Consolidated Interim Financial Statements as at 30 June 2011 (with Independent Auditors' Report thereon)

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Independent Auditors' Report on Review of Interim Financial Statements

To the shareholder and management of Banka Kombetare Tregtare sh.a.

Tirana, 25 July 2011

Introduction

We have reviewed the accompanying consolidated statement of financial position of Banka Kombetare Tregtare sh.a. ("the Bank") as at 30 June 2011, the consolidated statements of comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the six-month period then ended, and notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information ("the consolidated interim financial statements"). Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated interim financial statements in accordance with IAS 34, 'Interim Financial Reporting'. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on these consolidated interim financial statements based on our review.

Scope of Review

We conducted our review in accordance with the International Standard on Review Engagements 2410, "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity". A review of interim financial statements consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Basis for Qualified Conclusion

As described in Note 3 (b) to the consolidated interim financial information, the Bank has treated its share capital issued in United States Dollars as a monetary item and recognized the revaluation difference during the six-month period ended 30 June 2011 within net profit in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income. This treatment is not in accordance with IAS 21, 'The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates'. This is the result of a decision taken by management before the start of the preceding financial year and caused us to qualify our audit opinion on the consolidated financial statements relating to that year. Share capital should have been treated as a non-monetary item and carried at the exchange rate at the date of transaction. Accordingly, if share capital had been treated as a non-monetary item, the net profit for the six-month period would have been reduced by USD 5,335,851 in 2011 and increased by USD 12,253,493 in 2010, the retained earnings would have been reduced and the translation reserve increased by USD 5,339,505 at 30 June 2011 and the retained earnings would have been increased and the translation reserve reduced by USD 2,334,950 at 31 December 2010. This would not have effected total shareholder's equity.

Qualified Conclusion

Based on our review, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Conclusion paragraph, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying consolidated interim financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects the financial position of the entity as at 30 June 2011, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the six-month period then ended in accordance with IAS 34, 'Interim Financial Reporting'.

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Consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2011

(amounts in USD, unless otherwise stated)

Assets	Notes	30 June 2011	31 December 2010
Cash and balances with Central Bank	7	170,111,212	177,385,066
Placement and balances with banks	8	69,456,943	113,703,073
Treasury bills	9	260,419,470	187,826,686
Investment securities available-for-sale	10	145,297,550	101,714,745
Investment securities held-to-maturity	11	303,726,207	275,915,418
Loans and advances to banks	12	103,643,719	68,810,445
Loans and advances to customers	13	708,541,965	551,045,870
Property and equipment	14	17,189,123	16,475,450
Intangible assets	15	1,756,468	1,610,738
Non - current assets held for sale	16	8,350,210	5,206,635
Other assets	17	5,042,954	3,207,420
Total assets		1,793,535,821	1,502,901,546
Liabilities and shareholders' equity			
Liabilities			
Customer deposits	18	1,533,803,674	1,309,651,520
Due to banks and financial institutions	19	115,077,874	62,398,988
Due to third parties	20	2,423,333	2,151,892
Deferred tax liabilities	21	2,205,146	1,731,801
Accruals and other liabilities	22	8,939,377	8,297,498
Total liabilities		1,662,449,404	1,384,231,699
Shareholders' equity			
Share capital	23	84,622,200	84,622,200
Legal reserve	23	4,024,442	04,022,200
Translation reserve	23	197,044	(34,349)
Fair value reserve	23	(1,830,646)	342,874
Retained earnings	23	44,073,377	33,739,122
Total shareholders' equity		131,086,417	118,669,847
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity		1,793,535,821	1,502,901,546

The consolidated statement of financial position is to be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the consolidated interim financial statements set out on pages 6 to 61.

The consolidated interim financial statements were authorised for release by the Board of Directors on 25 July 2011 and signed on its behalf by:

Seyhan Pencapligil CEO and Board Member

Skender Emini Head of Financial Control

Consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the six-month and three-month periods ended 30 June 2011

(amounts in USD, unless otherwise stated)

	Notes	Six-month period ended 30 June 2011	Three-month period ended 30 June 2011	Six-month period ended 30 June 2010	Three-month period ended 30 June 2010
Interest					
Interest income	24	57,530,614	31,376,585	49,575,899	24,599,954
Interest expense	25	(27,219,580)	(14,367,603)	(24,372,513)	(11,823,555)
Net interest margin		30,311,034	17,008,982	25,203,386	12,776,399
Non-interest income, net					
Fees and commissions, net	26	4,198,505	2,056,163	2,363,117	1,000,682
Foreign exchange revaluation (loss)/gain, net	27	(1,346,661)	(411,339)	2,356,839	1,087,237
Profit from FX trading activities, net		632,599	220,578	904,650	469,808
Other (expense)/income, net	28	(856,840)	(672,018)	19,876	(48,361)
Total non-interest income, net		2,627,603	1,193,384	5,644,482	2,509,366
Operating expenses					
Personnel	29	(7,042,190)	(3,588,153)	(6,026,604)	(2,865,857)
Administrative	30	(8,031,464)	(4,359,173)	(7,027,980)	(3,443,455)
Depreciation and amortization	14, 15	(2,216,686)	(1,138,582)	(2,042,114)	(986,311)
Total operating expenses		(17,290,340)	(9,085,908)	(15,096,698)	(7,295,623)
Impairment of loans	13	(1,868,051)	(1,533,014)	(1,641,994)	(899,223)
Profit before taxes		13,780,246	7,583,444	14,109,176	7,090,919
Income tax	31	(1,508,138)	(855,354)	(1,420,632)	(670,910)
Net profit for the period		12,272,108	6,728,090	12,688,544	6,420,009
Foreign currency translation differences		231,393	80,541	(744,119)	(758,533)
Net change in fair value reserves		(2,173,520)	(489,937)	691,648	(752,076)
Other comprehensive loss for the period, net of income tax		(1,942,127)	(409,396)	(52,471)	(1,510,609)
Total comprehensive income for the period	,	10,329,981	6,318,694	12,636,073	4,909,400

The consolidated statement of comprehensive income is to be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the consolidated financial statements set out on pages 6 to 61.

Consolidated statement of changes in equity for the six-month period ended 30 June 2011 (amounts in USD, unless otherwise stated)

	Share capital	Translation reserve	Fair value reserve	Retained earnings	Total
Balance as at 1 January 2010	78,299,000	(209,293)	56,674	16,524,273	94,670,654
Transactions with owners recorded directly in equity					
Contributions by and distributions to owners					
Increase in share capital	6,323,200	-	-	(6,323,200)	-
Appropriation of 2009 year translation difference	-	-	-	(209,293)	(209,293)
Adjustment of retained earnings with 2010 year end exchange rate	-	-	-	(1,255,627)	(1,255,627)
Total contributions by and distributions to owners	6,323,200	-	-	(7,788,120)	(1,464,920)
Total comprehensive income for the year					
Net profit for the year	-	-	-	25,002,969	25,002,969
Other comprehensive income, net of income tax					
Net change in fair value reserves	-	-	286,200	-	286,200
Foreign currency translation differences	-	174,944	-	-	174,944
Total other comprehensive income	-	174,944	286,200	-	461,144
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	174,944	286,200	25,002,969	25,464,113
Balance as at 31 December 2010	84,622,200	(34,349)	342,874	33,739,122	118,669,847

Consolidated statement of changes in equity for the six-month period ended 30 June 2011 (amounts in USD, unless otherwise stated)

	Share capital	Legal reserve	Translation reserve	Fair value reserve	Retained earnings	Total
Balance as at 1 January 2011	84,622,200	-	(34,349)	342,874	33,739,122	118,669,847
Transactions with owners recorded directly in equity						
Contributions by and distributions to owners						
Creation of legal reserves	-	4,024,442	-	-	(4,024,442)	-
Appropriation of 2010 year translation difference	-	-	-	-	(34,349)	(34,349)
Adjustment of retained earnings with June 2011 exchange rate	-	-	-	-	2,120,938	2,120,938
Total contributions by and distributions to owners	-	4,024,442	-	-	(1,937,853)	2,086,589
Total comprehensive income for the period Net profit for the period	-	-	-	-	12,272,108	12,272,108
Other comprehensive income, net of income tax						
Net change in fair value reserve	-	-	-	(2,173,520)	-	(2,173,520)
Foreign currency translation differences	-	-	231,393	-	-	231,393
Total other comprehensive income/(loss)	-	-	231,393	(2,173,520)	-	(1,942,127)
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period	-	-	231,393	(2,173,520)	12,272,108	10,329,981
Balance as at 30 June 2011	84,622,200	4,024,442	197,044	(1,830,646)	44,073,377	131,086,417

The consolidated statement of changes in equity is to be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the consolidated financial information set out on pages 6 to 61.

Consolidated statement of cash flows for the six-month period ended 30 June 2011

(amounts in USD, unless otherwise stated)

	Notes	Six-month period ended 30 June 2011	Six-month period ended 30 June 2010
Cash flows from operating activities: Profit before taxes		13,780,246	14,109,176
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net			
cash provided by operating activities:			
Interest expense	25	27,219,580	24,372,513
Interest income	24	(57,530,614)	(49,575,899)
Depreciation and amortization	14, 15	2,216,686	2,042,114
Gain on sale of property and equipment Gain on sale of treasury bills		(2,385) (7,862)	(20,836) (38,309)
Gain on recovery of lost loans		(5,355)	(4,526)
Gain on sale of non-current assets		(12,866)	(4,320) $(1,159)$
Write-off of property and equipment		6,970	2,891
Loss on unrecoverable lost loans		72,898	82,086
Movement in the fair value reserve		(2,139,843)	749,140
Impairment of loans	13	1,868,051	1,641,994
Cash flows from operating profits before changes in operating	_		
assets and liabilities		(14,534,494)	(6,640,815)
(Increase)/decrease in operating assets:			
Restricted balances with central bank		(21,502,624)	4,491,418
Placements and balances with banks		12,798,012	(16,906,509)
Loans and advances to banks		(29,299,651)	(12,839,493)
Loans and advances to customers		(122,195,447)	(60,548,646)
Other assets		(3,956,915)	(735,739)
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Increase/(decrease) in operating liabilities: Customer deposits		130,750,056	100,023,838
Due to third parties		128,847	785,064
Accruals and other liabilities		(550,552)	1,342,036
recruits and other habitites		130,328,351	102,150,938
Interest paid		(21,838,518)	(19,654,605)
Interest received		59,033,169	42,717,374
Income taxes paid		(855,237)	(1,223,767)
Net cash flows from operating activities		(12,023,354)	30,810,156
Cash flows from investing activities		(46.000.400)	(40.000.150)
Purchases of investment securities		(46,233,400)	(40,220,158)
Purchases of treasury bills		(59,727,915)	(36,539,307)
Purchases of property and equipment Proceeds from sale of property and equipment		(1,925,727) 7,341	(1,424,927) 3,175
Proceeds from sale of treasury bills		955,644	5,813,482
Net cash used in investing activities		(106,924,057)	(72,367,735)
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Cash flows from financing activities Proceeds from short term borrowings		47 140 220	792,528
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Net cash from financing activities		47,142,320	792,528
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(71,805,091)	(40,765,051)
Translation difference		5,485,638	(8,197,707)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	7	141,352,804	149,681,223
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the six months	7	75,033,351	100,718,465

The consolidated statement of cash flows is to be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the consolidated financial information set out on pages 6 to 61.

Notes to the Consolidated Interim Financial Statements for the six-month period ended 30 June 2011

(amounts in USD, unless otherwise stated)

1. General

Banka Kombetare Tregtare Sh.a. is a commercial bank offering a wide range of universal services. The consolidated interim financial statements comprise the Bank and its branch (together referred to as the "Bank" or "BKT").

The Bank provides banking services to state and privately owned enterprises and to individuals. The main sources of funding for the Bank are deposits, which are accepted in various forms including current accounts, demand and term deposits, in both Lek and foreign currency. BKT offers: a variety of corporate and consumer loans, EMV-compliant debit and credit cards, ATMs, internet banking, mobile banking, on-line banking facilities, qualified international banking services and various treasury products. It also invests in securities and takes part actively in the local and international inter-bank markets.

BKT was established in its present legal form on 30 December 1992, although its first branch was opened on 30 November 1925. BKT is subject to Law no. 8269 "On the Bank of Albania" dated December 1997 and Law no. 9662 "On Banks on the Republic of Albania", dated 18 December 2006.

Upon the Shareholder's Decision dated 31 March 2011, the Bank created legal reserves of Lek 398,581 thousand (equivalent of USD 4,024,442). The remaining part of statutory profit for the year 2010 was kept as retained earnings.

At 30 June 2011 and 31 December 2010, the registered share capital was USD 84,622,200 divided into 6,852,000 shares with a nominal value of USD 12.35, while the shareholding structure was as follows:

	30	June 2011	31 L	December 2010	
	No. of shares	Total in USD	% No. of shares	Total in USD	%
Calik Finansal Hizmetler A.S.	6,852,000	84,622,200	100 6,852,000	84,622,200	100

The headquarters of BKT is located in Tirana. Currently in Albania, the Bank has a network of 27 branches, 28 agencies and 3 custom agencies. Eleven of the branches are in Tirana, while the others are located in Durres, Elbasan, Korca, Gjirokastra, Vlora, Lushnja, Shkodra, Fier, Berat, Pogradec, Saranda, Lezha, Kukes, Peshkopi, Fushe Kruja and Kavaja. Similarly, most of the agencies are in Tirana (eight of them), whereas the others are located in Kamza, Vora, Elbasan, Bilisht, Delvina, Lac, Rreshen, Shkoder, Bushat, Koplik, Librazhd, Peqin, Rrogozhina, Shkozet, Durres (two agencies), Orikum, Kucove, Fier and Vlora, followed by custom agencies in Kakavija, Durres Seaport and Rinas Airport. During 2011, the Bank opened only one new agency in Albania.

BKT also holds a branch in Kosovo having a network of 15 units in 2010, while during 2011 five further units were opened, expanding to a total of 20 units. Five are located in Prishtina, whereas the others are in Prizren, Peja, Ferizaj, Podujeva, Gjilan, Drenas, Rahovec, Gjakova, Lipjan, Vushtrri, Viti and Mitrovica, followed by custom agencies in Hani i Elezit, Dheu i Bardhe and Prishtina Airport.

The Bank had 988 (31 December 2010: 922) employees as at 30 June 2011, out of which 226 (31 December 2010: 171) employees belong to Kosovo Branch.

Notes to the Consolidated Interim Financial Statements for the six-month period ended 30 June 2011

(amounts in USD, unless otherwise stated)

2. Basis of preparation

(a) Statement of compliance

These consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 *Interim Financial Reporting*.

(b) Basis of measurement

The consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for available-for-sale financial assets, which are measured at fair value and assets held for sale, which are measured at the lower of carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell.

(c) Functional and presentation currency

These consolidated interim financial statements are presented in USD. Albanian Lek ("Lek") is the Bank's functional currency.

The Bank has chosen to present its financial statements in USD, as its equity is wholly owned by international investors, who have issued the start-up capital in USD and view the performance of the investment in terms of USD.

(d) Use of estimates and judgements

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised and in any future periods affected.

Information about significant areas of estimation uncertainty and critical judgements in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the consolidated interim financial statements are described in notes 4 and 5.

3. Significant accounting policies

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these consolidated interim financial statements, and have been applied consistently by Bank entities.

(a) Basis of consolidation

(i) Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are entities (branches) controlled by the Bank. Control exists when the Bank has the power to govern the financial and operating policies of an entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities. In assessing control, potential voting rights that presently are exercisable are taken into account. The financial statements of subsidiaries are included in the consolidated financial statements from the date that control commences until the date that control ceases. The financial statements have been prepared using uniform accounting policies for like transactions and other events in similar circumstances.

On 3 September 2007, BKT opened its first branch outside of the territory of the Republic of Albania. The Administrative Office of this branch was opened in Prishtina, Kosovo.

Notes to the Consolidated Interim Financial Statements for the six-month period ended 30 June 2011

(amounts in USD, unless otherwise stated)

3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(a) Basis of consolidation (continued)

(ii) Transactions eliminated on consolidation

Intra-group balances, and income and expenses (except for foreign currency transaction gains or losses) arising from intra-group transactions, are eliminated in preparing the consolidated interim financial statements. Unrealised losses are eliminated in the same way as unrealised gains, but only to the extent that there is no evidence of impairment.

(b) Foreign currency

(i) Foreign currency transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into the respective functional currency of the operation at the spot exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the reporting date are retranslated into the functional currency at the spot exchange rate at that date. The foreign currency gain or loss on monetary items is the difference between amortised cost in the functional currency at the beginning of the period, adjusted for effective interest and payments during the period, and the amortised cost in foreign currency translated at the exchange rate at the end of the period. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are measured at fair value are retranslated into the functional currency at the spot exchange rate at the date that the fair value was determined. Foreign currency differences arising on retranslation are recognised in profit or loss.

Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies, which are stated at historic cost, are translated at the foreign exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction, with the exception of the share capital, which is issued and maintained in USD as per the legislation in Albania as well as per Special Law No. 8634, dated 6 July 2000, between the Bank's shareholders and the Republic of Albania on the Bank's privatisation.

Furthermore, the Operating Policy Guidelines of the Bank require that the share capital be hedged by USD assets, and it is therefore treated as a monetary item, with the revaluation difference being taken to the profit and loss account together with the revaluation difference of the corresponding USD asset, which offset each other in a natural hedge.

(ii) Foreign operations

The assets and liabilities of foreign operations are translated into Lek at spot exchange rates at the reporting date. The income and expenses of foreign operations are translated into Lek at spot exchange rates at the dates of the transactions. Foreign currency differences on the translation of foreign operations are recognised directly in other comprehensive income. Such differences have been recognised in the foreign currency translation reserve.

(iii) Translation of financial statements from functional currency to presentation currency

Translation of financial statements from functional currency to presentation currency is done as follows:

- assets and liabilities for reporting date (including comparatives) are translated at the closing rate at the date of that reporting date.
- income and expenses (including comparatives) are translated at exchange rates at the dates of the transactions.
- equity items other than the net profit for the period, legal reserves and share capital are translated at the closing rate existing at the reporting date.
- share capital has been translated as described in paragraph 3.(b).(i) above; and
- all resulting exchange differences are recognised through other comprehensive income as a separate component of equity in the "Translation reserve" account.

Notes to the Consolidated Interim Financial Statements for the six-month period ended 30 June 2011

(amounts in USD, unless otherwise stated)

3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(b) Foreign currency (continued)

(iv) Spot foreign exchange transactions

The Bank during the normal course of business enters into spot foreign exchange transactions with settlement dates 1 or 2 days after the trade date. These transactions are recorded in the financial statements on the settlement date. Foreign currency differences are recognised in profit or loss on the settlement date.

(c) Interest

Interest income and expense are recognised in the profit or loss using the effective interest method. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts the estimated future cash payments and receipts through the expected life of the financial asset or liability (or, where appropriate, a shorter period) to the carrying amount of the financial asset or liability. When calculating the effective interest rate, the Bank estimates future cash flows considering all contractual terms of the financial instrument but not future credit losses.

The calculation of the effective interest rate includes all fees and points paid or received that are an integral part of the effective interest rate. Transaction costs include incremental costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of a financial asset or liability.

(d) Fees and commission

Fees and commission income and expenses that are integral to the effective interest rate on a financial asset or liability are included in the measurement of the effective interest rate.

Other fees and commission income are recognised as the related services are performed.

Other fees and commission expense relate mainly to transaction and service fees, which are expensed as the services are received.

(e) Lease payments made

Payments made under operating leases are recognised in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. Lease incentives received are recognised as an integral part of the total lease expense, over the term of the lease.

Contingent lease payments are accounted for by revising the minimum lease payments over the remaining term of the lease when the lease adjustment is confirmed.

(f) Income tax expense

Income tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax expense is recognized in the profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to items recognized directly in equity or in other comprehensive income. Current tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred tax is provided for temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. Deferred tax is not recognised for the following temporary differences: the initial recognition of goodwill, the initial recognition of assets or liabilities in a transaction that is not a business combination and that affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss, and differences relating to investments in subsidiaries to the extent that they probably will not reverse in the foreseeable future. Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to be applied to the temporary differences when they reverse, based on the laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

Notes to the Consolidated Interim Financial Statements for the six-month period ended 30 June 2011

(amounts in USD, unless otherwise stated)

3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(f) Income tax expense (continued)

A deferred tax asset is recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the asset can be utilised. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised. Additional income taxes that arise from the distribution of dividends by the Bank are recognised at the same time as the liability to pay the related dividend is recognised.

(g) Financial assets and liabilities

(i) Recognition

The Bank initially recognises loans and advances, deposits, debt securities issued and subordinated liabilities on the date at which they are originated. Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on the trade date at which the Bank commits to purchase or sell the asset. All other financial assets and liabilities are initially recognised on the trade date at which the Bank becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

A financial asset or financial liability is initially measured at fair value plus (for an item not subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss) transaction costs that are directly attributable to its acquisition or issue.

(ii) Classification

See accounting policies 3(h), (i) and (j).

(iii) Derecognition

The Bank derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or when it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows on the financial asset in a transaction in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred. Any interest in transferred financial assets that is created or retained by the Bank is recognised as a separate asset or liability. The Bank derecognises a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged or cancelled or expire.

The Bank enters into transactions whereby it transfers assets recognised on its statement of financial position, but retains either all or substantially all of the risks and rewards of the transferred assets or a portion of them. If all or substantially all risks and rewards are retained, then the transferred assets are not derecognised from the statement of financial position. Transfers of assets with retention of all or substantially all risks and rewards include, for example, securities lending and repurchase transactions.

When assets are sold to a third party with a concurrent total rate of return swap on the transferred assets, the transaction is accounted for as a secured financing transaction similar to repurchase transactions.

In transactions in which the Bank neither retains nor transfers substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of a financial asset, it derecognises the asset if it does not retain control over the asset. The rights and obligations retained in the transfer are recognised separately as assets and liabilities as appropriate. In transfers in which control over the asset is retained, the Bank continues to recognise the asset to the extent of its continuing involvement, determined by the extent to which it is exposed to changes in the value of the transferred asset.

In certain transactions the Bank retains the obligation to service the transferred financial asset for a fee. The transferred asset is derecognised in its entirety if it meets the derecognition criteria. An asset or liability is recognised for the servicing contract, depending on whether the servicing fee is more than adequate (asset) or is less than adequate (liability) for performing the servicing.

Notes to the Consolidated Interim Financial Statements for the six-month period ended 30 June 2011

(amounts in USD, unless otherwise stated)

3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(g) Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

(iii) Derecognition (continued)

The Bank writes off certain loans and investment securities when they are determined to be uncollectible.

(iv) Offsetting

Financial assets and liabilities are set off and the net amount presented in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Bank has a legal right to set off the amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. Income and expenses are presented on a net basis only when permitted by the accounting standards, or for gains and losses arising from a group of similar transactions such as in the Bank's trading activity.

(v) Amortised cost measurement

The amortised cost of a financial asset or liability is the amount at which the financial asset or liability is measured at initial recognition, minus principal repayments, plus or minus the cumulative amortisation using the effective interest method of any difference between the initial amount recognised and the maturity amount, minus any reduction for impairment.

(vi) Fair value measurement

Fair value is the amount for which an asset could be exchanged, or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction on the measurement date.

When available, the Bank measures the fair value of an instrument using quoted prices in an active market for that instrument. A market is regarded as active if quoted prices are readily and regularly available and represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis.

If a market for a financial instrument is not active, the Bank establishes fair value using a valuation technique. Valuation techniques include using recent arm's length transactions between knowledgeable, willing parties (if available), reference to the current fair value of other instruments that are substantially the same, discounted cash flow analyses and option pricing models. The chosen valuation technique makes maximum use of market inputs, relies as little as possible on estimates specific to the Bank, incorporates all factors that market participants would consider in setting a price, and is consistent with accepted economic methodologies for pricing financial instruments. Inputs to valuation techniques reasonably represent market expectations and measures of the risk-return factors inherent in the financial instrument. The Bank calibrates valuation techniques and tests them for validity using prices from observable current market transactions in the same instrument or based on other available observable market data.

The best evidence of the fair value of a financial instrument at initial recognition is the transaction price, i.e., the fair value of the consideration given or received, unless the fair value of that instrument is evidenced by comparison with other observable current market transactions in the same instrument (i.e., without modification or repackaging) or based on a valuation technique whose variables include only data from observable markets. When transaction price provides the best evidence of fair value at initial recognition, the financial instrument is initially measured at the transaction price and any difference between this price and the value initially obtained from a valuation model is subsequently recognised in profit or loss depending on the individual facts and circumstances of the transaction but not later than when the valuation is supported wholly by observable market data or the transaction is closed out.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(g) Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

(vii) Identification and measurement of impairment

At each reporting date the Bank assesses whether there is objective evidence that financial assets not carried at fair value through profit or loss are impaired. Financial assets are impaired when objective evidence demonstrates that a loss event has occurred after the initial recognition of the asset, and that the loss event has an impact on the future cash flows of the asset that can be estimated reliably.

Objective evidence that financial assets are impaired can include default or delinquency by a borrower, restructuring of a loan or advance by the Bank on terms that the Bank would not otherwise consider, indications that a borrower or issuer will enter bankruptcy, the disappearance of an active market for a security, or other observable data relating to a group of assets such as adverse changes in the payment status of borrowers or issuers in the Bank, or economic conditions that correlate with defaults in the Bank. In addition, for an investment in an equity security, a significant or prolonged decline in its fair value below its cost is objective evidence of impairment.

The Bank considers evidence of impairment for loans and advances and held-to-maturity investment securities at both a specific asset and collective level. All individually significant loans and advances and held-to-maturity investment securities are assessed for specific impairment. All individually significant loans and advances and held-to-maturity investment securities found not to be specifically impaired are then collectively assessed for any impairment that has been incurred but not yet identified. Loans and advances and held-to-maturity investment securities that are not individually significant are collectively assessed for impairment by grouping together loans and advances and held-to-maturity investment securities with similar risk characteristics.

Impairment losses on assets carried at amortised cost are measured as the difference between the carrying amount of the financial asset and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. Losses are recognised in profit or loss and reflected in an allowance account against loans and advances. Interest on the impaired asset continues to be recognised through the unwinding of the discount. When a subsequent event causes the amount of impairment loss to decrease, the decrease in impairment loss is reversed through profit or loss.

Impairment losses on available-for-sale investment securities are recognised by transferring the cumulative loss that has been recognised directly in other comprehensive income to profit or loss. The cumulative loss that is reclassified from other comprehensive income to profit or loss is the difference between the acquisition cost, net of any principal repayment and amortisation, and the current fair value, less any impairment loss previously recognised in profit or loss. Changes in impairment provisions attributable to time value are reflected as a component of interest income. If, in a subsequent period, the fair value of an impaired available-for-sale debt security increases and the increase can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised in profit or loss, the impairment loss is reversed, with the amount of the reversal recognised in profit or loss.

(h) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include notes and coins on hand, unrestricted balances held with central banks and highly liquid financial assets with original maturities of less than three months, which are subject to insignificant risk of changes in their fair value, and are used by the Bank in the management of its short-term commitments. Cash and cash equivalents are carried at amortised cost in the statement of financial position.

(i) Loans and advances

Loans and advances are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and that the Bank does not intend to sell immediately or in the near term.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(i) Loans and advances (continued)

When the Bank purchases a financial asset and simultaneously enters into an agreement to resell the asset (or a substantially similar asset) at a fixed price on a future date ("reverse repo"), the arrangement is accounted for as a loan or advance, and the underlying asset is not recognised in the Bank's financial statements.

Loans and advances are initially measured at fair value plus incremental direct transaction costs, and subsequently measured at their amortised cost using the effective interest method, except when the Bank chooses to carry the loans and advances at fair value through profit or loss as described in accounting policy (g),(vi).

(j) Investment securities

Investment securities are initially measured at fair value plus, in case of investment securities not at fair value through profit or loss, incremental direct transaction costs, and subsequently accounted for depending on their classification as either held-to-maturity, or available-for-sale.

(i) Held-to-maturity

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturity that the Bank has the positive intent and ability to hold to maturity, and which are not designated as at fair value through profit or loss or as available-for-sale.

Held-to-maturity investments are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Any sale or reclassification of a more than insignificant amount of held-to-maturity investments not close to their maturity would result in the reclassification of all held-to-maturity investments as available-for-sale, and prevent the Bank from classifying investment securities as held-to-maturity for the current and the following two financial years.

(ii) Available-for-sale

Available-for-sale investments are non-derivative investments that are designated as available-for-sale or are not classified as another category of financial assets. Available-for-sale investments are carried at fair value.

Interest income is recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest method. Foreign exchange gains or losses on available-for-sale debt security investments are recognised in profit or loss.

Other fair value changes are recognised directly in other comprehensive income until the investment is sold or impaired, whereupon the cumulative gains and losses previously recognised in other comprehensive income are recognised in profit or loss.

(k) Property and equipment

(i) Recognition and measurement

Items of property and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Cost includes expenditures that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset.

When parts of an item of property or equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items (major components) of property and equipment.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(k) Property and equipment (continued)

(ii) Subsequent costs

The cost of replacing a part of an item of property or equipment is recognised in the carrying amount of the item if it is probable that the future economic benefits embodied within the part will flow to the Bank and its cost can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised. The costs of the day-to-day servicing of property and equipment are recognised in profit or loss as incurred.

(iii) Depreciation

Depreciation is recognised in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of each part of an item of property and equipment. Land is not depreciated.

The estimated useful lives for the current and comparative periods are as follows:

•	Buildings and leasehold improvements	20 years
•	Motor vehicles and other equipment	5 years
•	Office equipment	5 years
•	Computers and electronic equipment	4 years

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reassessed at the reporting date.

(l) Intangible assets

Intangible assets comprise software acquired by the Bank. Software acquired by the Bank is stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses.

Expenditure on internally developed software is recognised as an asset when the Bank is able to demonstrate its intention and ability to complete the development and use the software in a manner that will generate future economic benefits, and can reliably measure the costs to complete the development. The capitalised costs of internally developed software include all costs directly attributable to developing the software, and are amortised over its useful life. Internally developed software is stated at capitalised cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment.

Subsequent expenditure on software assets is capitalised only when it increases the future economic benefits embodied in the specific asset to which it relates. All other expenditure is expensed as incurred.

Amortisation is recognised in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the software, from the date that it is available for use. The estimated useful life of software is four years.

(m) Non- current assets held for sale

Non-current assets that are expected to be recovered primarily through sale rather than through continuing use are classified as held for sale. Immediately before classification as held for sale, the assets are remeasured in accordance with the Bank's accounting policies. Thereafter generally the assets are measured at the lower of their carrying amount and fair value less cost to sell. Impairment losses on initial classification as held for sale and subsequent gains or losses on remeasurement are recognised in profit or loss. Gains are not recognised in excess of any cumulative impairment loss.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(n) Impairment of non-financial assets

The carrying amounts of the Bank's non-financial assets, other than deferred tax assets, are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

An impairment loss is recognised if the carrying amount of an asset or its cash-generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount. A cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable asset group that generates cash flows that largely are independent from other assets and groups. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. Impairment losses recognised in respect of cash-generating units are allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the units and then to reduce the carrying amount of the other assets in the unit (group of units) on a pro rata basis.

The recoverable amount of an asset or cash-generating unit is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs to sell. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. Impairment losses recognised in prior periods are assessed at each reporting date for any indications that the loss has decreased or no longer exists.

An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised.

(o) Deposits

Deposits are part of the Bank's sources of debt funding.

When the Bank sells a financial asset and simultaneously enters into an agreement to repurchase the asset (or a similar asset) at a fixed price on a future date ("repo" or "stock lending"), the arrangement is accounted for as a deposit, and the underlying asset continues to be recognised in the Bank's financial statements.

Deposits are initially measured at fair value plus directly attributable transaction costs, and subsequently measured at their amortised cost using the effective interest method, except where the Bank chooses to carry the liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

(p) Provisions

A provision is recognised if, as a result of a past event, the Bank has a present legal or constructive obligation that can be estimated reliably, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. Provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and, where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability.

A provision for restructuring is recognised when the Bank has approved a detailed and formal restructuring plan, and the restructuring either has commenced or has been announced publicly. Future operating costs are not provided for.

A provision for onerous contracts is recognised when the expected benefits to be derived by the Bank from a contract are lower than the unavoidable cost of meeting its obligations under the contract. The provision is measured at the present value of the lower of the expected cost of terminating the contract and the expected net cost of continuing with the contract. Before a provision is established, the Bank recognises any impairment loss on the assets associated with that contract.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(q) Employee benefits

(i) Defined contribution plans

Obligations for contributions to defined contribution pension plans are recognised as an expense in profit or loss when they are due. The Bank makes compulsory social security contributions that provide pension benefits for employees upon retirement. The local authorities are responsible for providing the legally set minimum threshold for pensions in Albania under a defined contribution pension plan.

(ii) Defined benefit plans

The Bank created a fully employer sponsored pension plan fund-Staff Support Program (See Note 22, "Reserve fund for retiring employees") during 2002. The amount charged to this fund (SSP) was decided at the beginning of the year as 5% of yearly budgeted personnel salary expenses. During the year, the amount accrued was charged to profit or loss and to the fund on a monthly basis.

The amount due to employees based on the above plan would be grossed up by the interest that will accrue from the date the employees leave the Bank until their retirement. It would be paid to employees only when they reach the Albanian statutory retirement age, in monthly instalments equal to a minimum of 75% of their state monthly pension until the accumulated fund for the employee is consumed.

Based on the Board of Directors resolution effective on 30 September 2010, the Bank has stopped the investment in this fund (SSP), by transforming it into the Staff Retention Credit Program (SRCP). The demographic changes in labour force during the last ten years and the employees' average age at 31, where 80% of employees are below the age of 40, has resulted in SSP not being attractive for most employees of the Bank, as it can only be enjoyed at retirement. In contrast, SRCP will be more readily beneficial for all the Bank's staff, as it will provide consumer and home loans with preferential terms. The entire due amount calculated for eligible employees in Staff Support Program has been frozen on the same date. The frozen amount due to change of SSP into SRCP on 30 September 2010 and the corresponding annual interest that will be gained by the investment in AAA sovereign bonds in the future until retirement age, will be booked by the Bank.

(iii) Short-term benefits

Short-term employee benefit obligations are measured on an undiscounted basis and are expensed as the related service is provided.

A provision is recognised for the amount expected to be paid under short-term cash bonus or profitsharing plans if the Bank has a present legal or constructive obligation to pay this amount as a result of past service provided by the employee and the obligation can be estimated reliably.

(r) Segment reporting

An operating segment is a component of the Bank that engages in business activities from which may earn revenues and incur expenses, including revenues and expenses that relate to transactions with any of the Bank's other Components, whose operating results are reviewed regularly by the management to make decisions about resources allocated to each segment and assess its performance, and for which discrete financial information is available (see Note 6). The Bank's format for segment reporting is based on geographical segments.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(s) New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are not yet effective for the six-month period ended 30 June 2011, and have not been applied in preparing these consolidated interim financial statements. None of these will have an effect on the consolidated interim financial statements of the Bank, with the exception of:

• IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013, early adoption is permitted). This Standard replaces the guidance in IAS 39, *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*, about classification and measurement of financial assets. The Standard eliminates the existing IAS 39 categories of held to maturity, available for sale and loans and receivable.

Financial assets will be classified into one of two categories on initial recognition:

- financial assets measured at amortized cost; or
- financial assets measured at fair value.

A financial asset is measured at amortized cost if the following two conditions are met: the asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets in order to collect contractual cash flows; and, its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal outstanding.

Gains and losses on remeasurement of financial assets measured at fair value are recognised in profit or loss, except that for an investment in an equity instrument which is not held for trading, IFRS 9 provides, on initial recognition, an irrevocable election to present all fair value changes from the investment in other comprehensive income (OCI). The election is available on an individual share-by-share basis. No amount recognised in OCI is ever reclassified to profit or loss at a later date.

It is expected that the new Standard, when initially applied, will have an impact on the financial statements, since it will be required to be retrospectively applied. However, the Bank is not able to prepare an analysis of the impact this will have on the financial statements until the date of initial application. The Bank has not yet decided on the date that it will initially apply the new Standard.

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4. Use of estimates and judgements

Management discusses with the Audit Committee the development, selection and disclosure of the Bank's critical accounting policies and estimates, and the application of these policies and estimates.

These disclosures supplement the commentary on financial risk management (see Note 5).

Allowances for credit losses

Assets accounted for at amortised cost are evaluated for impairment on a basis described in accounting policy 3(g) (vii).

The Bank reviews its loan portfolios to assess impairment on a monthly basis. In determining whether an impairment loss should be recorded in profit or loss, the Bank makes judgments as to whether there is any observable data indicating that there is a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows from a portfolio of loans before the decrease can be identified with an individual loan in that portfolio. This evidence may include observable data indicating that there has been an adverse change in the payment status of borrowers in a group, or national or local economic conditions that correlate with defaults on assets in the group. Management uses estimates based on historical loss experience for assets with credit risk characteristics and objective evidence of impairment similar to those in the portfolio when scheduling its future cash flows. The methodology and assumptions used for estimating both the amount and timing of future cash flows are reviewed regularly to reduce any differences between loss estimates and actual loss experience.

Held-to maturity investments

The Bank follows the IAS 39 guidance on classifying non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturity as held to maturity. This classification requires significant judgment. In making this judgment, the Bank evaluates its intention and ability to hold such investments to maturity. If the Bank fails to keep these investments to maturity other than for specific circumstances – for example, selling an insignificant amount close to maturity – it will be required to reclassify the entire category as available for sale. The investments would therefore be measured at fair value not amortized cost.

Determining fair values

The determination of fair value for financial assets and liabilities for which there is no observable market price requires the use of valuation techniques as described in accounting policy 3(g)(vi). For financial instruments that trade infrequently and have little price transparency, fair value is less objective, and requires varying degrees of judgment depending on liquidity, concentration, uncertainty of market factors, pricing assumptions and other risks affecting the specific instrument. See also "Valuation of financial instruments" below.

Critical accounting judgements in applying the Bank's accounting policies

Critical accounting judgments made in applying the Bank's accounting policies include:

Valuation of financial instruments

The Bank's accounting policy on fair value measurements is discussed under note 3(g)(vi).

The Bank measures fair values using the following hierarchy of methods:

• Level 1: Quoted market price in an active market for an identical instrument.

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4. Use of estimates and judgements (continued)

Valuation of financial instruments (continued)

- Level 2: Valuation techniques based on observable inputs. This category includes instruments valued using: quoted market prices in active markets for similar instruments; quoted prices for similar instruments in markets that are considered less than active; or other valuation techniques where all significant inputs are directly or indirectly observable from market data.
- Level 3: Valuation techniques using significant unobservable inputs. This category includes all
 instruments where the valuation technique includes inputs not based on observable data and the
 unobservable inputs could have a significant effect on the instrument's valuation. This category
 includes instruments that are valued based on quoted prices for similar instruments where
 significant unobservable adjustments or assumptions are required to reflect differences between the
 instruments.

Fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities that are traded in active markets are based on quoted market prices or dealer price quotations. For all other financial instruments the Bank determines fair values using valuation techniques. Valuation techniques include net present value and discounted cash flow models, comparison to similar instruments for which market observable prices exist and other valuation models. The objective of valuation techniques is to arrive at a fair value determination that reflects the price of the financial instrument at the reporting date that would have been determined by market participants acting at arm's length.

The Bank uses widely recognized valuation models for determining the fair value of common and more simple financial instruments, like interest rate and currency swaps that use only observable market data and require little management judgment and estimation. Observable prices and model inputs are usually available in the market for listed debt and equity securities, exchange traded derivatives and simple over the counter derivatives like interest rate swaps. Availability of observable market prices and model inputs reduces the need for management judgment and estimation and also reduces the uncertainty associated with determination of fair values. Availability of observable market prices and inputs varies depending on the products and markets and is prone to changes based on specific events and general conditions in the financial markets.

For more complex instruments, the Bank uses proprietary valuation models, which usually are developed from recognized valuation models. Some or all of the significant inputs into these models may not be observable in the market, and are derived from market prices or rates or are estimated based on assumptions. Valuation models that employ significant unobservable inputs require a higher degree of management judgment and estimation in determination of fair value. Management judgment and estimation are usually required for selection of the appropriate valuation model to be used, determination of expected future cash flows on the financial instrument being valued, determination of probability of counterparty default and prepayments and selection of appropriate discount rates.

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4. Use of estimates and judgements (continued)

Fair values

The table below analyses financial instruments measured at fair value at the end of the reporting period, by the level in the fair value hierarchy into which the fair value measurement is categorised:

30 June 2011	Note	Carrying Amount		Fair Value	
		•	Level 1	Level 2	Total
Placement and balances with banks	8	69,456,943	-	69,456,943	69,456,943
Treasury bills	9	260,419,470	-	260,335,498	260,335,498
Investment securities available-for-sale	10	145,297,550	95,856,920	49,440,630	145,297,550
Investment securities held-to-maturity	11	303,726,207	-	302,031,743	302,031,743
Loans and advances to banks	12	103,643,719	-	103,643,719	103,643,719
Loans and advances to customers	13	708,541,965	-	708,541,965	708,541,965
Total financial assets		1,591,085,854	95,856,920	1,493,450,498	1,589,307,418
Customer deposits	18	1,533,803,674	-	1,533,803,674	1,533,803,674
Due to banks and financial institutions	19	115,077,874	-	115,077,874	115,077,874
Total financial liabilities		1,648,881,548	-	1,648,881,548	1,648,881,548
31 December 2010	Note	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Total
Placement and balances with banks	8	113,703,073	_	113,703,073	113,703,073
Treasury bills	9	187,826,686	_	188,104,036	188,104,036
Investment securities available-for-sale	10	101,714,745	85,936,698	15,778,047	101,714,745
Investment securities held-to-maturity	11	275,915,418	-	277,321,670	277,321,670
Loans and advances to banks	12	68,810,445	-	68,810,445	68,810,445
Loans and advances to customers	13	551,045,870	-	551,045,870	551,045,870
Total financial assets		1,299,016,237	85,936,698	1,214,763,141	1,300,699,839
Customer deposits	18	1,309,651,520	-	1,309,651,520	1,309,651,520
Due to banks and financial institutions	19	62,398,988	-	62,398,988	62,398,988
Total financial liabilities		1,372,050,508	-	1,372,050,508	1,372,050,508

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5. Financial risk management

(a) Introduction and overview

The Bank has exposure to the following risks from financial instruments:

- credit risk
- liquidity risk
- market risks
- operational risks.

This note presents information about the Bank's exposure to each of the above risks, the Bank's objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing risk, and the Bank's management of capital.

A financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to the right to receive cash or another financial asset from another party (financial asset) or the obligation to deliver cash or another financial asset to another party (financial liability).

Financial instruments result in certain risks to the Bank. The most significant risks facing the Bank are credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk. Market risk includes foreign currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk.

Risk management framework

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Bank's risk management framework. The Board has established the Bank Asset and Liability Committee (ALCO), Risk Management Group and Credit Committees, which are responsible for developing and monitoring Bank risk management policies in their specified areas. All these bodies report regularly to the Board of Directors on their activities.

The Bank's risk management policies are established to identify and analyse the risks faced by the Bank, to set appropriate risk limits and controls, and to monitor risks and adherence to limits. Risk management policies and systems are reviewed regularly to reflect changes in market conditions, products and services offered. The Bank, through its training and management standards and procedures, aims to develop a disciplined and constructive control environment, in which all employees understand their roles and obligations.

The Bank Audit Committee is responsible for monitoring compliance with the Bank's risk management policies and procedures, and for reviewing the adequacy of the risk management framework in relation to the risks faced by the Bank. The Bank Audit Committee is assisted in these functions by Internal Audit. Internal Audit undertakes both regular and ad-hoc reviews of risk management controls and procedures, the results of which are reported to the Bank Audit Committee.

(b) Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Bank if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations, and arises principally from the Bank's loans and advances to customers and other banks and investment securities. For risk management reporting purposes, the Bank considers all elements of credit risk exposure (such as individual obligor default risk, country and sector risk). The Bank has formed a Credit Committee to oversee the approval of requests for credits. Credit requests with amounts over EUR 1,000,000 are approved only upon decision of the Board of Directors of the Bank. There is a continuous focus on the quality of credits extended both at the time of approval and throughout their lives.

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5. Financial risk management (continued)

(b) Credit Risk (continued)

Each business unit is required to comply with Bank credit policies and procedures. Regular audits of business units and Bank Credit Risk Management Department processes are undertaken by Internal Audit.

Maximum credit exposure

Maximum exposures to credit risk before collateral and other credit enhancements as at 30 June 2011 and 31 December 2010 are as follows:

	30 June 2011	31 December 2010
Treasury bills and other eligible bills	260,419,470	187,826,686
Due from other banks	173,100,662	182,513,518
Loans and advances to customers	708,541,965	551,045,870
Investment securities - available for sale	145,297,550	101,714,745
Investment securities - held to maturity	303,726,207	275,915,418
Financial guarantees	65,383,963	21,083,914
Standby letters of credit	7,266,123	6,992,020
Commitments to extend credit	45,931,897	30,704,665
Maximum exposures to credit risk	1,709,667,837	1,357,796,836

Impaired loans and securities

Impaired loans and securities are loans and securities for which the Bank determines that it is probable that it will be unable to collect all principal and interest due according to the contractual terms of the loan / securities agreement(s). These loans are graded A to D in the Bank's internal credit risk grading system. The Risk Committee of BKT is engaged with the grading of the customers and their scoring according to the appropriate categories. It decides the changes on grading and takes the necessary operations according to the monitoring procedures. The risk committee grades each loan according to these factors:

- Ability to Pay
- Financial Condition
- Management ability
- Collateral and Guarantors
- Loan Structure
- Industry and Economics

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5. Financial risk management (continued)

(b) Credit Risk (continued)

Past due but not impaired loans

Past due but not impaired loans are those loans and securities, where contractual interest or principal payments are past due, but the Bank believes that impairment is not appropriate on the basis of the level of security / collateral available and / or the stage of collection of amounts owed to the Bank.

Loans with renegotiated terms

Loans with renegotiated terms are loans that have been restructured due to deterioration in the borrower's financial position and where the Bank has made concessions that it would not otherwise consider.

Once the loan is restructured it remains in this category independent of satisfactory performance after restructuring.

Allowances for impairment

The Bank establishes an allowance for impairment losses that represents its estimate of incurred losses in its loan portfolio. It relates to the specific loss component for individually significant exposures. Refer to note 4.

Write-off policy

The Bank writes off a loan / security balance (and any related allowances for impairment losses) with the decision of the Board of Directors, in accordance with the regulation of Bank of Albania "On Credit Risk Management". The write-off decision is taken after considering information such as the occurrence of significant changes in the borrower / issuer's financial position, such that the borrower / issuer can no longer pay the obligation, or that proceeds from collateral will not be sufficient to pay back the entire exposure.

	Loans and advances to customers			
30 June 2011	Retail	Corporate	Advances	Total
Neither past due nor impaired	165,829,291	390,052,081	2,947,973	558,829,345
Past due but not impaired	5,136,514	11,565,635	87,347	16,789,496
Individually impaired	51,845,745	92,434,790	3,023,185	147,303,720
Total Loans, Gross (Note 13)	222,811,550	494,052,506	6,058,505	722,922,561
Allowance for impairment	(5,469,137)	(5,954,730)	(2,956,729)	(14,380,596)
Total Loans, Net of impairment	217,342,413	488,097,776	3,101,776	708,541,965

Loans and advances to customers

	Loans and advances to customers			
31 December 2010	Retail	Corporate	Advances	Total
Neither past due nor impaired	136,272,166	292,172,343	3,403,722	431,848,231
Past due but not impaired	3,316,947	15,830,599	17,347	19,164,893
Individually impaired	40,700,299	68,465,896	2,572,915	111,739,110
Total Loans, Gross (Note 13)	180,289,412	376,468,838	5,993,984	562,752,234
Allowance for impairment	(4,553,231)	(4,629,714)	(2,523,419)	(11,706,364)
Total Loans, Net of impairment	175,736,181	371,839,124	3,470,565	551,045,870

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5. Financial risk management (continued)

(b) Credit Risk (continued)

Set out below is an analysis about the credit quality of corporate loans to customers:

Rating	30 June 2011	31 December 2010
A – B: Good – Acceptable	391,209,937	297,343,868
C: Close Monitoring	84,607,303	52,492,209
D: Unacceptable	15,005,393	21,642,890
(Note 13)	490,822,633	371,478,967
Accrued interest	4,877,853	6,125,362
Less: unamortized deferred fee		
income	(1,647,980)	(1,135,491)
Total	494,052,506	376,468,838

Set out below are the carrying amount of loans and advances to customers whose term has been renegotiated:

	Lo	Loans and advances to customers						
	Retail	Corporate	Advances	Total Loans				
30 June 2011	1,667,099	24,272,517	144,578	26,084,194				
31 December 2010	701,253	18,333,581	141,353	19,176,187				

Set out below is the ageing analysis of all past due loans either impaired or not impaired individually:

	Loans and advances to customers						
30 June 2011	Retail	Corporate	Advances	Total Loans			
Past due up to 30 days	14,775,592	20,138,986	825,514	35,740,092			
Past due 31-60 days	5,436,347	10,912,394	358,719	16,707,460			
Past due 61-90 days	5,250,440	17,594,104	474,219	23,318,763			
Past due 91-180 days	4,733,039	3,864,230	160,417	8,757,686			
Past due 180 days- 365 days	4,060,853	15,870,026	240,487	20,171,366			
Past due 1-2 years	2,938,966	1,656,080	27,678	4,622,724			
Past due over 2 years	1,680,424	7,846,629	17,979	9,545,032			
Total	38,875,661	77,882,449	2,105,013	118,863,123			

	Lo	Loans and advances to customers						
31 December 2010	Retail	Corporate	Advances	Total Loans				
Past due up to 30 days	11,130,329	21,001,353	389,247	32,520,929				
Past due 31-60 days	3,372,554	4,035,210	296,679	7,704,443				
Past due 61-90 days	3,719,625	3,756,951	320,984	7,797,560				
Past due 91-180 days	3,196,617	24,278,483	196,380	27,671,480				
Past due 180 days- 365 days	3,742,507	2,299,316	74,930	6,116,753				
Past due 1-2 years	2,406,835	3,951,799	83,526	6,442,160				
Past due over 2 years	1,287,893	6,346,600	24,542	7,659,035				
Total	28,856,360	65,669,712	1,386,288	95,912,360				
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5. Financial risk management (continued)

(b) Credit Risk (continued)

Set out below is an analysis of collateral and credit enhancement obtained during the years:

	Loans and advances to customers						
30 June 2011	Retail	Corporate	Advances	Total Loans			
Residential, commercial or industrial				_			
Property	644,436,275	994,191,879	-	1,638,628,154			
Financial assets	21,310,127	117,903,472	-	139,213,599			
Other	39,270,758	174,061,089	-	213,331,847			
Total	705,017,160	1,286,156,440	-	1,991,173,600			

	Loans and advances to customers						
31 December 2010	Retail	Corporate	Advances	Total Loans			
Residential, commercial or industrial							
Property	514,869,439	789,023,289	-	1,303,892,728			
Financial assets	7,101,789	93,329,874	-	100,431,663			
Other	31,904,257	98,185,168	-	130,089,425			
Total	553,875,485	980,538,331	-	1,534,413,816			

Credit quality of other financial assets, based on the internal rating system of the Bank is detailed as follows:

30 June 2011	Treasury Bills	Due from other banks	Available for sale portfolio	Held to maturity portfolio	Total
Good	260,419,470	173,100,662	145,297,550	303,726,207	882,543,889
Acceptable	-	-	-	-	-
Close monitoring		-	-	-	-
Total	260,419,470	173,100,662	145,297,550	303,726,207	882,543,889

31 December 2010	Treasury Bills	Due from other banks	Available for sale portfolio	Held to maturity portfolio	Total
Good	187,826,686	182,513,518	101,714,745	275,915,418	747,970,367
Acceptable	-	-	-	-	-
Close monitoring	-	-	-	-	-
Total	187,826,686	182,513,518	101,714,745	275,915,418	747,970,367

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5. Financial risk management (continued)

(b) Credit Risk (continued)

The Treasury Bills, Investments Available for Sale and Investments Held to Maturity are rated as follows:

Moody's Ratings or equivalent	Note	30 June 2011	31 December 2010
Government bonds and treasury bills	9,10,11		
Rated A2 to Aa1		15,496,193	14,711,110
Rated Baa3 to Baa1		11,986,733	18,146,194
Rated Ba3 to Ba2		8,320,463	14,277,190
Rated B1		536,101,616	423,446,040
Corporate bonds	10,11		
Rated Baa1		13,255,914	17,848,389
Rated Ba3 to Ba2		34,583,300	13,144,154
Rated B3 to B2		12,533,575	12,768,893
Not rated		8,693,077	-
Bank bonds	10,11		
Rated Baa3		539,323	-
Rated Ba2 to Ba1		25,436,532	10,779,511
Rated Ba3		35,737,311	37,303,501
Rated B2 to B1		6,759,190	3,031,867
Total		709,443,227	565,456,849

The rating for loans and advances to banks is detailed in Note 12.

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5. Financial risk management (continued)

(b) Credit Risk (continued)

The Bank monitors concentrations of credit risk by sector and by geographic location. An analysis of concentrations of credit risk from loans and advances and investment securities at the reporting date is shown below:

	Note				advances to nks	Investment debt securities	
		30 June 2011	31 December 2010	30 June 2011	31 December 2010	30 June 2011	31 December 2010
Carrying amount	9-11,12,13	708,541,965	551,045,870	103,643,719	68,810,445	709,443,227	565,456,849
Concentration by sector		107 100 00 5	054 000 005			50.05 7 .055	10 = 11 10 1
Corporate		487,138,906	371,022,237	-	-	69,065,866	43,761,436
Government		958,870	816,887	-	-	571,905,005	470,580,534
Banks		-	-	103,643,719	68,810,445	68,472,356	51,114,879
Retail		220,444,189	179,206,746	-	-	-	-
Total		708,541,965	551,045,870	103,643,719	68,810,445	709,443,227	565,456,849

		Loans and advances to		Loans and advances to		Investment debt	
Concentration by location	Note	custor	ners	ba	nks	securities	
		30 June	31 December	30 June	31 December	30 June	31 December
		2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010
Albania		492,033,480	389,868,338	-	-	536,101,616	423,446,040
Kosovo		138,244,657	90,649,375	-	-	-	-
Europe		61,030,161	70,528,157	98,643,361	56,935,264	167,948,730	142,010,809
Asia		-	-	5,000,358	11,875,181	5,392,881	-
Middle East and Africa		17,233,667	-	-	-	-	-
Total	9-11,12,13	708,541,965	551,045,870	103,643,719	68,810,445	709,443,227	565,456,849

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5. Financial risk management (continued)

(c) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Bank will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset. The purpose of Liquidity Risk Management (LRM) is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Bank's reputation. Bank's LRM policy includes how the Bank identifies, measures, monitors and control that risk.

Organization of LRM: Bank's LRM Organization includes two different bodies in the monitoring and management of liquidity. The involvement of different bodies helps provide clear allocation of the responsibility for monitoring/reporting and management of Liquidity Risk. Day-to-day management of liquidity belongs to the Treasury Group but day-to-day monitoring of Liquidity risk and compliance to the limits belongs to the Risk Management Group. The main purpose of the Risk Management Group, which conducts daily overview of LRM reports, is to provide early warning signal of liquidity risk to the top management of Bank.

LRM Reports: Bank's LRM policy includes sets of daily and monthly reports to be reviewed and monitored by Operational & Market Risk Department. Daily reports include Maximum Cumulative Outflow table and Cumulative Assets and Liabilities Breakdown table, which control respectively daily and monthly inflows/outflows of liquidity till 1-year maturity under "business as usual" scenario. Monthly reports include stress testing liquidity breakdown tables, which control daily and monthly inflows/outflows of liquidity under separate bank specific and market specific crisis scenarios till 3-months maturity.

The LRM approach of the Bank results in positive cumulative liquidity gaps for all time buckets up to one year as at 30 June 2011. This resulted mainly because of the following three main assumptions:

- Using statistical method and historical data (derived since 2001), the actual LRM reports include analysis into the behavioural re-investment pattern of deposits;
- Short term securities available for sale are considered liquid through the secured funding from Bank of Albania;
- Bank's reserve requirements held with BoA are considered as non-liquid assets.

An analysis of the Bank's expected timing of cash flows by simple remaining maturity is shown in the following tables.

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5. Financial risk management (continued)

(c) Liquidity risk (continued)

As at 30 June 2011, the Bank's assets, liabilities and shareholders' equity have remaining contractual maturities as follows:

	Up to 1 month	1-3 months	3-12 months	1-5 years	Over 5 year	Total
Assets						
Cash and balances with Central Bank	170,111,212	-	-	-	-	170,111,212
Placement and balances with banks	60,388,716	2,511,275	6,556,952	-	-	69,456,943
Treasury bills	23,976,819	43,145,332	193,297,319	-	-	260,419,470
Investment securities available-for-sale	-	-	32,872,162	100,276,452	12,148,936	145,297,550
Investment securities held-to-maturity	7,933,428	1,150,743	93,107,380	201,534,656	-	303,726,207
Loans and advances to banks	4,575,973	14,618,125	65,198,617	19,251,004	-	103,643,719
Loans and advances to customers	26,330,507	53,991,132	143,991,393	345,872,429	138,356,504	708,541,965
Property and equipment	-	-	-	6,113,999	11,075,124	17,189,123
Intangible assets	-	-	-	1,756,468	-	1,756,468
Non-current assets held for sale	-	-	8,350,210	-	-	8,350,210
Other assets	5,042,954	-	-	-	-	5,042,954
Total assets	298,359,609	115,416,607	543,374,033	674,805,008	161,580,564	1,793,535,821
Liabilities and shareholders' equity						
Customer deposits	453,210,919	439,529,309	567,580,563	65,741,828	7,741,055	1,533,803,674
Due to banks and financial institutions	70,900,521	15,223,626	-	20,267,609	8,686,118	115,077,874
Due to third parties	2,423,333	-	_	-	-	2,423,333
Deferred tax liabilities	-	_	_	2,205,146	_	2,205,146
Accruals and other liabilities	7,506,804	-	_	-	1,432,573	8,939,377
Shareholders' equity		-	-	-	131,086,417	131,086,417
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity		454,752,935	567,580,563	88,214,583	148,946,163	1,793,535,821
Net Position	(235,681,968)	(339,336,328)	(24,206,530)	586,590,425	12,634,401	
Cumulative Net Position	(235,681,968)	(575,018,296)	(599,224,826)	(12,634,401)	-	

LRM reports and the total statement of financial position are produced for each of the following currencies: Lek, Euro and USD. Maximum cumulative outflow limits, which are managed and monitored on a daily-basis, have been assigned for each of the above currencies.

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5. Financial risk management (continued)

(c) Liquidity risk (continued)

As at 31 December 2010, the Bank's assets, liabilities and shareholders' equity have remaining contractual maturities as follows:

	Up to 1 month	1-3 months	3-12 months	1-5 years	Over 5 year	Total
Assets						
Cash and balances with Central Bank	177,385,066	-	-	-	-	177,385,066
Placement and balances with banks	81,946,194	3,029,595	28,727,284	-	-	113,703,073
Treasury bills	22,705,175	33,260,413	131,861,098	-	-	187,826,686
Investment securities available-for-sale	-	-	-	89,785,335	11,929,410	101,714,745
Investment securities held-to-maturity	14,325,457	522,938	23,541,099	237,525,924	-	275,915,418
Loans and advances to banks	-	20,133,160	30,092,312	18,584,973	-	68,810,445
Loans and advances to customers	31,319,654	34,421,267	116,874,115	252,691,257	115,739,577	551,045,870
Property and equipment	-	-	-	5,892,236	10,583,214	16,475,450
Intangible assets	-	-	-	1,610,738	-	1,610,738
Non-current assets held for sale	-	-	5,206,635	-	-	5,206,635
Other assets	3,207,420	-	-	-	-	3,207,420
Total assets	330,888,966	91,367,373	336,302,543	606,090,463	138,252,201	1,502,901,546
Liabilities and shareholders' equity						
Customer deposits	426,645,696	236,590,906	589,579,731	55,655,773	1,179,414	1,309,651,520
Due to banks and financial institutions	38,637,903	5,003,878	76,630	11,208,346	7,472,231	62,398,988
Due to third parties	2,151,892	-	-	-	7,172,231	2,151,892
Deferred tax liabilities	2,131,072	_	_	1,731,801	_	1,731,801
Accruals and other liabilities	6,300,403	_	429,874	-	1,567,221	8,297,498
Shareholders' equity	-	-	-	-	118,669,847	118,669,847
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	473,735,894	241,594,784	590,086,235	68,595,920	128,888,713	1,502,901,546
Net Position	(142,846,928)	(150,227,411)	(253,783,692)	537,494,543	9,363,488	-
Cumulative Net Position	(142,846,928)	(293,074,339)	(546,858,031)	(9,363,488)	-	

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5. Financial risk management (continued)

(c) Liquidity risk (continued)

Exposure to liquidity risk

One of the key ratios used by the Bank for managing liquidity risk, which is required by Bank of Albania (BoA) at the same time, is the ratio of liquid assets to short-term liabilities on a weekly basis. Based on the regulation No.71 dated 14.10.2009 "Liquidity risk management policy" this ratio should be at a minimum of 20%. As per this regulation, article 19 point 4, liquid assets are considered: cash balance, current accounts with BoA, including mandatory reserve up to half of its usage limit; T-bills and securities according to their remaining maturity and ability to turn into liquidity. Short-term liabilities are considered all Liabilities with remaining maturity up to one year.

Details of the reported Bank ratio at the reporting dates were as follows:

30 June 2011 31 December 2010 20.62% 23.74%

Liquid Assets/Short Term Liabilities Ratio

(d) Market risk

1) Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates. The Bank manages this risk by establishing and monitoring limits on open positions and also ensuring that these positions remain in compliance with the Bank of Albania guidelines and the Bank's internal operational covenants. The Bank has in place procedures for the independent checking of open foreign currency positions.

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5. Financial risk management (continued)

(d) Market risk (continued)

1) Foreign currency risk (continued)

The following tables present the equivalent amount of assets, liabilities and shareholders' equity by currency as at 30 June 2011 and 31 December 2010 in accordance with the Bank of Albania foreign currency disclosure requirements:

30 June 2011	Lek	USD	Euro	Other	Total
Assets					
Cash and balances with Central Bank	89,882,166	11,716,539	67,972,949	539,558	170,111,212
Placements and balances with banks	2,345	24,184,115	39,940,793	5,329,690	69,456,943
Treasury bills	256,072,505	-	4,346,965	-	260,419,470
Investment securities available-for-sale	43,849,887	22,984,942	41,472,426	36,990,295	145,297,550
Investment securities held-to-maturity	227,663,012	29,967,192	46,096,003	-	303,726,207
Loans and advances to banks	_	31,639,459	72,004,260	-	103,643,719
Loans and advances to customers	256,408,817	86,866,914	362,560,183	2,706,051	708,541,965
Property and equipment	13,301,232	-	3,887,891	-	17,189,123
Intangible assets	1,756,468	-	-	-	1,756,468
Non-current assets held for sale	7,461,152	-	889,058	-	8,350,210
Other assets	2,159,626	347,985	2,534,886	457	5,042,954
Total assets	898,557,210	207,707,146	641,705,414	45,566,051	1,793,535,821
Spot foreign exchange contracts	873,874	26,408,584	27,650,809	2,290,247	57,223,514
Liabilities and shareholders' equity					
Customer deposits	805,775,166	94,026,349	615,941,831	18,060,328	1,533,803,674
Due to banks and financial institutions	69,542,487	4,003,169	31,233,947	10,298,271	115,077,874
Due to third parties	2,423,333	-	-	-	2,423,333
Deferred tax liabilities	2,205,146	-	-	-	2,205,146
Accruals and other liabilities	2,813,638	3,984,275	2,026,625	114,839	8,939,377
Shareholders' equity	46,464,217	84,622,200	-	-	131,086,417
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	929,223,987	186,635,993	649,202,403	28,473,438	1,793,535,821
Spot foreign exchange contracts	-	24,123,342	21,715,294	11,384,878	57,223,514
Net position (GAP)	(29,792,903)	23,356,395	(1,561,474)	7,997,982	-
Cumulative net position	(29,792,903)	(6,436,508)	(7,997,982)	-	
Total assets / Total liabilities	96.79%	111.08%	99.77%	120.07%	100.00%
GAP / FX denominated assets		0.10	(0.002)	0.1671	-
Sensitivity analysis					
Lek depreciates by 10%		2,123,309	(495,397)	727,089	2,355,001
Lek depreciates by 5%		1,112,209	(259,494)	380,856	1,233,571
Lek appreciates by 5%		(1,229,284)	286,809	(420,946)	(1,363,421)
Lek appreciates by 10%		(2,595,155)	605,485	(888,665)	(2,878,335)

The property and equipment in foreign currency is related to Kosovo Branch.

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5. Financial risk management (continued)

(d) Market risk (continued)

1) Foreign currency risk (continued)

31 December 2010	Lek	USD	Euro	Other	Total
Assets					
Cash and balances with Central Bank	96,785,816	11,355,428	68,653,967	589,855	177,385,066
Placements and balances with banks	11,064	35,475,966	74,604,862	3,611,181	113,703,073
Treasury bills	183,744,215	-	4,082,471	-	187,826,686
Investment securities available-for-sale	15,778,047	20,589,560	52,837,361	12,509,777	101,714,745
Investment securities held-to-maturity	205,915,490	30,387,953	39,611,975	-	275,915,418
Loans and advances to banks	-	16,414,423	52,396,022	-	68,810,445
Loans and advances to customers	204,837,848	78,860,500	264,232,258	3,115,264	551,045,870
Property and equipment	13,253,486	-	3,221,964	-	16,475,450
Intangible assets	1,610,738	-	-	-	1,610,738
Non-current assets held for sale	4,674,698	-	531,937	-	5,206,635
Other assets	1,651,043	407,759	1,148,202	416	3,207,420
Total assets	728,262,445	193,491,589	561,321,019	19,826,493	1,502,901,546
Spot foreign exchange contracts	1,688,341	6,590,103	533,731	2,616,642	11,428,817
Liabilities and shareholders' equity					_
Customer deposits	702,867,224	83,203,298	507,176,143	16,404,855	1,309,651,520
Due to banks and financial institutions	21,292,078	4,499,760	36,607,150	-	62,398,988
Due to third parties	2,151,892	-	-	-	2,151,892
Deferred tax liabilities	1,731,801	-	-	-	1,731,801
Accruals and other liabilities	2,597,672	4,501,446	1,140,274	58,106	8,297,498
Shareholders' equity	34,047,647	84,622,200	-	-	118,669,847
Total liabilities and shareholders'	764,688,314	176,826,704	544,923,567	16,462,961	1,502,901,546
equity	476.700	2.501.222	2.015.420	5.625.266	11 420 017
Spot foreign exchange contracts	476,789	2,501,333	2,815,429	5,635,266	11,428,817
Net position (GAP)	(35,214,317)	20,753,655	14,115,754	344,908	-
Cumulative net position	(35,214,317)	(14,460,662)	(344,908)	-	_
Total assets / Total liabilities	95.40%	111.57%	102.58%	101.56%	100.00%
GAP / FX denominated assets		0.10	0.025	0.0154	-
Sensitivity analysis					
Lek depreciates by 10%		1,886,696	990,345	31,355	2,908,396
Lek depreciates by 5%		988,269	518,752	16,424	1,523,445
Lek appreciates by 5%		(1,092,298)	(573,357)	(18,153)	(1,683,808)
Lek appreciates by 10%		(2,305,962)	(373,337) $(1,210,421)$	(38,323)	(3,554,706)
Lek appreciates by 1070		(2,303,702)	(1,210,721)	(30,323)	(3,337,100)

2) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. The Treasury Department of the Bank manages the interest rate risk through monitoring the market conditions and taking necessary re-pricing or reallocation decisions with the approval of the Asset and Liability Committee. The sensitivity analysis has been determined based on the exposure to interest rates for both financial assets and financial liabilities assuming that their amounts outstanding at the reporting date were outstanding for the whole year.

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5. Financial risk management (continued)

(d) Market risk (continued)

2) Interest rate risk (continued)

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. The Treasury Department of the Bank manages the interest rate risk through monitoring the market conditions and taking necessary re-pricing or reallocation decisions with the approval of the Asset and Liability Committee. The sensitivity analysis has been determined based on the exposure to interest rates for both financial assets and financial liabilities assuming that their amounts outstanding at the reporting date were outstanding for the whole year.

The average effective yields of significant categories of financial assets and liabilities of the Bank as at 30 June 2011 are as follows:

	Lek	USD	Euro
Assets			
Cash and balances with Central Bank	3.68%	0.09%	0.88%
Placement and balances with banks	N/A	3.94%	2.34%
Treasury bills	7.30%	N/A	6.68%
Investment securities	8.95%	6.49%	7.73%
Loans and advances to banks	N/A	4.09%	3.03%
Loans and advances to customers	10.31%	8.55%	9.15%
Liabilities			
Customer deposits	4.81%	1.34%	2.40%
Due to banks and financial institutions	5.45%	0.48%	3.49%

The average effective yields of significant categories of financial assets and liabilities of the Bank as at 31 December 2010 were as follows:

	Lek	USD	Euro
Assets			
Cash and balances with Central Bank	3.50%	0.10%	0.70%
Placement and balances with banks	N/A	2.86%	1.06%
Treasury bills	8.03%	N/A	5.66%
Investment securities	9.47%	6.92%	7.23%
Loans and advances to banks	N/A	5.03%	2.83%
Loans and advances to customers	11.70%	8.95%	9.07%
Liabilities			
Customer deposits	5.06%	1.52%	2.62%
Due to banks and financial institutions	5.19%	0.55%	1.92%

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5. Financial risk management (continued)

(d) Market risk (continued)

2) Interest rate risk (continued)

The interest re-pricing dates of significant categories of financial assets and liabilities of the Bank as at 30 June 2011 are as follows:

	Up to 1 month	1-3 months	3-12 <i>months</i>	1-5 years	Over 5 year	Total
Assets						
Cash and balances with Central Bank	170,111,212	-	-	-	-	170,111,212
Placement and balances with banks	60,388,716	2,511,275	6,556,952	-	-	69,456,943
Treasury bills	23,976,819	43,145,332	193,297,319	-	-	260,419,470
Investment securities available-for-sale	-	-	56,456,254	76,692,360	12,148,936	145,297,550
Investment securities held-to-maturity	7,933,429	25,546,782	197,696,237	72,549,759	-	303,726,207
Loans and advances to banks	22,361,632	26,301,032	54,981,055	-	-	103,643,719
Loans and advances to customers	19,642,727	32,637,690	599,528,165	47,553,885	9,179,498	708,541,965
Total	304,414,535	130,142,111	1,108,515,982	196,796,004	21,328,434	1,761,197,066
Liabilities						
Customer deposits	453,210,919	439,529,309	567,580,563	65,741,828	7,741,055	1,533,803,674
Due to banks and financial institutions	70,900,521	44,177,353	-	-	-	115,077,874
Total	524,111,440	483,706,662	567,580,563	65,741,828	7,741,055	1,648,881,548

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5. Financial risk management (continued)

(d) Market risk (continued)

2) Interest rate risk (continued)

The interest re-pricing dates of significant categories of financial assets and liabilities of the Bank as at 31 December 2010 were as follows:

	Up to 1 month	1-3 months	3-12 months	1-5 years	Over 5 year	Total
Assets						
Cash and balances with Central Bank	177,385,066	-	-	-	-	177,385,066
Placement and balances with banks	81,946,194	3,029,595	28,727,284	-	-	113,703,073
Treasury bills	22,705,175	33,260,413	131,861,098	-	-	187,826,686
Investment securities available-for-sale	-	-	15,778,047	74,007,288	11,929,410	101,714,745
Investment securities held-to-maturity	14,325,457	37,059,931	115,421,520	109,108,510	_	275,915,418
Loans and advances to banks	-	20,133,160	30,092,312	18,584,973	_	68,810,445
Loans and advances to customers	435,246,461	8,495,854	55,779,144	39,013,643	12,510,768	551,045,870
Total	731,608,353	101,978,953	377,659,405	240,714,414	24,440,178	1,476,401,303
Liabilities						
Customer deposits	426,645,696	236,590,906	589,579,731	55,655,773	1,179,414	1,309,651,520
Due to banks and financial institutions	38,637,904	5,003,878	18,757,206	-	-	62,398,988
Total	465,283,600	241,594,784	608,336,937	55,655,773	1,179,414	1,372,050,508

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5. Financial risk management (continued)

(d) Market risk (continued)

2) Interest rate risk (continued)

Interest rate sensitivity

The sensitivity analysis below has been determined based on the exposure to interest rates at the reporting date and the stipulated change taking place at the beginning of the financial year and held constant throughout the reporting period. The following is a stipulation of effects of changes in interest rate to the net profit, assuming all the other variables are held constant:

	30 June 2011	<i>31 December 2010</i>
Interest rate increases by 2%	(608,762)	(1,256,161)
Interest rate increases by 1.5%	(456,571)	(942,120)
Interest rate increases by 1%	(304,381)	(628,080)
Interest rate decreases by 1%	304,381	628,080
Interest rate decreases by 1.5%	456,571	942,120
Interest rate decreases by 2%	608,762	1,256,161

(e) Operational risks

Operational risk is the risk of direct or indirect loss arising from a wide variety of causes associated with the Bank's processes, personnel, technology and infrastructure, and from external factors other than credit, market and liquidity risks such as those arising from legal and regulatory requirements and generally accepted standards of corporate behaviour. Operational risks arise from all of the Bank's operations.

The Bank's objective is to manage operational risk so as to balance the avoidance of financial losses and damage to the Bank's reputation with overall cost effectiveness and to avoid control procedures that restrict initiative and creativity.

The implementation of controls to address operational risk is supported by the development of overall standards for the management of operational risk in the following areas:

- * requirements for appropriate segregation of duties, including the independent authorisation of transactions
- * requirements for the reconciliation and monitoring of transactions
- * compliance with regulatory and other legal requirements
- * documentation of controls and procedures
- * requirements for the periodic assessment of operational risks faced, and the adequacy of controls and procedures to address the risks identified
- * requirements for the reporting of operational losses and proposed remedial action
- * development of contingency plans
- * training and professional development
- * ethical and business standards
- * risk mitigation, including insurance where this is effective.

Compliance with internal standards is supported by a programme of periodic reviews undertaken by Internal Audit. The results of Internal Audit reviews are discussed with the management of the business unit to which they relate, with summaries submitted to the Bank Audit Committee and senior management of the Bank.

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5. Financial risk management (continued)

(f) Capital management

The Bank's policy is to maintain a strong capital base so as to maintain investor, creditor and market confidence and to sustain future development of the business. The impact of the level of capital on shareholders' return is also recognised and the Bank recognises the need to maintain a balance between the higher returns that might be possible with greater gearing and the advantages and security afforded by a sound capital position. There have been no material changes in the Bank's management of capital during the period.

Regulatory capital

The Bank monitors the adequacy of its capital using, among other measures, the rules and ratios established by the Albanian regulator, the Bank of Albania ("BoA"), which ultimately determines the statutory capital required to underpin its business. The regulation "On capital adequacy" is issued pursuant to Law No. 8269 date 23.12.1997 "On the Bank of Albania", and Law No. 9662 date 18.12.2006 "On Banks in the Republic of Albania".

Capital Adequacy Ratio

The Capital Adequacy Ratio is the proportion of the regulatory capital to risk weighted assets and 'off balance-sheet' items, expressed as a percentage. The minimum Capital Adequacy Ratio required by Bank of Albania is 12%, while the Bank has maintained this ratio at 12.62% as at 30 June 2011.

The Modified Capital Adequacy Ratio is the proportion of the base capital to risk-weighted assets and 'off balance-sheet' items, expressed as a percentage. The minimum modified capital adequacy is 6%.

Risk-Weighted Assets (RWAs)

Assets are weighted according to broad categories of notional risk, being assigned a risk weighting according to the amount of capital deemed to be necessary to support them. Four categories of risk weights (0%, 20%, 50%, 100%) are applied; for example cash and money market instruments with Bank of Albania have a zero risk weighting, which means that no capital is required to support the holding of these assets. Property and equipment carries a 100% risk weighting, meaning that capital equal to 12% of the carrying amount must support it.

Off-balance-sheet credit related commitments are taken into account. The amounts are then weighted for risk using the same percentages as for on-balance sheet assets.

Compliance

The Bank and its individually regulated operations have complied with all internally and externally imposed capital requirements throughout the period.

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6. Segmental reporting

As at 30 June 2011, the Bank's geographical segments are as follows:

	Albania	Kosovo	Consolidated
Assets			
Cash and balances with Central Bank	157,814,953	12,296,259	170,111,212
Placement and balances with banks	69,279,121	177,822	69,456,943
Treasury bills	260,419,470	-	260,419,470
Investment securities available-for-sale	145,297,550	-	145,297,550
Investment securities held-to-maturity	291,739,474	11,986,733	303,726,207
Loans and advances to banks	103,643,719	-	103,643,719
Loans and advances to customers	570,297,308	138,244,657	708,541,965
Property and equipment	13,301,214	3,887,909	17,189,123
Intangible assets	1,756,468	-	1,756,468
Non - current assets held for sale	8,350,210	-	8,350,210
Other assets	71,887,421	(66,844,467)*	5,042,954
Total assets	1,693,786,908	99,748,913	1,793,535,821
Liabilities and shareholders' equity			
Liabilities			
Customer deposits	1,446,291,142	87,512,532	1,533,803,674
Due to banks and financial institutions	115,077,874	-	115,077,874
Due to third parties	2,423,333	-	2,423,333
Deferred tax liabilities	2,205,146	-	2,205,146
Accruals and other liabilities	8,834,318	105,059	8,939,377
Total liabilities	1,574,831,813	87,617,591	1,662,449,404
Shareholders' equity			
Share capital			84,622,200
Legal reserve			4,024,442
Translation reserve			197,044
Fair value reserve			(1,830,646)
Retained earnings			44,073,377
Total shareholders' equity			131,086,417
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity			1,793,535,821

^{*} Included within the USD 66,844,467 credit for Kosovo 'Other assets' is an amount of USD 67,884,469, which represents intra-group balances between the Head Office and Branches in Albania and Kosovo Branch as at 30 June 2011, and has been eliminated in consolidation.

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6. Segmental reporting (continued)

For the six months ended 30 June 2011, the Bank's geographical segments are as follows:

	Albania	Kosovo	Consolidated
Interest			
Interest income	51,361,472	6,169,142	57,530,614
Interest expense	(25,332,242)	(1,887,338)	(27,219,580)
Net interest margin	26,029,230	4,281,804	30,311,034
Non-interest income, net			
Fees and commissions, net	3,538,197	660,308	4,198,505
Foreign exchange revaluation gain (loss), net	(1,346,677)	16	(1,346,661)
Profit from FX trading activities, net	632,599	_	632,599
Other income (expense), net	(856,840)	-	(856,840)
Total non-interest income, net	1,967,279	660,324	2,627,603
Operating expenses			
Personnel	(5,903,803)	(1,138,387)	(7,042,190)
Administrative	(6,605,365)	(1,426,099)	(8,031,464)
Depreciation and amortization	(1,779,459)	(437,227)	(2,216,686)
Total operating expenses	(14,288,627)	(3,001,713)	(17,290,340)
Impairment of loans	(1,226,067)	(641,984)	(1,868,051)
Profit before taxes	12,481,815	1,298,431	13,780,246
Income tax	(1,508,138)		(1,508,138)
Net profit for the period	10,973,677	1,298,431	12,272,108

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6. Segmental reporting (continued)

As at 31 December 2010, the Bank's geographical segments are as follows:

	Albania	Kosovo	Consolidated
Assets			
Cash and balances with Central Bank	161,682,056	15,703,010	177,385,066
Placement and balances with banks	113,495,267	207,806	113,703,073
Treasury bills	187,826,686	_	187,826,686
Investment securities available-for-sale	101,714,745	-	101,714,745
Investment securities held-to-maturity	264,618,251	11,297,167	275,915,418
Loans and advances to banks	68,810,445	-	68,810,445
Loans and advances to customers	460,396,495	90,649,375	551,045,870
Property and equipment	13,253,470	3,221,980	16,475,450
Intangible assets	1,610,738	-	1,610,738
Non - current assets held for sale	5,206,635	-	5,206,635
Other assets	52,484,841	(49,277,421)*	3,207,420
Total assets	1,431,099,629	71,801,917	1,502,901,546
Liabilities and shareholders' equity			
Liabilities			
Customer deposits	1,251,907,242	57,744,278	1,309,651,520
Due to banks and financial institutions	58,394,940	4,004,048	62,398,988
Due to third parties	2,151,892	-	2,151,892
Deferred tax liabilities	1,731,801	-	1,731,801
Accruals and other liabilities	8,189,784	107,714	8,297,498
Total liabilities	1,322,375,659	61,856,040	1,384,231,699
Shareholders' equity			
Share capital			84,622,200
Translation reserve			(34,349)
Fair value reserve			342,874
Retained earnings			33,739,122
Total shareholders' equity			118,669,847
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity			1,502,901,546

^{*} Included within the USD 49,277,421 credit for Kosovo 'Other assets' is an amount of USD 49,615,237, which represents intra-group balances between the Head Office and Branches in Albania and Kosovo Branch as at 31 December 2010, and has been eliminated on consolidation.

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6. Segmental reporting (continued)

For the six months ended 30 June 2010, the Bank's geographical segments are as follows:

	Albania	Kosovo	Consolidated
Interest			
Interest income	46,250,773	3,325,126	49,575,899
Interest expense	(22,998,585)	(1,373,928)	(24,372,513)
Net interest margin	23,252,188	1,951,198	25,203,386
Non-interest income, net			
Fees and commissions, net	2,060,832	302,285	2,363,117
Foreign exchange revaluation gain (loss), net	2,354,794	2,045	2,356,839
Profit from FX trading activities, net	904,650	-	904,650
Other income (expense), net	19,876	<u>-</u>	19,876
Total non-interest income, net	5,340,152	304,330	5,644,482
Operating expenses			
Personnel	(5,258,373)	(768,231)	(6,026,604)
Administrative	(6,344,201)	(683,779)	(7,027,980)
Depreciation and amortization	(1,759,035)	(283,079)	(2,042,114)
Total operating expenses	(13,361,609)	(1,735,089)	(15,096,698)
Impairment of loans	(621,957)	(1,020,037)	(1,641,994)
Profit/(loss) before taxes	14,608,774	(499,598)	14,109,176
Income tax	(1,420,632)		(1,420,632)
Net profit/(loss) for the period	13,188,142	(499,598)	12,688,544

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7. Cash and balances with Central Bank

Cash and balances with Central Bank as at 30 June 2011 and 31 December 2010, are detailed as follows:

	30 June 2011	<i>31 December 2010</i>
Cash on hand	25,631,400	27,622,365
Deposits with the Central Bank of Kosovo	8,579,498	12,347,908
Bank of Albania		
Current account	2,677,784	22,308,665
Statutory reserve	133,161,201	115,049,860
Accrued interest	61,329	56,268
	135,900,314	137,414,793
	170,111,212	177,385,066

In accordance with the Bank of Albania's requirement relating to the deposit reserve, the Bank should maintain a minimum of 10% of customer deposits with the Bank of Albania as a statutory reserve account, which during the month can be decreased up to 60% of its level, provided that the monthly average is obtained.

Deposits with the Central Bank of Kosovo include the statutory reserve of 10% of customer deposits in Kosovo.

Cash and cash equivalents as at 30 June 2011 and 31 December 2010 are presented as follows:

	30 June 2011	<i>31 December 2010</i>
Cash and balances with Central Bank	170,111,212	177,385,066
Statutory reserve	(140,804,985)	(119,302,360)
Current accounts with banks	30,317,135	2,516,910
Accrued interest with banks	682,715	593,412
Placements with maturities of 3 months or less	14,727,274	80,159,776
_	75,033,351	141,352,804

8. Placements and balances with banks

Placements and balances with banks as at 30 June 2011 and 31 December 2010 consisted as follows:

	30 June 2011	31 December 2010
Placements	37,359,757	109,580,786
Cash collateral held by financial institutions	1,097,336	1,011,965
Current accounts	30,317,135	2,516,910
Accrued interest	682,715	593,412
_	69,456,943	113,703,073

Placements are held with non-resident banks from Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development ("OECD") countries and have contractual maturities up to 1 year. Current accounts represent balances with correspondent banks in the OECD countries.

Cash collateral represents mostly collateral held by financial institutions in relation with some margin trading accounts or by the correspondent banks against letters of credit issued to the Bank's clients and cash deposits, which secure risks that are related to the credit cards activity of the Bank.

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9. Treasury bills

Treasury bills denominated in Lek earn interest at rates ranging from 6.37% p.a. to 8.82% p.a. (2010: from 6.70% p.a. to 9.93% p.a.) on a compound basis and are all denominated in Lek, except for two EUR denominated, 9-month Treasury bills of the Albanian Government with a face value equivalent to USD 4.5 million at yields ranging from 6.63% p.a. to 6.73% p.a. (2010: 5.62% p.a. to 5.71% p.a.).

Treasury bills portfolio is composed as follows:

	30 June 2011	<i>31 December 2010</i>
Treasury bills available-for-sale	150,146,023	94,658,443
Treasury bills held-to-maturity	110,273,447	93,168,243
	260,419,470	187,826,686

Treasury bills available-for-sale

Treasury bills available-for-sale by original maturity as at 30 June 2011 and 31 December 2010 are presented as follows:

		30 Jun	e 2011	
	Purchase	Amortized	Marked to market	Fair
	Value	discount	gain (loss)	value
3 months	30,389	134	27	30,550
6 months	133,060	2,229	138	135,427
9 months	4,272,993	73,972	0	4,346,965
12 months	141,487,551	4,177,690	(32,160)	145,633,081
	145,923,993	4,254,025	(31,995)	150,146,023
		31 Decem	aber 2010	
	Purchase	Amortized	Marked to market	Fair
	Value	discount	gain (loss)	value
6 months	118,017	1,290	431	119,738
12 months	89,744,545	4,243,659	550,501	94,538,705
	89,862,562	4,244,949	550,932	94,658,443

Treasury bills held-to-maturity

Treasury bills held-to-maturity by original maturity as at 30 June 2011 and 31 December 2010 are presented as follows:

	30 June 2011			31 December 2010		
	Purchase	Amortized	Amortized	Purchase	Amortized	Amortized
	Value	discount	cost	value	discount	cost
6 months	21,231,369	576,294	21,807,663	3,435,389	27,871	3,463,260
9 months	-	-	-	3,967,146	115,325	4,082,471
12 months	85,459,259	3,006,525	88,465,784	82,767,990	2,854,522	85,622,512
	106,690,628	3,582,819	110,273,447	90,170,525	2,997,718	93,168,243

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10. Investment securities available-for-sale

Investment securities available-for-sale as at 30 June 2011 comprise as follows:

Туре	Nominal value	Unamortized discount	Accrued interest	Marked to market gain/ (loss)	Fair value
Lek Denominated Bonds	42,966,830	(171)	987,269	(104,041)	43,849,887
USD Denominated Bonds	22,500,000	(40,293)	523,042	2,193	22,984,942
EUR Denominated Bonds	40,294,670	257,797	1,052,008	(132,049)	41,472,426
GBP Denominated Bonds	11,988,636	469,203	525,181	272,894	13,255,914
TRY Denominated Equities	25,516,635	-		(1,782,254)	23,734,381
	143,266,771	686,536	3,087,500	(1,743,257)	145,297,550

The Bank has signed a put and call option agreement with a foreign counterparty, effective on 31 May 2011, in relation with Ihlas Holding a publicly traded equity shares amounting to USD 15 million, whereby the risk of market price decrease of these shares is hedged. The offsetting effect of the changes in the fair values of the hedged item and the hedging instrument recognized in profit and loss as at 30 June 2011 is USD 3,988,588.

Investment securities available-for-sale as at 31 December 2010 comprise as follows:

Туре	Nominal value	Unamortized discount	Accrued interest	Marked to market gain/ (loss)	Fair value
Lek Denominated Bonds	15,384,615	-	225,506	167,926	15,778,047
USD Denominated Bonds	19,850,000	(46,651)	421,510	364,701	20,589,560
EUR Denominated Bonds	51,416,954	632,540	1,715,030	(927,163)	52,837,361
GBP Denominated Bonds	11,643,750	549,006	130,142	186,879	12,509,777
	98,295,319	1,134,895	2,492,188	(207,657)	101,714,745

11. Investment securities held-to-maturity

Investment securities held-to-maturity as at 30 June 2011 comprise as follows:

Туре	Nominal Value	Unamortized Premium / (Discount)	Accrued interest	Net Value
Lek Denominated Bonds	222,841,067	-	4,821,945	227,663,012
USD Denominated Bonds	29,568,197	(34,395)	433,390	29,967,192
EUR Denominated Bonds	46,470,630	(899,978)	525,351	46,096,003
	298,879,894	(934,373)	5,780,686	303,726,207

As at 30 June 2011, an Irish Bond denominated in EUR and amounting to USD 12 million (2010: USD 11.3 million) is pledged in favour of the Central Bank of the Republic of Kosovo ('CBK') as a capital equivalency deposit required for a branch of a foreign bank.

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11. Investment securities held-to-maturity (continued)

Investment securities held-to-maturity as at 31 December 2010 comprise as follows:

Туре	Nominal Value	Unamortized Premium / (Discount)	Accrued interest	Net Value
Lek Denominated Bonds	201,126,110	-	4,789,381	205,915,491
USD Denominated Bonds	30,086,417	(54,162)	355,697	30,387,952
EUR Denominated Bonds	39,768,240	(1,298,946)	1,142,681	39,611,975
	270,980,767	(1,353,108)	6,287,759	275,915,418

12. Loans and advances to banks

The Bank has purchased the syndicated loans of some non-resident banks as at 30 June 2011, with ratings as follows:

Moody's ratings or equivalent	30 June 2011	31 December 2010
Rated Baa3 to Baa1	7,283,743	6,709,792
Rated Ba2	44,066,473	25,335,959
Rated Ba3	37,621,663	32,225,452
Rated B1	14,671,840	4,539,242
	103,643,719	68,810,445

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13. Loans and advances to customers

Loans and advances to customers consisted of the following:

	30 June 2011	<i>31 December 2010</i>
Loans and advances to customers, gross	719,967,894	557,887,662
Accrued interest	6,665,100	7,721,956
Less allowances for impairment on loans and advances	(14,380,596)	(11,706,364)
Less unamortized deferred fee income	(3,710,433)	(2,857,384)
	708,541,965	551,045,870
Movements in the allowance for impairment on loans and	advances:	
	2011	2010

At the end of the period	14,380,596	11,706,364
Impairment charge for the six months/ twelve months Translation difference	1,868,051 806,181	1,643,974 (861,351)
At 1 January	11,706,364	10,923,741

The impairment charge for the six-month period ended 30 June 2010 was USD 1,641,994.

As at 30 June 2011, the Bank's loans in arrears by more than 90 days totalled USD 43,096,808 (31 December 2010: USD 47,889,429).

All the loans are denominated in Lek, Euro, USD and CHF and bear interest at the following rates:

Loans in Lek	0.50% to 22.00%
Loans in Euro	0.50% to 22.00%
Loans in USD	3.00% to 13.00%
Loans in CHF	4.72% to 5.72%

The Bank has granted few loans with interest rates at the minimum limit shown above, which are lower than the rates that are generally offered by the Bank, and are covered by cash collaterals or are granted to personnel under special conditions.

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13. Loans and advances to customers (continued)

The classification of business loans by industry is as follows:

	30 June 2011		31 December 201	
	USD	%	USD	%
Wholesale Trade	123,476,307	25%	86,683,400	23%
Construction	85,077,748	17%	64,718,374	17%
Manufacturing of Other Non-metallic Products	43,791,197	9%	14,737,963	4%
Retail Trade	41,214,234	8%	33,846,496	9%
Manufacture of Food Products, Beverages	24,209,940	5%	16,382,375	4%
Manufacture of Textile and Textile Products	21,725,237	5%	30,287,255	8%
Other Community, Social and Personal Activities	20,267,900	4%	10,573,780	3%
Hotels and Restaurants	20,196,076	4%	19,157,757	5%
Manufacturing of Basic Metals and Fabricated Metal Products	18,428,135	4%	14,553,213	4%
Education	16,773,270	3%	9,576,536	3%
Financial Intermediation	13,466,003	3%	6,770,345	2%
Real Estate, Renting and Business Activity	13,380,974	3%	1,850,574	1%
Personal Needs	9,604,840	2%	10,215,597	3%
Health and Social Work	9,120,001	2%	9,525,959	2%
Manufacture of Rubber and Plastic Products	7,323,063	2%	6,556,573	2%
Manufacture of Wood and Wood Products	6,493,598	1%	5,682,307	1%
Transport, Storage and Communication	6,260,383	1%	3,776,110	1%
Manufacture of Pulp, Paper and Paper Products	1,638,860	-	1,483,588	1%
Manufacture of Machinery and Equipment	307,125	-	9,613,025	3%
Other Sectors	8,067,742	2%	15,487,740	4%
	490,822,633	100%	371,478,967	100%

The classification of retail loans by type is as follows:

	30 June 2011		30 June 2011 31 December 2		2010
	USD	%	USD	%	
Home purchase	138,208,525	60%	110,461,800	59%	
Home improvement	28,444,129	12%	25,147,525	13%	
Shop purchase	14,423,864	6%	11,501,411	6%	
Super Loan	13,585,280	6%	10,540,529	6%	
Home reconstruction	11,794,965	5%	11,079,885	6%	
Overdraft and credit cards	7,678,079	3%	5,335,460	3%	
Home advances	5,997,931	3%	5,938,280	3%	
Cash collateralised	4,950,576	2%	2,974,766	1%	
Technical equipment	1,227,839	1%	1,013,130	1%	
Car purchase	696,716	1%	623,236	1%	
Other types	2,137,357	1%	1,792,673	1%	
	229,145,261	100%	186,408,695	100%	

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14. Property and equipment

Property and equipment as at 30 June 2011 and 31 December 2010 are composed as follows:

	Land, buildings and leasehold improvements	Vehicles and other equipment	Computers and electronic equipment	Office equipment	Total
Gross value					
At 1 January 2010	17,995,633	4,438,720	12,495,408	1,392,410	36,322,171
Additions	497,519	387,051	1,328,631	69,928	2,283,129
Disposals / transfers	-	(120,782)	(2,048,528)	(39,613)	(2,208,923)
Translation difference	(1,408,729)	(344,874)	(975,858)	(108,253)	(2,837,714)
At 31 December 2010	17,084,423	4,360,115	10,799,653	1,314,472	33,558,663
Additions	474,617	162,973	805,270	39,588	1,482,448
Disposals / transfers	-	(14,977)	(45,040)	-	(60,017)
Translation difference	1,137,884	303,301	733,182	90,154	2,264,521
At 30 June 2011	18,696,924	4,811,412	12,293,065	1,444,214	37,245,615
Accumulated depreciation					
At 1 January 2010	(6,048,200)	(2,499,701)	(7,629,360)		(16,950,687)
Charge for the year	(931,836)	(633,707)	(1,892,343)	(179,784)	(3,637,670)
Disposals / write offs	-	103,489	2,021,806	38,988	2,164,283
Translation difference	478,827	197,405	603,776	60,853	1,340,861
At 31 December 2010	(6,501,209)	(2,832,514)	(6,896,121)	(853,369)	(17,083,213)
Charge for the period	(451,540)	(332,279)	(968,218)	(93,445)	(1,845,482)
Disposals / write offs	-	7,939	44,546	-	52,485
Translation difference	(461,280)	(199,642)	(459,450)	(59,910)	(1,180,282)
At 30 June 2011	(7,414,029)	(3,356,496)	(8,279,243)	(1,006,724)	(20,056,492)
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Net book value	11 047 422	1 020 010	1 066 010	410 00 4	10 271 494
At 1 January 2010 At 31 December 2010	11,947,433	1,939,019	4,866,048	618,984	19,371,484
At 30 June 2011	10,583,214	1,527,601	3,903,532	461,103	16,475,450
At 30 June 2011	11,282,895	1,454,916	4,013,822	437,490	17,189,123

As at 30 June 2011 the gross value of the assets which were fully depreciated was USD 7,748,013 (31 December 2010: USD 6,504,382).

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15. Intangible assets

Intangible assets as of 30 June 2011 and 31 December 2010 are composed as follows:

	Software
Gross value	
At 1 January 2010	4,085,252
Additions	854,211
Translation difference	(321,713)
At 31 December 2010	4,617,750
Additions	422,329
Translation difference	298,773
At 30 June 2011	5,338,852
Accumulated depreciation	
At 1 January 2010	(2,566,877)
Charge for the year	(643,014)
Translation difference	202,879
At 31 December 2010	(3,007,012)
Charge for the period	(371,204)
Translation difference	(204,168)
At 30 June 2011	(3,582,384)
Net book value	
At 1 January 2010	1,518,375_
At 31 December 2010	1,610,738
At 30 June 2011	1,756,468

Software represents mostly the Bank's operating and accounting system implemented during 2001, which was upgraded during the first half of 2005, followed by the purchase of a license for additional users for the years 2007 to 2010. Furthermore, in 2009 the Bank obtained the license and software for providing internet and mobile banking services.

16. Non – current assets held for sale

This item comprises the collateral values of some unrecoverable loans totalling USD 8,350,210 (31 December 2010: USD 5,206,635), the ownership of which, was taken on behalf of the Bank. The values of these assets are reappraised on a regular basis and the Bank has in place an Asset Sale Committee, which deals with the sale process of these assets. The fair value of these assets is determined with reference to the current market prices.

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17. Other assets

Other assets, net as at 30 June 2011 and 31 December 2010 are as follows:

	30 June 2011	31 December 2010
Cheques for collection and payments in transit	411,499	407,095
Spot transactions revaluation gain	208,409	195,744
Other debtors, net	4,423,046	2,604,581
_	5,042,954	3,207,420

[&]quot;Cheques for collection and payments in transit" represent customers' cheques and payments drawn on other banks that are in the process of being collected.

18. Customer deposits

Customer deposits as at 30 June 2011 and 31 December 2010 are composed as follows:

	30 June 2011	<i>31 December 2010</i>
Current accounts:		
Individuals	75,862,787	64,418,208
Private enterprises	105,371,602	94,958,433
State owned entities	27,765,169	26,905,675
	208,999,558	186,282,316
Deposits:		
Individuals	1,214,368,516	1,028,570,285
Private enterprises	58,407,926	51,286,369
State owned entities	33,791,859	27,713,567
	1,306,568,301	1,107,570,221
Other customer accounts:		
Individuals	5,501,944	5,460,759
Private enterprises	11,846,254	9,308,376
State owned entities	887,617	1,029,848
	18,235,815	15,798,983
	1,533,803,674	1,309,651,520

[&]quot;Other debtors" are composed of three main items. The first item of USD 1,815,636 (2010: USD 1,685,737) consists mostly of USD 1,657,839 (2010: USD 1,609,475) of credit disbursement and administration costs paid by the Bank, but charged and repayable by the borrowers. The other two items represent advance payments to suppliers of USD 1,206,465 (2010: USD 125,694) and prepaid expenses of USD 1,400,945 (2010: USD 793,150).

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18. Customer deposits (continued)

Current accounts and deposits can be further analysed as follows:

_	30 June 2011			31 1	December 20	010
	Local currency	Foreign currency	Total	Local currency	Foreign currency	Total
Current accounts	108,970,994	100,028,564	208,999,558	109,472,653	76,809,663	186,282,316
Deposits						
On demand	139,835	19,439,452	19,579,287	373,817	16,526,769	16,900,586
One month	42,583,007	50,714,875	93,297,882	33,770,105	43,161,058	76,931,163
Three months	79,162,347	88,541,774	167,704,121	65,456,546	75,826,984	141,283,530
Six months	123,251,579	112,440,024	235,691,603	100,098,258	91,203,509	191,301,767
Twelve months	375,495,906	292,753,545	668,249,451	328,981,743	252,977,572	581,959,315
Two years and over	51,303,754	43,624,300	94,928,054	43,709,933	34,792,809	78,502,742
Accrued interest on deposits	19,197,249	7,920,654	27,117,903	15,074,575	5,616,543	20,691,118
Total deposits	691,133,677	615,434,624	1,306,568,301	587,464,977	520,105,244	1,107,570,221
Other customer accounts	5,670,495	12,565,320	18,235,815	5,929,593	9,869,390	15,798,983
Total customer deposits	805,775,166	728,028,508	1,533,803,674	702,867,223	606,784,297	1,309,651,520

Other customer accounts are composed as follows:

	30 June 2011		<i>31 December 2010</i>		010	
	Local currency	Foreign currency	Total	Local currency	Foreign currency	Total
Deposit guarantees for letters of credit	-	47,840	47,840	-	14,075	14,075
Escrow accounts	4,301,329	10,621,504	14,922,833	4,263,829	7,516,932	11,780,761
Bank drafts	-	7,940	7,940	_	7,779	7,779
Payment orders to be executed	47,125	212,579	259,704	55,436	176,945	232,381
Other	1,322,041	1,675,457	2,997,498	1,610,328	2,153,659	3,763,987
	5,670,495	12,565,320	18,235,815	5,929,593	9,869,390	15,798,983
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[&]quot;Deposit guarantee for letters of credit" represent the cash collateral held by the Bank against similar collateral provided by the Bank to correspondent banks for letters of credit opened on behalf of its customers.

[&]quot;Escrow accounts" balance represents sums blocked until the completion of an operation or the extinction of a risk. Amounts registered in these accounts mostly relate to cash coverage received from customers due to the issuance of bid and performance bonds by the bank or due to treasury bill' transactions with Bank of Albania intermediated by the Bank.

[&]quot;Other" represents deposits that are pending to be allocated into the relevant deposit category the next business day (value date).

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19. Due to banks and financial institutions

Due to banks and financial institutions as at 30 June 2011 and 31 December 2010 consisted as follows:

	30 June 2011	31 December 2010
Treasury bills sold under Repo agreements with Central Bank	66,326,686	21,291,365
Deposits from banks	12,610,299	22,049,379
Current accounts of non resident banks	6,835,481	231,155
Current accounts of resident banks	75,478	69,882
Borrowing from financial institutions	29,229,930	18,757,207
_	115,077,874	62,398,988

Deposits from banks as at 30 June 2011 represent short-term borrowings obtained either from resident or non-resident banks, detailed as follows:

Bank	Currency	Principal	Accrued interest	Total	Maturity Date
Alpha Bank – Albania	ALL	3,214,579	462	3,215,041	01 July 2011
Union Bank	USD	3,000,000	37	3,000,037	07 July 2011
Credit Bank of Albania	USD	902,252	226	902,478	18 July 2011
Nurol Investment Bank	TRL	4,620,700	8,086	4,628,786	01 July 2011
Turkiye Halk Bankasi	TRL	862,531	1,426	863,957	01 July 2011
Total	USD	12,600,062	10,237	12,610,299	

Borrowing from financial institutions represents the seven-year loan amount of EUR 20 million outstanding as at 30 June 2011 (31 December 2010: EUR 14 million), obtained from European Fund for Southeast Europe (EFSE), under the Framework Agreement signed on 20 September 2010 for granting loans to SME customers of the Bank.

20. Due to third parties

The Bank acts as an agent for the tax authorities either in the collection of taxes or in performing advance payments for the budget. In return, the Bank charges a commission to the taxpayers for the service rendered. The credit balance as at 30 June 2011, of USD 2,423,333 (31 December 2010: USD 2,151,892) represents the net outstanding amount of payments and collections made by the Bank to and from third parties, on behalf of tax authorities.

21. Deferred tax liabilities

Deferred income taxes are calculated on all temporary differences using a tax rate of 10%. The movement on the deferred income tax account is as follows:

	30 June 2011	<i>31 December 2010</i>
Liability at 1 January	(1,731,801)	(736,954)
Expense	(352,104)	(1,053,591)
Exchange differences	(121,241)	58,744
Liability at the end of the period	(2,205,146)	(1,731,801)

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21. Deferred tax liabilities (continued)

Deferred income tax assets / (liabilities) are attributable to the following items:

	30 June 2011	31 December 2010
Deferred income on fees on loans	371,043	285,738
Decelerated depreciation	318,804	271,923
Allowance for loan impairment	(2,694,188)	(2,203,402)
Fair value reserve for AFS securities	(200,805)	(86,060)
	(2,205,146)	(1,731,801)

Based on the local accounting law, starting from 1 January 2008 the Bank must report in accordance with IFRS. In addition, Law No. 10364, dated 16.12.2010 provides for certain amendments (effective as of January 24, 2011). Based on these amendments, the impairment allowances charged by banks in accordance with IFRS shall be considered as tax deductible expenses, provided that they are certified by the external auditors and are not in excess of the limits determined by the Central Bank. However, the impact of these changes in the legislation, on the consolidated interim financial statements of the Bank, are still uncertain and guidelines on the tax impact for IFRS reporting not yet clear.

22. Accruals and other liabilities

A breakdown of accruals and other liabilities as at 30 June 2011 and 31 December 2010 is presented as follows:

	30 June 2011	<i>31 December 2010</i>
Creditors	1,869,135	1,855,685
Transit account	1,436,846	270,312
Reserve fund for retiring employees	1,432,573	1,567,221
Due to tax authorities	882,262	582,930
Social insurance	150,034	132,829
Accrued expenses and deferred income	1,940,948	2,736,656
Other	1,227,579	1,151,865
	8,939,377	8,297,498

[&]quot;Due to tax authorities" includes income tax payable of USD 439,446 (2010: USD 142,794).

Accrued expenses for personnel amounting to USD 836,353 (2010: USD 1,373,750), represents the accrued amounts of yearly performance bonus for the bank's staff and management.

"Other" consists of four items. The first item of USD 1,061,791 (2010: USD 1,026,764) are payments due to construction companies in relation to semi finished home loans. The other three items represent cash guarantees received from the suppliers of USD 56,695 (2010: USD 62,631), spot transactions revaluation loss of USD 98,992 (2010: USD 56,624) and payments in transit of USD 10,101 (2010: USD 5,846).

[&]quot;Creditors" represent mainly balances from old transactions that the Albanian Government is keeping with the Bank, pending the determination of the rightful owner of these amounts. As at the date of the report, a decision is not yet taken.

[&]quot;Transit account" mostly represents the undefined customer accounts that are cleared within a couple of days after the end of the period.

[&]quot;Reserve fund for retiring employees" represents a specific fund created in 2002 by the Bank, which will be paid to staff on their retirement. The investment in this fund has been stopped by the Bank on 30 September 2010. (See to Note 3, paragraph q.ii.)

[&]quot;Accrued expenses" includes USD 1,046,866 (2010: USD 788,900) of deposit insurance premium due for the second quarter of 2011 according to the Law no. 8873 "On the Insurance of Deposits" dated 29 March 2002, that provides insurance coverage to individual depositors against bank failures.

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23. Shareholders' equity

Share Capital

At 30 June 2011 the authorised share capital comprised 6,852,000 ordinary shares (2010: 6,852,000). The shares have a par value of USD 12.35. All issued shares are fully paid. The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends from time to time, if declared. All shares rank equally with regard to the Bank's residual assets.

Reserves

Legal reserve

As described in Note 1, based on the Shareholder's Decision dated 31 March 2011, the Bank created legal reserves of Lek 398,581 thousand (equivalent of USD 4,024,442).

Translation reserve

The translation reserve comprises all foreign exchange differences arising from the translation of the financial statements of foreign operations, as well as from the translation of consolidated financial statements from functional currency to presentation currency.

Fair value reserve

The fair value reserve includes the cumulative net change in the fair value of available-for-sale investments, excluding impairment losses, until the investment is derecognised or impaired.

Retained earnings

Retained earnings as at 30 June 2011 includes the cumulative non distributed earnings from the profit of the years 2009, 2010 and the six-month period ended 30 June 2011. As explained in Note 1, after the appropriation of legal reserves on 31 March 2011, the remaining retained earnings were not distributed.

24. Interest income

Interest income is composed as follows:

•	Six-month period ended 30 June 2011	Six-month period ended 30 June 2010
Placements and balances with banks and Central Bank	3,674,087	2,313,386
Treasury bills and investment securities	25,407,476	22,772,852
Loans and advances to customers	28,449,051	24,489,661
<u>_</u>	57,530,614	49,575,899
Interest income can be further analysed as follows:		
	Six-month period ended 30 June 2011	Six-month period ended 30 June 2010
Available-for-sale financial assets	8,315,043	8,600,436
Held-to-maturity investments	20,766,520	16,485,802
Loans and receivables	28,449,051	24,489,661
·	57,530,614	49,575,899

Interest income on impaired loans for the six-month period ended 30 June 2011 was USD 427,710 (30 June 2010: USD 375,886).

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25. Interest expense

Interest expense raised from financial liabilities measured at amortized cost is composed as follows:

	Six-month period ended 30 June 2011	Six-month period ended 30 June 2010
Due to banks and financial institutions	1,516,399	1,279,477
Customer deposits	25,703,181	23,093,036
	27,219,580	24,372,513

26. Fees and commissions, net

Fee and commission revenue and expense are comprised of the following items:

	Six-month period ended 30 June 2011	Six-month period ended 30 June 2010
Fee and commission income		
Payment services to clients	1,381,189	960,926
Lending activity	1,379,929	1,168,838
Inter bank transactions	851,414	275,793
Customer accounts' maintenance	392,806	311,147
Card transactions	328,944	201,067
Cash transactions with clients	116,195	153,891
Other fees and commissions	39,384	35,060
	4,489,861	3,106,722
Fee and commission expense		
Inter bank transactions	(198,865)	(28,241)
Customer accounts' maintenance	(51,720)	(45,929)
Transactions with clients	(23,780)	(660,767)
Payment services to clients	(16,991)	(8,668)
	(291,356)	(743,605)
Fees and commissions, net	4,198,505	2,363,117

27. Foreign exchange revaluation (loss) / gain, net

Foreign exchange revaluation (loss) / gain represents the net revaluation of the Bank's foreign currency monetary assets and liabilities. In addition, as described in Note 3(b) it also includes the revaluation of the Bank's share capital. The revaluation gain on the share capital for the six-month period ended 30 June 2011 is USD 5,335,851 (six months ended 30 June 2010: USD 12,253,493 - loss).

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28. Other (expense) / income, net

Other income and expenses are composed as follows:

	Six-month period ended 30 June 2011	Six-month period ended 30 June 2010
Other income		
Gain on sale of fixed assets	2,385	20,836
Gain on recovery of lost loans	5,355	4,526
Gain on sale of non-current assets	12,866	1,159
Reversal of staff pension fund	129,380	-
Sundry	37,382	92,243
	187,368	118,764
Other expense		
Loss on write off of fixed assets	(6,970)	(2,891)
Loss on unrecoverable lost loans	(72,898)	(82,086)
Provision of other debtors	(895,813)	-
Sundry	(68,527)	(13,911)
	(1,044,208)	(98,888)
Other (expense) / income, net	(856,840)	19,876

29. Personnel expenses

Personnel expenses are composed as follows:

	Six-month period ended 30 June 2011	Six-month period ended 30 June 2010
Salaries	5,637,190	4,620,746
Social insurance	527,965	443,254
Performance bonus	509,082	531,255
Training	253,521	148,545
Life insurance	17,138	4,313
Reserve fund for retiring employees	-	193,655
Other	97,294	84,836
	7,042,190	6,026,604

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30. Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses are composed as follows:

	Six-month period ended 30 June 2011	Six-month period ended 30 June 2010
Deposit insurance expense	2,048,786	1,581,578
Telephone, electricity and IT expenses	1,042,720	1,052,502
Lease payments	1,009,842	847,822
Marketing expenses	1,002,699	1,377,763
Repairs and maintenance	721,657	507,660
Security and insurance expenses	485,758	372,475
Credit/debit cards expenses	432,161	308,870
Transportation and business related travel	392,037	293,231
Office stationery and supplies	239,583	204,955
Other external services (including external audit fees)	222,905	180,816
Taxes other than tax on profits	116,013	79,383
Representation expenses	63,269	35,616
Sundry	254,034	185,309
	8,031,464	7,027,980
31. Income tax		
Income tax is comprised of:		
	Six-month period ended 30 June 2011	Six-month period ended 30 June 2010
Current income tax	1,156,034	1,094,988
Deferred tax expense (note 21)	352,104	325,644
	1,508,138	1,420,632

The tax on profit before tax differs from the theoretical amount that would arise using the basic tax rate as follows:

	Six-month period ended 30 June 2011	Six-month period ended 30 June 2010
Profit before taxes	13,780,246	14,109,176
Computed tax using applicable tax rate of 10%	1,378,025	1,410,918
Non tax deductible expenses	45,599	67,589
Foreign exchange difference	84,514	(57,875)
Income tax	1,508,138	1,420,632
Effective tax rate	10.9%	10.1%

32. Related party transactions

In accordance with IAS 24 "Related Party Disclosures", a related party is any party that has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial and operating decisions.

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32. Related party transactions (continued)

Identity of related parties

The Bank has related party relationships with its shareholders and affiliates, directors and executive officers. The Bank's sole shareholder is Calik Finansal Hizmetler, which is owned by Calik Holding at 100% as at 30 June 2011. ALBtelecom Sh.a., Eagle Mobile Sh.a., Aktifbank and GAP Pazarlama FZE are controlled by Calik Holding.

Balances and transactions with shareholders and affiliates

	30 June 2011	31 December 2010
Assets		
Placement and balances with banks:		
Current accounts with Aktifbank	237,162	602,853
Placements with Aktifbank	-	7,168,097
Investment securities available-for-sale:		
Calik Holding	-	1,299,225
Loans and advances to customers:		
GAP Pazarlama FZE	17,233,667	-
Total assets	17,470,829	9,070,175
Liabilities	<u> </u>	, ,
Customer deposits:		
ALBtelecom Sh.a.	7,852,586	5,288,739
Eagle Mobile Sh.a.	1,634,948	2,587,800
Other liabilities:		
Payables to Aktifbank	9,093	171,967
Total liabilities	9,496,627	8,048,506
Statement of comprehensive income		
Interest income from:		
Aktifbank	78,944	289,810
Calik Holding	54,864	90,683
GAP Pazarlama FZE	233,667	-
Interest expenses for:		
ALBtelecom Sh.a. and Eagle Mobile Sh.a.	(91,357)	(139,993)
Fees and commissions:		
Commissions charged by Aktifbank	(23,877)	(1,031,213)
Commissions from LC-s and LG-s of	8,269	9,330
ALBtelecom Sh.a.		
Account maintenance fees from	335	761
ALBtelecom Sh.a. and Eagle Mobile Sh.a.		
Net	260,845	(780,622)

The one-yearly deposit placed with Aktifbank earned interest of 3.5% p.a. and matured on 26 April 2011. At 31 December 2010, the available-for-sale corporate bonds, which were purchased from Calik Holding, had a coupon rate of 8.5%. These bonds were sold on 25 March 2011.

GAP Pazarlama FZE is an international company operating as a wholesale trader and is owned by the Bank's ultimate shareholder. The loan granted to this company has an original maturity of three years and at 30 June 2011 it earns interest of 6.0% p.a.

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32. Related party transactions (continued)

The Bank has signed an agreement with Aktifbank related with different consultancy services for lending to companies based in Turkey, under which the Bank should pay some service commission to Aktifbank. In addition, Aktifbank has offered a guarantee of 10% on the outstanding loans granted to these companies, which at 30 June 2011 is USD 1,217,156 (31 December 2010: USD 1,667,709). As at 30 June 2011, the Bank has issued Letters of Guarantee and Letters of Credit of USD 147,228 (31 December 2010: USD 1,751,252) to ALBtelecom Sh.a.

Balances and transactions with directors and executive officers

The remuneration of directors and executive officers is included in personnel expenses. It can be detailed as follows:

	Six-month period ended 30 June 2011	Six-month period ended 30 June 2010
Directors	53,334	56,667
Executive officers	1,028,835	901,243
	1,082,169	957,910

The remuneration of directors and executive officers for the year ended 31 December 2010 was USD 2.265.063.

As at 30 June 2011, the total deposits of directors held with the Bank were USD 618,583 (31 December 2010: USD 567,750), while the outstanding loans granted to directors were USD 882 (31 December 2010: USD 3,278).

One of the directors has opened a personal foreign exchange netting account for the amount of EUR 2.5 million (equivalent of USD 3.6 million) and the related fees are USD 10,134.

33. Contingencies and commitments

Guarantees

	30 June 2011	<i>31 December 2010</i>
Guarantees in favour of customers	65,383,963	21,083,914
Guarantees received from credit institutions	1,830,365	2,198,269
Letters of credit issued to customers	7,266,123	6,992,020

Guarantees and letters of credit issued in favour of customers are mostly counter guaranteed by other financial institutions or fully cash collateralised.

At present the Bank is operating as an agent for the Government in the administration and implementation of certain loans to state owned entities utilising credit lines received from international donors. These donors have received individual guarantees from the government of Albania to cover the reimbursement of their lines of credit.

Other

	30 June 2011	<i>31 December 2010</i>
Undrawn credit commitments	45,931,897	30,704,665
Outstanding cheques of non-resident banks	212,087	394,082
Spot foreign currency contract	57,223,514	11,428,817
Collaterals for loan portfolio	1,991,173,600	1,534,413,816

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33. Contingencies and commitments (continued)

Legal

In the normal course of business the Bank is presented with legal claims and litigation; the Bank's management is of the opinion that no material losses will be incurred in relation to legal claims outstanding as at 30 June 2011.

Lease commitments

Such commitments for the period ended 30 June 2011 and year ended 31 December 2010 are composed as follows:

	30 June 2011	<i>31 December 2010</i>
Not later than 1 year	2,068,541	1,853,473
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	7,315,767	6,647,060
Later than 5 years	3,765,236	3,484,811
Total	13,149,544	11,985,344

The Bank has entered into lease commitments for all the branches and agencies opened during the years 2003-2011 with a maximum duration of ten years.

The Bank had 74 rented buildings as at 30 June 2011, in which are included the rented space dedicated to offsite disaster recovery and the 21 buildings rented for units of Kosovo Branch.

The Bank may cancel these leases upon giving three months notice. Therefore, at 30 June 2011, the maximum non-cancellable commitment payable not later than one year is USD 517,135 (2010: USD 463,368).

34. Subsequent events

There are no subsequent events that would require either adjustments or additional disclosures in the financial statements.