiums and discounts, including initial transaction costs, are included in the carrying amount of the related instrument and amortized based on the effective interest rate of the instrument.

**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

**2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

**2.7 Financial assets classification (continued)**

**Recognition and measurement of financial instruments (continued)**

Financial assets and liabilities are recognized when the CBL becomes a party to the contractual provisions of an instrument. Financial assets are derecognized when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or where the CBL has substantially transferred all the risk and rewards of ownership. Financial liabilities are derecognized when they are extinguished—that is, when the obligation is discharged, cancelled or expired.

**2.8 Offsetting financial instruments**

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the balance sheet when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the amounts recognized and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. Currently, the CBL does not have any contractual or legal right to offset any financial asset and liability.

**2.9 Cash and Cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents includes US dollars banknotes in operational vault, deposits held with banks; loans and advances to banks, amounts due from other banks and short-term highly liquid government securities (if any).

**2.10 Employees' benefits**

**a) Pension obligations**

The Bank operates an unfunded pension scheme. The liability is determined by periodic actuarial assumptions under a defined benefit pension plan. 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 retirement age, years of service and final year compensation. The liability recognized in the statement of financial position in respect of a defined benefit retirement scheme is the present value of the defined benefit obligation in respect of past service at the Statement of Financial Position date, adjusted by unrecognized actuarial gains or losses and past service costs. The defined benefit obligation is calculated annually by independent actuaries using the projected unit credit method. In the absence of any high quality bonds in Liberia, the present value of the defined benefit obligation is determined by discounting the projected cash outflows using the average rates of return on US corporate bonds, since the obligation is quoted in United States dollars.

**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

**2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

**2.10 Employees' benefits (continued)**

Actuarial gains and losses from experience adjustments and changes in assumptions are charged to other comprehensive Income in the period in which they arise. Past service costs are recognized in administrative expenses in profit or loss, unless the changes to the pension plan are conditional on the employee remaining in service for a specified period of time. In this case past-service costs are amortized on a straight-line basis over the vesting period.

For defined contribution plans, CBL pays contributions (i.e. social security contributions) to publicly administered pension insurance on a mandatory, contractual or voluntary basis. The CBL has no further payment contributions once the contributions have been paid. The contributions are recognized as employee benefit expense when due.

**2.11 Provisions**

Provisions, including any restructuring, redundancy and legal claims are recognized: when the CBL has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events; and it is more likely than not that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation; and the amount can be reliably estimated. Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligation as a whole.

A provision is recognized even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligation may be small. Provisions are measured at the present value of the expenditures expected to be required to settle the obligation using a rate that reflects current market assessment of the time value of money and the risks specific to the obligation.

**2.12 Revenue recognition**

**a) Interest income and expense**

Interest income and expense for all interest-bearing financial instruments are recognized within 'interest income' and 'interest expense' in the Statement of Comprehensive Income using the effective interest method. The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortized cost of a financial asset or financial liability and of allocating the interest income or interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts the estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument or when appropriate, a shorter period of the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability.

**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

**2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

**2.10 Revenue recognition (continued)**

**a) Interest income and expense (continued)**

The CBL derives its interest income principally from the GOL long-term loans and investment security and its deposits with foreign banks and holdings with US Treasury Bills. Interest expense is derived principally from interest accrued on loan from a commercial bank.

**b) Fees and commission income**

Fees and commissions are generally recognized on an accrual basis when the service has been provided. Commission and fees arising from negotiating, or participating in the negotiation of, a transaction for a third party, are recognized on completion of the underlying transaction.

**2.13 Impairment of financial assets**

**a) Assets carried at amortized cost**

The CBL assesses annually at each reporting date whether there is objective evidence that loans and receivables and held-to-maturity financial assets are impaired. A financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired and impairment losses are incurred only if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that occurred after initial recognition of the asset and that loss event has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial assets that can be reliably measured. The criteria that the CBL uses to determine that there is objective evidence of impairment include:

- Delinquency in contractual payments of principal or interest;
- Cash flow difficulties experienced by the borrower;
- Breach of loan covenants or conditions; and
- Initiation of bankruptcy proceedings.

The estimated period between a loss occurring and its identification is determined by management. In general, the periods used vary between six months and twelve months; in exceptional cases, longer periods are warranted. The Bank first assesses whether objective evidence of impairment exist individually for financial assets that are individually significant, and collectively for financial assets that are not individually significant.

**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

**2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

**2.13 Impairment of financial assets (continued)**

**a) Assets carried at amortized cost (continued)**

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss on these assets has been incurred, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the assets carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at such financial assets' respective original effective interest rate. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of an allowance account and the amount of the loss is recognized in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. For the purpose of collective evaluation of impairment, financial assets are grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Those characteristics are relevant to the estimation of future cash flows for group of such assets by being indicative of the debtor's ability to pay all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the assets being evaluated. Future cash flows in a group of financial assets that are collectively evaluated for impairment are estimated on the basis of the contractual cash flows of the assets in the group.

When a loan is uncollectible, it is written off against the related provision for loan impairment. Such loans are written off after all the necessary procedures have been completed and the amount of the loss has been determined. If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognized, the previously recognized impairment loss is reversed by adjusting the allowance account. The amount of the reversal is recognized in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

**b) Renegotiated loans**

Loans that are subject to impairment assessment and whose terms have been renegotiated are no longer considered to be past due but are treated as new loans.

**Donated assets**

The CBL has assets, principally computer equipment and software, whose acquisition was financed, in whole or in part, by donors. The CBL has included the costs of such assets in the financial statements. These assets are depreciated according to the policies adopted for equivalent assets purchased by the CBL. The donations have been reflected under deferred income and amortized over the lives of the donated assets using the straight-line method in conformity with IAS 20.

**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

**2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

**2.15 Deferred currency cost-Liberian banknotes**

Printing costs on currency are amortized when they are put into circulation using a weighted average method. Unissued Liberian Dollar notes at the Statement of Financial Position date are treated as an inventory item at their cost of production. All other costs relating to the production of notes are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

**2.16 Currency in circulation**

Currency issued by the CBL represents a claim on the Central Bank in favour of the holder. The liability in respect of notes and coins in issue at the Statement of Financial Position date is stated at the nominal value of the currency. Liberian dollar notes held by the CBL are not in circulation and accordingly are not liabilities or assets of the Central Bank.

**2.17 Leases**

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

The leases entered into by the CBL relate to its main offices and other locations in Monrovia and other parts of the country. Any major costs or losses relating to these leased buildings and other leased properties would fall on the CBL. Major repairs incurred on the building are accounted for as leasehold improvements and amortized over the life of the lease. The significant leases entered into by the CBL are operating leases where the CBL is the lessee. The lease agreements specify options for renewal. Per the lease agreements a substantial portion of the risks is transferred to the CBL, but all of the rewards are substantially transferred to the lessor (s). The total payments made under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease in conformity with IAS 17.

When an operating lease is terminated before the lease period has expired, any payment required to be made to the lessor by way of penalty is recognized as an expense in the period in which termination takes place. The leases entered into by the CBL relate to its main offices and other locations in Monrovia and other parts of the country. Any major costs or losses relating to these leased buildings and other leased properties would fall on the CBL. Major repairs incurred on the building are accounted for as leasehold improvements and amortized over the life of the lease.

**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

**2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

**2.18 Leasehold improvements**

This involves the improvements to various properties that are leased by the CBL. The various lease agreements all specified options for renewal (capital leases). The lease period normally covers from 1-10 years. Costs associated with the lease include initial rental repayments, cost of improvements, renovations, and all other costs incurred in getting the property ready for use. Said cost is amortized over the life of the lease. Subsequently, annual rental payments are capitalized to a prepaid rent account and amortized accordingly.

**2.19 Comparatives**

Where necessary comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation and accounting policies in the current year consequent to the adoption of IFRS.

**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

**2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

**3. Financial Risk Management**

The Central Bank's activities expose it to limited financial risks and those activities involve the analysis, evaluation, acceptance and management of some degree of risks. Taking risk is core to financial business, and the operational risks are an inevitable consequence of being in business. The Central Bank's aim is therefore to achieve an appropriate balance between risk and reward intended to minimize potential adverse effects on the Central Bank's financial performance, taking into account its role in policy-oriented activities.

The Central Bank's risk management policies are designed to identify and analyze these risks, to set appropriate risk limits and controls, and to monitor the risks and adherence to limits by means of reliable and up-to-date information systems. The most important types of risks are credit risk, liquidity risk, market risk and other operational risk. Market risks include foreign exchange risk and interest rate risk.

**3.1. Credit risk**

The Central Bank takes on exposure to credit risk, which is the risk that counterparty will cause a financial loss for the CBL by failing to discharge an obligation. Credit risk is the most important risk for the CBL. Hence, the CBL carefully manages its exposure to credit risk. Credit exposure arises principally in lending activities.

**Loans and advances**

In measuring credit risk of loan and advances to GOL and to commercial banks at a counterparty level, the Central Bank considers the 'probability of default' by the client or counterparty on its contractual obligations. Exposure at default is based on the amount the Central Bank expects to be owed at the time of default.

**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

**3. Financial Risk Management (continued)**

**3.1 Credit risk (continued)**

**3.1.2. Risk limit control and mitigation policy**

The Central Bank manages limits and controls concentration of credit risk wherever they are identified. Exposure to credit risk is managed through regular analysis of the ability of the borrowers to meet interest and capital repayment obligations.

Specific control and mitigation measures include:

**Collateral**

The Central Bank employs policies and practices to mitigate credit risk. The most traditional of these is the taking of security for advances. The CBL implements guidelines on the acceptability of specific classes of collateral or other credit risk mitigation. The principal collateral for loans and advances includes provident fund, life insurance, and property deeds for staff loans.

**3.1.3. Impairment and provisioning policy**

Impairment provisions are recognized for financial reporting purposes only for losses that have been incurred at the Statement of Financial Position date based on objective evidence of impairment.

Due to the different methodologies applied, the amount of incurred loss provided for in the financial statements is usually lower than the amount determined from the expected loss as the provisions are discounted to reflect the time value of money.

**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

**3. Financial Risk Management (continued)**

**3.1. Credit risk (continued)**

**3.1.3. Impairment and provisioning policy (continued)**

The table below shows the gross (undiscounted) amounts of CBL's loans and advances analyzed by type and performance and less impairment:

	December 31, 2010			December 31, 2009		
	Loans and advances to GOL L\$000	Loans and advances to Staff L\$000	Balances with Federal Reserve Bank & Comm. Banks L\$000	Loans and advances to GOL L\$000	Loans and advances to Staff L\$000	Balances with Federal Reserve Bank & Comm. Banks L\$000
Neither past due nor impaired	18,186,454	34,500	15,243,569	14,142,537	17,541	12,285,867
Past due but not impaired	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individually impaired	-	629	-	-	2,282	-
<b>Gross</b>	<b>18,186,454</b>	<b>35,129</b>	<b>15,243,569</b>	<b>14,142,537</b>	<b>19,823</b>	<b>12,285,867</b>
Less: allowance for impairment	-	(629)	-	-	(2,282)	-
Carrying value	18,186,454	34,500	15,243,569	14,142,537	17,541	12,285,867

During the period ended December 31, 2010, the Central Bank's total loans and advances increased by 22% mainly as result of reduction in loans and advances granted to banks.

**(a) Loans and advances past due but not impaired**

Loan and advances less than 15 days past due are not considered impaired, unless other information is available to indicate the contrary.

**Loans and advances to banks**

The individually impaired loans and advances to staff before taking into consideration the cash flow from collateral held has been disclosed in the table below:

	December 31, 2010			December 31, 2009		
	Loans and advances to GOL L\$000	Loans and advances to Staff L\$000	Balances with Central Bank & Comm. Banks L\$000	Loans and advances to GOL L\$000	Loans and advances to Staff L\$000	Balances with Central Bank & Comm. Banks L\$000
Individually impaired	-	629	-	-	2,282	-

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

3. Financial Risk Management (continued)

3.1. Credit risk (continued)

3.1.3. Impairment and provisioning policy (continued)

(b) Loans and advances individually impaired (continued)

Concentration of credit exposures of financial assets

	Grouping	31 December 2010		31 December 2009	
		L\$'000'	% of financial assets	L\$'000'	% of financial assets
Cash and balances with central banks	I	11,935,787	35.58	10,217,291	38.42
Cash and balances with commercial banks	I	2,950,282	8.79	2,031,087	7.64
Loans, advances and overdraft to operating Bank	I	357,500	1.07	37,489	0.14
Staff loans	I	34,500	0.09	17,541	0.07
Loans and advances to GOL	II	14,116,647	42.09	13,653,539	51.36
Investment security(HTM)	II	4,069,808	12.13	488,998	1.84
Other assets	I	69,781	0.20	137,718	0.52
		<u>33,534,305</u>	100.00	<u>26,583,663</u>	100.00

Credit quality of financial assets that are neither past due nor impaired

Category	31 December 2010	31 December 2009
Group I	15,347,850	12,441,126
Group II	18,186,455	14,142,537
Total	<u>33,534,305</u>	<u>26,583,663</u>

**Group 1**

These are existing customers (more than 6 months) with no defaults in the past. Counterparties in this group include other central banks, commercial banks, employees (staff loans) and other assets.

**Group II**

These are existing customers (more than 6 months) with some defaults in the past. All defaults were fully recovered by means of accrued interest capitalization, re-negotiation of loans and cash settlement. This group is mainly composed of loans to the Government of Liberia and other Agencies of Government.

**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

**3. Financial Risk Management (continued)**

**3.2. Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Central Bank is unable to meet its payment obligation associated with its financial liabilities when they fall due and to replace funds when they are withdrawn.

**3.2.1 Liquidity risk management process**

The Central Bank's liquidity management process, as carried out within the Finance Department and monitored by executive management and the Internal Audit Section includes:

- Preparing of cash-based budget and periodic variance report to ensure management of future cash flows in order to meet payment demands when they fall due;
- Managing the concentration and profile of debt maturities;
- Monitoring Statement of financial position, liquidity ratios against internal and regulatory requirements; and
- Managing the concentration and profile of asset maturities.

Monitoring and reporting take the form of cash flow measurement and projections for the next day, week and month respectively, as these are key periods for liquidity management. The basis for the projection is an analysis of the contractual maturity of the financial liabilities and the expected collection date of the financial assets.

**3.2.2. Non-derivative cash flows**

The table below presents the cash flows payable by the Central Bank under non-derivative financial liabilities by remaining contractual maturities at the Statement of financial position date.

The amounts disclosed in the table are contractual undiscounted cash outflows, whereas the Central Bank manages the inherent liquidity risk based on expected undiscounted cash inflows.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

3. Financial Risk Management (continued)

3.2 Liquidity risk (continued)

3.2.2 Non-derivative cash flows (continued)

As at 31 December 2010 (L\$'000')	Up to 3 month	3-12 months	1-5 years	Over 5 years	Total
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Notes in circulation	5,550,742	-	-	-	5,550,742
Deposits from banks (i)	1,505,229	43,522	-	5,780,061	7,328,812
Other deposits	6,783	-	-	-	6,783
Deposits of GOL and agencies	7,481,541	-	139,340	-	7,620,881
Commercial bank loan	-	106,025	410,847	483,739	1,000,611
Other borrowed funds	810,038	-	-	-	810,038
Other liabilities	561,628	-	-	-	561,628
Provident fund	63,472	-	-	-	63,472
<b>Total liabilities</b> (contractual maturity dates)	<b>15,979,433</b>	<b>149,547</b>	<b>550,187</b>	<b>6,263,800</b>	<b>22,942,967</b>
<b>Total assets</b> (expected maturity dates)	<b>18,887,633</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,500</b>	<b>14,612,172</b>	<b>33,534,305</b>

As at 31 December 2009 (L\$'000')	Up to 3 month	3-12 months	1-5 years	Over 5 years	Total
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Notes in circulation	4,583,438	-	-	-	4,583,438
Deposits from banks (i)	687,389	46,552	-	4,326,369	5,060,310
Other deposits	19,706	-	-	-	19,706
Deposits of GOL and agencies	4,003,043	-	143,653	-	4,146,696
Commercial bank loan	-	104,542	405,101	476,974	986,617
Other borrowed funds	482,757	-	-	-	482,757
Other liabilities	338,811	-	-	-	338,811
Provident fund	47,740	-	-	-	47,740
<b>Total liabilities</b> (contractual maturity dates)	<b>10,162,884</b>	<b>151,094</b>	<b>548,754</b>	<b>4,803,343</b>	<b>15,666,075</b>
<b>Total assets</b> (expected maturity dates)	<b>12,423,585</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,541</b>	<b>14,142,537</b>	<b>26,583,663</b>

(i) The reserve requirement rate changes from time to time and any amount resulting in surplus or shortfall is payable in the short term. For the purpose of this table, the reserve requirements are categorized as over 5 years.

**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

**3. Financial Risk Management (continued)**

**3.3 Market risk**

Market risks, is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risks arise from open positions in interest rate, currency and equity products, all of which are exposed to general and specific market movements and changes in the level of volatility of market rates or prices such as interest rates and foreign exchange rates.

The Central Bank's main exposure to market risk lies with its deposit held overseas which are exposed to changes in U.S dollars interest rate.

**a) Interest rate risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk that future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Central Bank takes on exposure to the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates on cash flows. Interest margins may increase as a result of such changes but may reduce losses in the event that unexpected movements arise. The Central Bank has only limited capacity to manage these risks by monitoring interest rates daily and ensuring within the limits of its policy function that its financial liabilities match the maturing profile of its financial assets.

The table below summarizes the Central Bank's exposure to interest rate risk. It includes the Central Bank's financial instruments at their carrying amounts, categorized by the earlier of contractual re-pricing or maturity date.

**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

**3. Financial Risk Management (continued)**

**3.3. Market risk (continued)**

**a) Interest rate risk (continued)**

As at December 31, 2010 (L\$000)	Up to 1 year	1-5 years	Over 5 years	Non- interest bearing	Total
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash and balances with central banks	10,696,191	-	-	1,239,596	11,935,787
Cash and balances with commercial banks	2,751,581	-	-	198,701	2,950,282
Loans, advances and overdraft to operating bank		357,500			357,500
Loans and advances to GOL	-	-	14,116,647	-	14,116,647
Investment security (HTM)	3,574,283	-	495,525	-	4,069,808
Staff loans	-	34,500	-	-	34,500
Other Assets	-	-	-	69,781	69,781
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>17,022,055</b>	<b>392,000</b>	<b>14,612,172</b>	<b>1,508,078</b>	<b>33,534,305</b>
 (L'000')					
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Notes in circulation	-	-	-	5,550,742	5,550,742
Deposits from banks	-	-	-	7,328,812	7,328,812
Other deposits		-	-	6,783	6,783
Deposits of GOL and agencies	-	-	-	7,620,881	7,620,881
Commercial bank loan	-	-	958,073		958,073
Other borrowed funds	-	-	685,316	124,722	810,038
Other liabilities	-	-	-	561,628	561,628
Provident fund		-	-	63,472	63,472
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,643,389</b>	<b>21,257,040</b>	<b>22,900,429</b>
 <b>Total interest rate repricing gap</b>	 <b>17,022,055</b>	 <b>392,000</b>	 <b>12,968,783</b>		

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

3. Financial Risk Management (continued)

3.3. Market risk (continued)

a) Interest rate risk

As at December 31, 2009 (L\$000)	Up to 1 year	1-5 years	Over 5 years	Non- interest bearing	Total
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash and balances with central banks	8,325,582	-	-	1,891,709.09	10,217,291
Cash and balances with commercial banks	1,836,402	-	-	194,685	2,031,087
Loans, advances and overdraft to operating bank	37,489	-	-	-	37,489
Loans and advances to GOL	-	-	13,653,539	-	13,653,539
Investment security (HTM)	-	-	488,998	-	488,998
Staff loans	-	17,541	-	-	17,541
Other Assets	-	-	-	137,718	137,718
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>10,199,473</b>	<b>17,541</b>	<b>14,142,537</b>	<b>2,224,112</b>	<b>26,583,663</b>
<b>(L'000')</b>					
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Notes in circulation	-	-	-	4,583,438	4,583,438
Deposits from banks	-	-	-	5,060,310	5,060,310
Other deposits	-	-	-	19,706	19,706
Deposits of GOL and agencies	-	-	-	4,146,696	4,146,696
Commercial bank loan	-	-	906,032	-	906,032
Other borrowed funds	-	-	-	482,757	482,757
Other liabilities	-	-	-	338,288	338,288
Provident fund	-	-	-	47,740	47,740
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>906,032</b>	<b>14,678,935</b>	<b>15,584,967</b>
<b>Total interest rate repricing gap</b>	<b>10,199,473</b>	<b>17,541</b>	<b>13,236,505</b>		

**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

**3. Financial Risk Management (continued)**

**3.3. Market risk (continued)**

**b) Foreign exchange risk**

The Central Bank takes on exposure to the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing foreign currency exchange rates on its financial position and cash flows. In particular it is exposed to fluctuations in the exchange rate between Liberian Dollar and United States Dollars. The table below summarizes the Central Bank's exposure to exchange rate risk at December 31, 2010. Included in the table are the Central Bank's carrying amounts, categorized by currency.

**Concentration of currency risk on financial instruments**

**Analysis of Assets and Liabilities by currency**

At December 31, 2010

	United States dollar	Euro	Liberian Dollar	Total
	L\$ (000)	L\$ (000)	L\$ (000)	L\$ (000)
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash and balances with central banks	11,935,787			11,935,787
Cash and balances with commercial banks	2,939,048	11,234	-	2,950,282
Loans and advances to Bank	357,500			357,500
Loans and advances to Government of Liberia	13,331,623		785,024	14,116,647
Investment security (held-to-maturity)	4,069,808		-	4,069,808
Staff loans	34,500		-	34,500
Other assets	67,710		2,071	69,781
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>32,735,976</b>	<b>11,234</b>	<b>787,095</b>	<b>33,534,305</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Notes in circulation	-		5,550,742	5,550,742
Deposit from banks	7,328,812		-	7,328,812
Other deposits	6,783		-	6,783
Deposits of GOL and agencies	7,620,881		-	7,620,881
Other borrowed funds	810,038		-	810,038
Commercial bank loan	958,073		-	958,073
Other liabilities	506,042		55,586	561,628
Provident fund	63,472		-	63,472
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>17,294,101</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,606,328</b>	<b>22,900,429</b>
<b>Net on statement of financial position</b>	<b>15,441,875</b>	<b>11,234</b>	<b>(4,819,233)</b>	<b>10,633,876</b>

**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

**3. Financial Risk Management (continued)**

**3.3. Market risk (continued)**

**b) Foreign exchange risk (continued)**

**Concentration of currency risk on financial instruments**

**Analysis of Assets and Liabilities by currency**

At December 31, 2009

	United States dollar	Liberian Dollar	Total
	L\$ (000)	L\$ (000)	L\$ (000)
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and balances with central banks	10,217,291		10,217,291
Cash and balances with commercial banks	2,031,087	-	2,031,087
Loans and advances to Bank	37,489	-	37,489
Loans and advances to Government of Liberia	12,888,338	765,201	13,653,539
Investment security (Held-to-maturity)	488,998	-	488,998
Staff loans	17,541	-	17,541
Other assets	135,469	2,250	137,719
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>25,816,213</b>	<b>767,451</b>	<b>26,583,664</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Notes in circulation	-	4,583,438	4,583,438
Deposit from banks	4,370,200	690,110	5,060,310
Other deposits	16	19,690	19,706
Deposits of GOL and agencies	3,234,436	912,260	4,146,696
Other borrowed funds	482,757	-	482,757
Commercial bank loan	906,032	-	906,032
Other liabilities	303,327	34,961	338,289
Provident fund	47,740	-	47,740
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>9,344,508</b>	<b>6,240,459</b>	<b>15,584,967</b>
<b>Net statement of financial position</b>	<b>16,471,705</b>	<b>(5,473,008)</b>	<b>10,998,697</b>

**c) Sensitivity analysis for "Foreign exchange risk"**

	2010			2009		
	L\$ (000)			L\$ (000)		
	Balance Dec 31	Exchange rate + 2%	Exchange rate -2%	Balance Dec.31	Exchange rate + 2%	Exchange rate -2%
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>32,735,976</b>	<b>33,390,695</b>	<b>32,081,256</b>	25,816,213	27,365,185	24,267,241
<b>movement</b>		<b>654,720</b>	<b>(654,720)</b>		1,548,972	(1,548,972)

If the Liberian Dollar depreciated by 2% against the U.S. Dollar at December 31, 2010, financial assets denominated in U.S. Dollars would have been L\$33.4 billion, L\$0.65 billion higher than the December 31, 2010 figure of L\$32.7 billion compared to L\$27.3 billion, L\$1.5 billion higher than L\$25.8 billion for December 2009. If the Liberian Dollar appreciated by 2% against the U.S. Dollar at December 31, 2010 financial assets denominated in U.S. Dollars would have been L\$32.0 billion, L\$0.65 billion lower than the December 31, 2010 figures L\$32.7 billion compared to 24.2 billion which was L\$1.5 billion lower than L\$25.8 billion for December 2009.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

3. Financial Risk Management (continued)

3.3. Market risk (continued)

c) Sensitivity analysis for foreign exchange risk (continued)

Concentration of currency risk on financial instruments

	2010			2009		
	L\$ (000)			L\$ (000)		
	Balance Dec 31	Exchange rate + 2%	Exchange rate - 2%	Balance Dec.31	Exchange rate + 2%	Exchange rate - 2%
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>17,294,101</b>	<b>17,639,984</b>	<b>16,948,216</b>	<b>9,344,508</b>	<b>9,903,780</b>	<b>8,782,597</b>
<b>movement</b>		<b>345,885</b>	<b>(345,885)</b>		<b>561,911</b>	<b>(561,911)</b>

If the financial liabilities in Liberian Dollars depreciated by 2% against the U.S Dollars on the Statement of financial position, liabilities denominated in U.S. Dollars would have been L\$17.6 billion, L\$0.34 billion higher than the December 31, 2010 figure of L\$17.3 billion as compared to 9.9 billion, L\$0.56 billion higher than L\$9.3 billion for December 2009. If the Liberian Dollar appreciated by 2% against the U.S. Dollar at December 31, 2010, financial liabilities denominated in U.S. Dollars would have been L\$16.9 billion, L\$0.30 billion lower than L\$17.3 billion at December 31, 2010 (December 31, 2009: L\$8.7 billion, L\$0.56 billion lower than L\$9.3 billion).

d) Sensitivity for “Interest rate risk

	2010			2009		
	L\$ (000)			L\$ (000)		
	Balance Dec 31	Interest rate + 1%	Interest rate - 1%	Balance Dec 31	Interest rate + 1%	Interest rate - 1%
<b>Interest income</b>	<b>541,713</b>	<b>664,021</b>	<b>419,404</b>	<b>561,258</b>	<b>665,316</b>	<b>457,200</b>
<b>movement</b>		<b>122,308</b>	<b>(122,308)</b>		<b>104,058</b>	<b>(104,058)</b>

The Interest rate risk sensitivity analysis estimates the impact that a change in interest rates would have on financial assets. If the United States Dollar interest rate on financial assets had increased by 1% (in absolute terms) at December 31, 2010 on financial assets with variable interest rates, interest and similar income would have been L\$664 million, L\$122 million higher than the December 31, 2010 of L\$541 million (December 31, 2009: L\$665 million, L\$104 million higher than L\$561 million), and if interest rate on financial assets with variable interest rates had decreased by 1% (in absolute terms) at December 31, 2010, interest and similar income would have been of L\$419 million, L\$122 million lower than the December 31, 2010 figure of L\$541 million at December 31, 2010 (December 31, 2009: L\$457 million, L\$104 million lower than L\$561 million).

**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

**3. Financial Risk Management (continued)**

**3.4. Fair value of financial assets and liabilities**

**Financial instruments not measured at fair value.**

The table below summarizes the carrying amounts and fair values of those financial assets and liabilities not presented on CBL's Statement of financial position at their fair values:

	Carrying Value		Fair Value	
	December-31		December-31	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Cash and balances with central banks	11,935,787	10,217,291	11,935,787	10,217,291
Cash and balances with commercial banks	2,950,282	2,031,087	2,950,282	2,031,087
Loans and advances operating Bank	357,500	37,489	357,500	37,489
Loans and advances to GOL	14,116,647	13,653,539	14,116,647	13,653,539
Investment securities (HTM)	4,069,808	488,998	4,069,808	488,998
Staff loans	34,500	17,541	34,500	17,541
Other assets	69,781	137,718	69,781	137,718
	<u>33,534,305</u>	<u>26,583,664</u>	<u>33,534,304</u>	<u>26,583,664</u>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>				
Notes in circulation	5,550,742	4,583,438	5,550,742	4,583,438
Deposits from Banks	7,328,812	5,060,310	7,328,812	5,060,310
Deposits of GOL and agencies	7,620,881	4,146,696	7,620,881	4,146,696
Other deposits	6,783	19,706	6,783	19,706
Other borrowed funds	810,038	482,757	810,038	482,757
Commercial bank oan	958,073	906,032	958,073	906,032
Other liabilities	561,628	338,288	561,628	338,288
Provident Fund	63,472	47,740	63,472	47,740
	<u>22,900,429</u>	<u>15,584,967</u>	<u>22,900,429</u>	<u>15,584,967</u>

**(i) Loan and advances to banks**

Loans and advances to banks include inter-bank placements and items in the course of collection.

The fair value of floating rate placements and overnight deposits is their carrying amount.

**Deposits from banks, government and agencies, and other deposits**

The estimated fair value of deposits with no stated maturity, which includes non-interest-bearing deposits, is the amount repayable on demand.

**Other borrowed funds and provident fund**

Other borrowed funds and provident fund are non-interest-bearing liabilities payable when due. The estimated fair value is the amount repayable when due.

**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

**3.5. Capital management**

The Central Bank's objective when managing capital and reserves is to safeguard the Central Bank's ability to continue as a going-concern so that it can continue to perform its functions and to maintain a strong capital base to support development of the Central Bank and to comply with the capital requirement set by the Central Bank of Liberia Act of 1999 which is set out below:

**3.5.1. Allocation of net profits**

Profits of the CBL are dealt with in terms of Part X, Section 46 of the CBL Act of 1999 as follows: Subject to subsection (4), the net profit of the Central Bank in each year shall be dealt with as follows:

(a) an allocation from net profit shall be made to the capital account of the Central Bank in such amount as shall be required to increase the authorized capital of the Central Bank to a level equivalent to at least five (5%) percent of the aggregate amount of monetary liabilities shown on the Statement of financial position of the Central Bank for the end of the fiscal year.

The aggregate amount of the monetary liabilities of the Central Bank shall be at any time the sum of

- (i) all outstanding banknotes, coins and debts securities issued by the Central Bank; and
  - (ii) the credit balances of all accounts maintained on the books of the Central Bank by account holders;
- (b) an allocation from net profit shall be made to redeem the securities issued by the Ministry of Finance to the CBL;
- (c) an allocation from net profit shall be made to the General Reserve maintained by the Central Bank in such amount as shall be required to increase the amount of the General Reserve to a level equivalent to the amount of the authorized capital of the Central Bank; the General Reserve may only be used to offset losses of the Central Bank;
- (d) any residual profit remaining after the allocations shall be allocated as follows:
- i) the preceding allocations from net profit shall be deemed to have been made entirely from net operating revenues, except that, if no operating revenues are included in net profit or after the preceding allocations have exhausted net operating revenues included in net profit, such allocations shall be deemed to have been made from net unrealized valuation gains;

**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

**3.5. Capital management (continued)**

**3.5.1. Allocation of net profits (continued)**

- ii) Residual net operating revenues, if any, shall be distributed to the National Treasury within four months after the end of the financial year, and residual net realized valuation gains if any shall be allocated to a Valuation Reserve Account maintained on the Statement of financial position of the Central Bank.

**4. Critical accounting estimates and judgements in applying accounting policies**

The CBL makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year. Estimates and judgments are continually made and evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

**a) Impairment losses on loans and advances**

The CBL reviews its loans and advances to assess for impairment on an annual basis. In determining whether an impairment loss should be recorded in the Statement of comprehensive income, the CBL makes judgments as to whether there is any observable data indicating that there is a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows of the loans. This evidence may include observable data indicating that there has been an adverse change in the payment status of borrowers, or national or local economic conditions that correlate with defaults on assets. Management uses estimates based on historical loss experience for assets with credit risk characteristics and objective evidence of impairment similar to loans of the same portfolio when determining its future cash flows. The methodology and assumptions used to estimate both the amount and timing of future cash flows are reviewed regularly to reduce any differences between estimated loss and actual loss experience.

**b) Held-to-maturity investment security**

The CBL classifies some non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturity as held-to-maturity financial assets in accordance with IAS 39. In making this judgement, the CBL has the positive intention and ability to hold such investments to maturity.

**c) Property, machinery and equipment**

Estimates of the future useful economic life have been made by management in determining depreciation rates for property machinery and equipment. Estimates have also been made by management in determining the actual recoverable amount of the uncompleted building. In making this estimate management has taken professional advice.

**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

**4. Critical accounting estimates and judgements in applying accounting policies (continued)**

**d) Investment property**

Estimates of the future useful economic lives have been made by management in determining the depreciation rates for investment property.

**e) Post employment benefits- Pension benefits**

Critical estimates have been made by management in determining the actual liability of the post-employment benefits.

The liability for post employment benefits is sensitive to the assumptions made. In Liberia there is limited data available on which to make the actuarial assessment, including the assumptions necessary. In particular details of mortality are not available and there are no long term securities to give a benchmark discount rate. Furthermore there is limited experience of staff turnover patterns at the CBL. These factors make the actuarial assumptions more than usually uncertain. Management has taken professional actuarial advice in determining the assumptions and the quantum of the liability.

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	<i>As at</i>	
	2010	2009
	L\$'000'	L\$'000'
<b>6. Net interest income</b>		
GOL loans and advances	190,756	182,062
Investment Security-held-to-maturity	49,856	47,243
Deposits and staff loans	22,236	10,962
Unwinding of discount element of credit impairment on GOL loans (notes 17)	278,865	320,991
	<u>541,713</u>	<u>561,258</u>
<b>6(i) Interest expense</b>		
Interest expense-TRADEVCO loan	38,087	8,339
Amortized cost adjustment-HTM	406	355
	<u>38,493</u>	<u>8,694</u>

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	<i>As at</i>	
	2010 L\$'000'	2009 L\$'000'
<b>7. Fees and commissions</b>		
Service fees and commissions	182,769	189,959
Foreign exchange commission	6	1,005
Notes transfer fees	2,193	1,508
	<b>184,968</b>	<b>192,472</b>
<b>8. Other income</b>		
Rental income	1,013	348
Other income-fines	6,937	1,251
Other miscellaneous income	43,710	36,197
	<b>51,660</b>	<b>37,796</b>
<b>9. Administrative expenses</b>		
Staff costs (i)	338,169	251,221
Board fees and expenses(ii)	17,289	9,576
Depreciation/amortization(iii)	32,526	32,418
Other administrative expenses(iv)	556,776	212,007
	<b>944,760</b>	<b>505,222</b>
<b>(i) Staff costs:</b>		
Salaries & wages	247,669	181,734
Social security contribution	9,061	6,616
loss on fair valuation of Staff loan	2,877	179
Pension cost (Note 33):		
Current service cost	64,859	45,852
Interest cost	13,689	11,255
Severance benefits	14	5,585
	<b>338,169</b>	<b>251,221</b>
<b>(ii) Board fees and expenses</b>		
Board fees	13,849	7,499
Board entertainment	63	-
Others	3,377	2,077
	<b>17,289</b>	<b>9,576</b>
<b>(iii) Depreciation/amortization</b>		
Depreciation on equipment	12,393	13,354
Depreciation on furnitures and fixtures	798	706
Depreciation on vehicles	10,459	7,777
Amortization on leasehold properties	1,750	3,455
Amortization on banking software	7,022	7,022
Depreciation on building	104	104
	<b>32,526</b>	<b>32,418</b>
<b>(iv) Other administrative expenses</b>		
Other personnel cost	49,025	36,136
Property cost/occupancy	25,607	30,590
Office expenses	25,263	26,371
Professional services	36,647	32,491
Travel expenses	26,536	17,903
Other miscellaneous expenses	82,154	68,516
Provision for WAMA Balance	311,544	-
	<b>556,776</b>	<b>212,007</b>

**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

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<b>9. Administrative expenses (Continued)</b>	<i>As at</i>	
	2010 L\$'000'	2009 L\$'000'
Included in professional services is the following:		
<b>Fees paid to auditors:</b>		
Audit of the bank's financial statements	7,721	9,154
Other assurance services	5,328	3,391
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,049</b>	<b>12,545</b>

The average number of employees as at December 31, 2010 was 180 (December 31, 2009:172)

<b>10. Other operating expenses</b>		
<b>Currency expense</b>		
Notes importation cost	41,415	46,509
Mute exportation cost	329	(38)
Cost of destroying banknotes	624	-
Amortization of currency printing cost-banknotes	284,077	157,286
Currency expense-General	1,152	-
	<b>327,597</b>	<b>203,757</b>
<b>11. Impairment release on Non-financial assets</b>		
<b>Impairment release:</b>		
Uncompleted building-work-in-progress	-	814
<b>Impairment release</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>814</b>

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	<i>As at</i>	
	2010	2009
	L\$'000'	L\$'000'
<b>12. Cash and balances with Central Banks</b>		
Cash on hand and in vault	1,571,826	2,205,714
Cash balances at rural branches	178,527	169,738
Balances with other Central Banks	10,696,191	8,325,582
Less: Liberian Dollars in vault & payment centers (Note 23)	(510,757)	(483,743)
	<u>11,935,787</u>	<u>10,217,291</u>
<b>13. Cash and balances with commercial banks</b>		
Balances with local banks	198,701	194,685
Balances with foreign banks (commercial)	2,751,581	1,836,402
	<u>2,950,282</u>	<u>2,031,087</u>
<b>14. Loan and advances to banks</b>		
Guarantee Trust Bank Liberia Limited	-	12,285
Ecobank Liberia Limited	-	25,204
CBL CD with FIBLL	53,625	-
CBL CD with LBDI	53,625	-
CBL CD with GBLB	71,500	-
CBL CD with GTBLL	53,625	-
CBL CD with IBLL	53,625	-
CBL CD with UBA	71,500	-
	<u>357,500</u>	<u>37,489</u>
<b>15. Loans and advances to Government of Liberia</b>		
Loans and advances to Government of Liberia	18,209,810	18,222,510
Repayment	-	(254,490)
	<u>18,209,810</u>	<u>17,968,020</u>
<b>Less amortized cost adjustment:</b>		
<b>Balance at January 1</b>	(4,314,481)	(4,235,399)
Release	278,865	320,991
Exchange difference	(57,547)	(400,073)
<b>Balance at December 31</b>	<u>(4,093,163)</u>	<u>(4,314,481)</u>
<b>Carrying value</b>	<u>14,116,647</u>	<u>13,653,539</u>

**Loans to the Government of Liberia**

The loans to the Government of Liberia were mainly taken over from National Bank of Liberia on the establishment of the CBL in 2000. The loans had been non-performing. The terms of these loans were renegotiated with the GOL and agreed in July 2007. The terms included extension of the repayment period, reduction in interest rates and capitalization of accrued and deferred interests to the date of the agreement. Since then, the loans have been performing.

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**Loans to the Government of Liberia (continued)**

At the date of restructuring, the loans were treated as new loan and fair valued. The amortized cost adjustment has been calculated by discounting the future cash flows using the original interest rate. Provided no further amortized cost adjustment occurs the passage of time will lead to reversals as the effect of the discounting of cash flows unwinds.

**16. Investment security: Held-to-maturity**

	<i>As at</i>	
	2010	2009
	L\$'000'	L\$'000'
Investment security:Held-to-maturity	500,030	493,037
<b>Less amortized cost adjustment:</b>		
Balance at January 1	(4,039)	(3,333)
Charge during the year	(406)	(356)
Exchange difference	(60)	(350)
<b>At December 31</b>	<b>(4,505)</b>	<b>(4,039)</b>
<b>Carrying value</b>	<b>495,525</b>	<b>488,998</b>
Treasury Bills	3,571,521	-
Interest Receivable	3,479	
Charge during the year	(717)	-
<b>At December 31</b>	<b>3,574,283</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Held-to-maturity</b>	<b>4,069,808</b>	<b>488,998</b>

**Investment security: Held-to-maturity**

These are six promissory notes amounting to L\$200 million (equivalent to US\$ 5 million at the exchange rate at the time of issue) issued by the Government of Liberia as capital contributions to CBL. The renegotiated loan agreement provides for a moratorium period of ten (10) years for principal repayment. Repayment of the principal is spread equally over the remaining twenty (20) years beginning June 2017 at an annual interest rate of 10%. The government has an option of early repayment.

The Bank, also invested in four (4) Treasury Bills which matured in January and February 2011. These have subsequently been rolled over for another six months.

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	<i>As at</i>	
	2010	2009
	L\$'000'	L\$'000'
<b>17. Loans to Staff</b>		
Staff loans	40,813	22,592
Less: provision	(629)	(2,282)
	<u>40,184</u>	<u>20,310</u>
<b>Less amortized cost adjustment:</b>		
Balance at January 1	(2,769)	(2,302)
(Charge)/ release	(2,877)	(178)
Exchange difference	(38)	(289)
<b>At December 31</b>	<u>(5,684)</u>	<u>(2,769)</u>
	<u><u>34,500</u></u>	<u><u>17,541</u></u>

**18. GOL Position with the International Monetary Fund (IMF)**

	As at	As at
	Dec-31-10	Dec-31-09
	L\$'000'	L\$'000'
<b>Assets:</b>		
<b>Foreign Currency Investments and Claims</b>		
IMF Quota Subscription	13,666,549	12,869,039
SDR Holdings	14,457,744	12,798,412
Accrued Interest on SDR Holdings	8,569	5,057
Accrued remuneration		
Total Assets	<u>28,132,862</u>	<u>25,672,508</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
<b>Foreign Currency Liabilities to International Financial Institutions</b>		
SDR Allocations	<u>13,114,282</u>	<u>12,348,999</u>
Liabilities to Non-Residents:		
IMF No.1 Account	6,832,298	3,919,180
IMF No. 2 Account	1,298	1,222
Securities Account	6,830,967	43,088,396
Accrued charges on use of credit fund (GRA Credit)	-	71,510
Accrued charges on SDR Allocations	7,994	5,021
PRGF Loans	3,048,313	22,480,976
Accrued Interest on PRGF Loan	-	308
Total Liabilities	<u>29,835,152</u>	<u>81,915,612</u>
<b>GOL net position with the IMF</b>	<u>(1,702,290)</u>	<u>(56,243,105)</u>

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**18. GOL Position with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) (continued)**

**Relationship**

Article XIII, Sections 2a and 3 in the Articles of Agreement of the IMF requires each member to designate its Central Bank as a depository for all the Fund's holdings and currency, and guarantee all assets of the Fund against loss resulting from failure or default on the part of its designated depository.

With reference to the guidelines of the Financial Organizational and Operations manual of the IMF, Central Bank of Liberia uses the gross method of presenting the assets and liabilities arising from the GOL's membership with the Fund. The IMF recommends the use of the gross method for a country whose depository and fiscal agent are the same. The position in the General Department is presented on a gross basis if the IMF No.1, No.2, and Securities Accounts are shown as liabilities and the member's quota is shown as an asset.

Central Bank of Liberia is the fiscal and depository agent of Liberia for transactions with the International Monetary Fund. Financial resources made available to Liberia by the Fund are channeled through CBL to the Government. CBL has a claim on the GOL matching liabilities to the Fund. Similarly CBL has a liability to the Government of Liberia matching the assets, the quota subscription, held in the Fund. As of close of business on March 14, 2008, the IMF confirmed the completion of Liberia's clearance of its arrears, payment of quota increase and related Fund financing transactions and the granting of new facilities. All applicable entries were recorded in the IMF's accounts held at Central Bank of Liberia.

**General resource account (GRA)**

This comprises Special Drawing Rights (SDR) currency holdings, which are denominated in Liberian dollars by IMF. Transactions effected under agreement with the Fund are converted to Liberian dollars at an exchange rate applicable on the dates of the respective transactions. However outstanding balances with the Fund are revalued on the basis of a rate that is redefined on April 30 of each year. Gains and losses arising from the annual revaluation are for the account of the Government of Liberia.

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**18. GOL Position with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) (continued)**

**Special drawing rights holdings and allocation**

SDR's are interest-bearing assets allocated by the IMF to each participant in the Special Drawing Rights Department to meet various global operating needs of the Fund as and when they arise, as a supplement to the Fund's existing reserves. SDR's are allocated by the IMF to members participating in the SDR department in proportion to their quotas to the Fund at the time of allocation. The arrears clearance resulted in a balance of SDR 8,341,601 in Liberia's SDR holdings account. The balance as at December 31, 2010 represents Liberian dollars equivalent of SDR 123.9 million.

**PRGF loan and interest**

During the IMF assessment program in March 2008, the GOL obtained Poverty Reduction and Growth Facility Loan of SDR 214,260,000 equivalent to L\$ 21,744,447,432.65. On 14 May 2009, an SDR amount of 7,000,000 was also obtained from the IMF. In November 2009 a further SDR amount of 4,440,000 was obtained from the IMF. This brought the total loan balance to SDR 225,700,000 equivalent to L\$22,480,975,338 as at 31 December 2009.

At the HIPC completion point in June 2010, a debt relief of SDR 205,762,043 was applied to Liberia's outstanding obligation. Since then, a total disbursement of SDR8,880,000 has been received under the Extended Credit Facility (ECF) program. This program replaced the PRGF post the HIPC completion point.

The PRGF facility is a loan obtained by GOL to strengthen the country's balance of payment position, and to foster sustainable growth, leading to higher living standards and reduction in poverty. The loan carries an annual interest rate of 0.5% with a 5 ½ year grace period and 10 year maturity.

**19. Intangible assets**

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
<b>At December 31:</b>		
Opening net book value	9,315	15,705
Additions	-	-
Amortization charge	(7,022)	(7,022)
Exchange difference	(943)	632
<b>Closing net book value</b>	<u>1,350</u>	<u>9,315</u>
<b>At December 31:</b>		
Cost	52,061	49,672
Accumulated amortization	<u>(50,711)</u>	<u>(40,357)</u>
<b>Net book value</b>	<u>1,350</u>	<u>9,315</u>

Intangible assets are tested annually for impairment when there are indications that impairment may have occurred. There was no impairment identified for 2010 (2009: nil).

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**20. Investment property**

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
At January 1:		
Opening net book value	19,740	22,080
Exchange difference	<u>280</u>	<u>1,820</u>
Book value as at December 31	<u><u>20,020</u></u>	<u><u>19,740</u></u>

AEP Consultants Incorporated was hired to determine the market value of the investment property in 2008. Based on the valuation of December 2008, the recoverable amount has been determined to be L\$22 million. The next expert valuation will take place in 2011.

**21. Property, machinery and equipment**

	Land	Work-in-progress	Building	Lease-hold improvement	Furn. & fixt.	Equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
<b>At December 31 2010:</b>								
<b>Opening net book value</b>	35,862	384,479	4,468	4,288	3,181	22,381	14,721	469,380
Additions	-	-	-	-	424	10,878	33,585	44,887
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(1)	-	-	(1)
Charge for the year	-	-	(104)	(1,750)	(798)	(12,393)	(10,459)	(25,504)
Transfer/Adjustment	-	(7,040)	-	-	-	-	7,040	-
Reclassification to A/C Rec	-	(7,135)	-	-	-	-	-	(7,135)
Release of impairment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exchange difference	509	4,940	51	(1,320)	(98)	(813)	(327)	2,942
<b>Closing net book value</b>	<u><u>36,371</u></u>	<u><u>375,244</u></u>	<u><u>4,415</u></u>	<u><u>1,218</u></u>	<u><u>2,708</u></u>	<u><u>20,053</u></u>	<u><u>44,560</u></u>	<u><u>484,569</u></u>
<b>At December 31 2010:</b>								
Cost	36,371	375,243	4,648	67,445	87,834	89,986	75,004	736,531
Accumulated depreciation	-	-	(232)	(66,227)	(85,126)	(69,933)	(30,444)	(251,962)
<b>Net book value</b>	<u><u>36,371</u></u>	<u><u>375,243</u></u>	<u><u>4,415</u></u>	<u><u>1,218</u></u>	<u><u>2,708</u></u>	<u><u>20,053</u></u>	<u><u>44,560</u></u>	<u><u>484,569</u></u>
<b>At December 31 2009:</b>								
<b>Opening net book value</b>	32,556	316,217	-	9,418	2,970	20,846	14,774	396,781
Additions	-	34,500	4,160	-	741	15,326	7,814	62,541
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(26)	(1,034)	(89)	(1,149)
Charge for the year	-	-	(104)	(3,455)	(706)	(13,354)	(7,777)	(25,396)
Release of impairment	-	814	-	-	-	-	-	814
Exchange difference	3,306	32,948	412	(1,675)	202	597	(1)	35,789
<b>Closing net book value</b>	<u><u>35,862</u></u>	<u><u>384,479</u></u>	<u><u>4,468</u></u>	<u><u>4,288</u></u>	<u><u>3,181</u></u>	<u><u>22,381</u></u>	<u><u>14,721</u></u>	<u><u>469,380</u></u>
<b>At December 31 2009:</b>								
Cost	35,862	384,479	4,583	66,502	86,324	81,603	56,704	716,057
Accumulated depreciation	-	-	(115)	(62,214)	(83,143)	(59,222)	(41,983)	(246,677)
<b>Net book value</b>	<u><u>35,862</u></u>	<u><u>384,479</u></u>	<u><u>4,468</u></u>	<u><u>4,288</u></u>	<u><u>3,181</u></u>	<u><u>22,381</u></u>	<u><u>14,721</u></u>	<u><u>469,380</u></u>

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**21. Property, machinery and equipment (continued)**

**Incomplete building (Work in-progress)**

CBL has a partially completed new office building in Monrovia, on which construction was abandoned in 1990. In assessing for impairment on this building, management hired an independent professional appraiser, AEP Consultants Incorporated to determine its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount was determined using the Cost-to-Reproduce valuation technique. The Cost-to-Reproduce valuation technique is a valuation based on determining the current cost of property replacement and depreciating in terms of the present condition of the property. The carrying amount as at 31 December 2010 is based on the valuation performed in 2008 which put the value at US\$4.95 million. The valuations are performed in a three year cycle. The next valuation is therefore expected to be performed in 2011.

**Disposals of machinery and equipment**

	<i>As at</i>	
	2010	2009
	L\$000	L\$000
Cost	20,797	12,274
Accumulated depreciation	(20,795)	(11,125)
<b>Net book value</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1,149</b>
Proceed from disposal	1,083	725
<b>Gain/Loss on disposal</b>	<b>1,081</b>	<b>(424)</b>

**22. Other Assets**

Accounts receivable(i)	10,824	2,467
Prepaid expenses(ii)	292,047	144,168
Clearing checks(iii)	58,957	46,786
Deferred currency cost(iv)	54,016	150,565
	<b>415,844</b>	<b>343,986</b>

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**22. Other assets (continued)**

	<i>As at</i>	
	2010 L\$000	2009 L\$000
<b>(i) Accounts receivable</b>		
Due from others	19,693	12,592
Other receivables	2,663	1,402
	<u>22,356</u>	<u>13,994</u>
<b>less provision:</b>		
Allowance for bad debt-Belle Dunbar	(11,220)	(11,220)
Allowance for other debtors	(312)	(307)
	<u>(11,532)</u>	<u>(11,527)</u>
<b>Net book value</b>	<u>10,824</u>	<u>2,467</u>
<b>(ii) Prepaid expenses</b>		
Rent	1,535	695
Insurance	748	367
Others	3,764	54,948
Advances to currency printer	286,000	88,158
	<u>292,047</u>	<u>144,168</u>
<b>(iii) Clearing checks</b>		
Items for clearing	58,957	46,786
	<u>58,957</u>	<u>46,786</u>
<b>(iv) Deferred currency cost</b>		
<b>Cost incurred:</b>		
Liberian banknotes	54,016	150,565
Liberian coins	40,307	40,307
	<u>94,323</u>	<u>190,872</u>
<b>Less amortization:</b>		
Liberian banknotes	-	-
Liberian coins	40,307	40,307
	<u>40,307</u>	<u>40,307</u>
<b>Net book value</b>	<u>54,016</u>	<u>150,565</u>

Accounts receivables include staff loans (salary advance, short-term loans and long-term loans), and receivables from contractors. Salary advance is interest free and payable over three month's period. Short-term and long-term loans have applicable interest rate of 5% respectively. The short and the long term loans are payable within a 3 and 5 years period respectively. Prepaid expenses are amounts paid in advance for services. This category of expenses includes prepaid rent, insurance, advances to currency printers, and others. Other current assets include clearing house suspense and provision for clearing items. Deferred currency cost is the cost of new notes held awaiting issue, along with costs relating to the design and other initial costs of new note series. Costs associated with notes issued or placed into circulation are expensed accordingly.

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**23. Notes in Circulation**

Liberian Notes	<i>As at</i>	
	2010 L\$000	2009 L\$000
L\$5	683,099	612,978
L\$10	901,009	719,510
L\$20	1,572,731	1,406,315
L\$50	1,503,604	1,240,507
L\$100	1,378,006	1,064,821
<b>Total currency notes</b>	<b>6,038,449</b>	<b>5,044,131</b>
<b>Coins</b>	<b>23,050</b>	<b>23,050</b>
Less:		
Liberian Dollars held by the Bank and payment centers (Note 12)	(510,757)	(483,743)
<b>Notes in circulation</b>	<b>5,550,742</b>	<b>4,583,438</b>
<b>24. Deposits from banks</b>		
Reserve requirement-operating banks	5,761,280	4,307,588
Current accounts-operating banks	1,492,645	676,712
Current accounts-non operating banks	43,522	46,552
Reserve requirement-Non-operating banks	18,781	18,781
Collection accounts failed banks	12,584	10,677
	<b>7,328,812</b>	<b>5,060,310</b>
<b>25. Other deposits</b>		
Forex bureau deposits	6,783	19,706
<b>26. Deposits of GOL and Agencies</b>		
Demand deposits-central government	2,067	321,061
Withholding taxes payable	10,024	6,261
Demand deposits-individual ministries & agencies	6,128,302	2,925,719
Other government related deposits	928,090	748,838
SME loans	139,340	137,392
State owned enterprises	413,058	7,425
	<b>7,620,881</b>	<b>4,146,696</b>
<b>27. Other borrowed funds</b>		
West African Monetary Agency(WAMA)	685,316	359,761
Other foreign banks	124,722	122,996
	<b>810,038</b>	<b>482,757</b>

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**27. Other borrowed funds (continued)**

Other borrowed funds constitute amounts due to the West African Monetary Agency (WAMA) and two foreign banks. Due to the current financial position of CBL, portion of amount owed WAMA is being paid, but no payment has been made to the other foreign banks. However, as they are all overdue, they have been included as current liabilities in the above table.

**Other foreign banks**

This indebtedness represents a liability on two letters of credit issued by National Bank of Liberia in favor of two foreign banks in October 1985. No payment had been made on these debts.

**28. Commercial bank loan**

	<i>As at</i>	
	2010	2009
	L\$'000'	L\$'000'
At January 1	906,032	814,588
Interest	38,087	8,339
Exchange difference	13,954	83,105
<b>At December 31</b>	<b>958,073</b>	<b>906,032</b>

This indebtedness represents a liability that came about through an agreement between CBL and the Liberia Trade for Development and Investment Bank, Limited (TRADEVCO), under which, CBL accepted a liability concerning claims of TRADEVCO excess reserves balances. The accepted net obligation of US\$ 12.357 million is payable over a 20-years period, and carries an annual interest rate of 0% for years 1-5, 1% for years 6-10 (to accrue only), and 1.5% for years 11-20. The agreement provides for a ten (10) year moratorium on both the principal and interest repayment. CBL reserves the right to effect repayment during this period.

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**29. Other liabilities**

	<i>As at</i>	
	2010 L,\$'000'	2009 L,\$'000'
Accounts payables(i)	383,173	199,425
Others(ii)	183,560	151,449
	<u>566,733</u>	<u>350,874</u>
<b>(i) Accounts payables</b>		
Official checks-CBL	298,450	108,169
Unearned Income	5,057	12,063
Managers' checks-CBL	21,184	16,189
Stale Checks Payable	1,773	443
Due to staff	692	10,285
Accrued expenses	56,017	52,276
	<u>383,173</u>	<u>199,425</u>
<b>(ii) Others</b>		
Tradevco (In Liquidation) Payout	11,907	12,790
Additional Commercial Losses Payable	1,359	1,340
Commercial bank Mutes	156,248	121,249
Sarah K. Howard Testate Estate	13,308	13,122
Dormant Demand Deposit-others	523	523
A/C Payable CCI - Foreign	215	2,425
	<u>183,560</u>	<u>151,449</u>
<b>30. Provident fund</b>		
At January 1	47,740	35,684
Contribution during the year	18,842	13,966
Interest earned	112	62
Payments	(4,174)	(5,922)
Exchange difference	952	3,950
<b>At December 31</b>	<u>63,472</u>	<u>47,740</u>

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**31. Retirement benefit obligations**

	<i>As at</i>	
	2010 L\$000	2009 L\$000
Statement of financial position obligation :		
Pension benefits	390,725	274,810
Statement of comprehensive income charge:		
Pension benefits	7,949	9,887
	7,949	9,887
<b>Pension benefits</b>		
The amount recognized in the statement of financial position are determined as follow:		
<b>Present value of unfunded obligations:</b>		
Staff pension scheme	390,713	274,798
Ex-gratia pension scheme	12	12
<b>Liability in the statement of financial position</b>	390,725	274,810
The movement in the defined benefit obligation over the year is as follows:		
<b>At January I</b>	274,810	226,078
Current service cost	64,859	45,852
Interest cost	13,689	11,255
Contribution by plan participants	-	-
Actuarial Loss/(gain)	41,631	(22,970)
Benefits paid	(7,949)	(9,887)
Exchange difference	3,685	24,482
<b>At December 31</b>	390,725	274,810
The amounts recognized in the statement of comprehensive income:		
Current service cost	64,859	45,852
Interest cost	13,689	11,255
Total included in staff costs (note 9)	78,548	57,107
Actuarial (Loss)/gain	41,631	(22,970)
Total included in other comprehensive income	41,631	(22,970)

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**31. Retirement benefit obligations (continued)**

**The principal actuarial assumptions used were as follows:**

	<b>2010</b>	2009
Discount rate	<b>4%</b>	4%
Rate of salary increases	<b>5%</b>	3%
Rate of inflation	<b>2%</b>	2%

Mortality

For mortality assumptions the 1983 US Sex Distinct Group Annuity Mortality Table (GAM) has been used as the basis for the calculation. The final unisex mortality rate used reflects the 10% margin removed from them and the resulting rates were blended using 95%/5% male-female ratio. The same basis was used in the previous year's valuation. This was considered, on the advice of the actuary, to be the best available basis for assessing mortality.

**32. Share capital**

	<i>As at</i>	
	2010	2009
	L\$'000'	L\$'000'
Authorized	400,000	400,000
Paid-in-capital	7,398,587	7,398,587
Subscribed capital	200,000	200,000
	<u>7,598,587</u>	<u>7,598,587</u>

The capital of CBL is owned exclusively by the Government of Liberia. The minimum authorized capital of CBL is L\$400 million. The amount may be increased by an amendment to the CBL Act, as shall be proposed by the Board of Governors to the National legislature. The Act requires the bank to have a minimum paid-up capital of L\$100 million. The consideration for the paid-up capital was the net book value of assets and liabilities taken over from National Bank of Liberia on the establishment of CBL.

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**32. Stated Capital (continued)**

In addition the GOL subscribed a further US\$5 million (L\$ equivalent L\$200 million) at the establishment of CBL to have it capitalized. The consideration was a series of promissory notes, which matured on April 21 and October 20 each year from 2001 to 2003.

**33. General reserve**

	<i>As at</i>	
	2010	2009
	L\$'000'	L\$'000'
General banking reserve	3,491,461	3,817,416
	<u>3,491,461</u>	<u>3,817,416</u>
<b>Movement in reserve were as follows:</b>		
Balance at January 1	3,817,416	2,219,387
Operating loss/profit	(532,509)	74,667
Other comprehensive income	206,554	1,523,362
<b>At December 31</b>	<u>3,491,461</u>	<u>3,817,416</u>
<b>34. Cash and cash equivalents</b>		
Balances with central banks	11,935,787	10,217,291
Balances with local banks	198,701	194,685
Balances with foreign banks	2,751,581	1,836,402
	<u>14,886,069</u>	<u>12,248,378</u>

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**35. Contingent liabilities and commitments**

As part of its normal business, CBL acts as custodian for customers' assets and fulfils an agency role. No significant irrecoverable liability arises from these transactions.

**Legal proceedings**

**i) Debt Action**

The Central Bank of Liberia is a co-defendant with the Government of Liberia in two separate cases of action relative to:

**a) Construction of Defense Building**

- outstanding commitments on a long-term construction contract for which CBL through the GOL guaranteed thirty-six promissory notes amounting to a sum of approximately US\$17 million; and

**b) Purchase of Aircraft**

- commitment for the purchase of an aircraft for the Government in the 1980's for which payment has remained outstanding. The amount of the liability remains uncertain.

However, the principal defendant in these cases is the Government of Liberia, and it is considered unlikely that any liability will arise against CBL. Accordingly no provisions have been made in these financial statements.

**ii) Other litigations**

Central Bank of Liberia is also a party to several other cases either as a fiduciary, receiver, or by reason of its regulatory duties:

**a) Labor matters**

CBL is defendant in several labor cases for action of dismissal. The estimated amount of the claims is approximately US\$1.8 million and L\$1.5 million. CBL, based on legal advice, considers that these claims are not legitimate and it is unlikely that any liability will arise. Accordingly no provision has been made for such cases in the financial statements.

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**35. Contingent liabilities and commitments (continued)**

**b) Fraud matters**

In 2008, certain tellers of CBL and certain staff of the Ministry of Finance were alleged to have been involved in the re-encashment of Government of Liberia salary checks. The matter is under investigation by the National Security Agency. The outcome of the investigation is uncertain and therefore, the amount involved as well as the responsibility for the liability cannot be ascertained with any degree of certainty.

**36. Related party transactions**

CBL is the official depository and fiscal agent of the Government of Liberia, the sole shareholder of the Bank. It performs official banking services for the Government and a number of its agencies and wholly owned enterprises. Related party transactions reflected in the Bank's operations are therefore in respect of these banking services, in addition to loans and advances granted to the Government prior to 2003.

**Interest income earned during the period**

	<i>As at</i>	
	2010	2009
	L\$000	L\$000
GOL loans and advances (Note 6)	190,756	182,062
GOL investment securities: Held-to-maturity (Note 6)	49,856	47,243
	<u>240,612</u>	<u>229,305</u>

**Year to date balances resulting from related party transactions:**

	<i>As at</i>	
	2010	2009
	L\$000	L\$000
<b>Receivables from related party:</b>		
Due from Government of Liberia- long term loan (Notes 15&16)	18,709,841	18,461,057
	<u>18,709,841</u>	<u>18,461,057</u>
<b>Payables to related party:</b>		
Deposits of GOL and agencies(Notes 26)	7,620,881	4,146,696
	<u>7,620,881</u>	<u>4,146,696</u>

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**36. Related party transactions (continued)**

**Key management personnel**

**Governors, Non-Executive Directors and other key management personnel**

The following particulars relate to key management personnel including Board of Governors, Executive Governors and Directors:

Loans to key management personnel were as follows:

	<i>As at</i>	
	2010	2009
	L\$000	L\$000
Loan outstanding at January 1	1,108	1,171
Loan granted during the period	6,103	679
Loan repaid during the period	(1,916)	(741)
Loan outstanding at December 31	5,295	1,108
Interest income earned	155	73

No provision has been recognized in respect of loans given to related parties.

None of the key management personnel had a material interest, directly or indirectly, at any time during the year in any other significant transaction or arrangement with CBL.

**Remuneration of key management personnel**

	<i>As at</i>	
	2010	2009
	L\$000	L\$000
Salaries and short term benefits	74,577	47,685
Post employment benefit	5,232	7,452
	79,809	55,137

**Other entities with links to CBL**

In the normal course of its activities as a Central Bank, CBL has relationships, with international and domestic financial institutions, in particular with the International Monetary Fund. CBL does not consider these institutions to be related parties.