

SUMMARY OF UNAUDITED INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH JUNE 2016

		GROUP			COMPANY	
	30-Jun-16 Unaudited K'm	30-Jun-15 Unaudited K'm	31-Dec-15 Audited K'm	30-Jun-16 Unaudited K'm	30-Jun-15 Unaudited K'm	31-Dec-15 Audited K'm
STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME Interest income	22,496	15,336	32,758	21,300	15,295	32,050
Interest expense Net interest income	(3,116)	(1,950) 13,386	(4,660) 28,098	(2,876) 18,424	(1,950) 13,345	(4,404) 27,646
Other income	8,737	8,733	15,826	7,675	8,423	14,595
Net income Operating expenses	28,117 (16,330)	22,119 (10,611)	43,924 (22,493)	26,099 (14,224)	21,768 (10,408)	42,241 (21,114)
Profit before recoveries on impaired loans and advances Net recoveries/(expense) on impaired loans and advances	44	11,508 267	21,431 (1,816)	11,875 169	11,360 267	21,127 (1,502)
Profit before taxation Income tax expense	11,831 (3,673)	11,775 (3,637)	19,615 (6,246)	12,044 (3,694)	11,627 (3,582)	19,625 (6,374)
Profit after tax	8,158	8,138	13,369	8,350	8,045	13,251
Other comprehensive income Gains on property valuations	0	0	1,383	0	0	1,365
Fair value movement on available for sale assets Deferred tax on revalued assets	(11) 0	(97) 0	(191) 1,263	(11) 0	(97) 0	(191) 1,243
Other comprehensive income net of tax Total comprehensive income for the year	(11) 8,147	(97) 8,041	2,455 15,824	(11) 8,339	(97) 7,948	2,417 15,668
Profit attributable to shareholders						
Owners of the Parent Non-Controlling Interest (Minorities)	8,133 25	8,121 17	13,329 40			
	8,158	8,138	13,369			
Comprehensive income attributable to shareholders Owners of the Parent	8,133	8,024	15,769			
Non-Controlling Interest (Minorities)	25 8,158	17 8,041	55 15,824			
DIVIDENDS PAID	- 0,100	5,5	.0,02.			
Interim Final (for prior year)	0 3,198	0 4,669	1,504 4,669	0 3,198	0 4,669	1,504 4,669
Total	3,198	4,669	6,173	3,198	4,669	6,173
Earnings per share (Kwacha) Dividend per share (Kwacha)	17.42 6.85	17.39 10.00	28.54 13.22	17.88 6.85	17.23 10.00	28.37 13.22
Number of ordinary shares in issue (millions)	467	467	467	467	467	467
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION						
Customer deposits	226,821	145,547	214,989	204,881	136,357	184,093
Current income tax liabilities Other liabilities	2,021 22,430	2,322 25,999	1,229 13,710	1,894 23,079	2,282 25,807	1,192 12,043
Deferred tax Loans and borrowings	594 1,421	0 3,720	600 3,551	1,421	3,720	3,340
Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent company Non-controlling interest	58,702 1,031	47,675 61	53,778 1,043	58,340	47,121 0	53,199
Total liabilities and equity	313,020	225,324	288,900	289,615	215,287	253,867
ASSETS Cash and funds with Reserve Bank of Malawi	25,923	30,041	30,550	25,923	30,041	27,570
Government of Malawi Treasury Bills Reserve Bank of Malawi bill bonds and treasury notes	29,326 853	47,635 1,360	28,592 817	29,326 853	47,537 1,360	26,223 817
Government of Malawi Promissory Notes Equity investments	0 2,240	4,514 3,002	2,285 2,761	0 2,180	4,514 2,932	2,285 2,697
Investment in associates Investment in subsidiaries	517 -	478 -	527 0	233 6,962	233 315	233 6,904
Placements with other banks Loans and advances to customers	29,085 130,437	11,094 71,736	24,129 113,975	29,085 130,437	11,094 71,736	18,878 109,610
Other money market deposits Other assets	43,304 9,611	9,678 18,621	40,023 5,985	20,411 9,055	0 18,469	23,437 5,021
Investment properties Property, plant and equipment	133 27,120	0 19,690	133 25,519	133 24,577	0 19,600	0 21,259
Intangible assets Deferred tax assets	5,870 4,590	4,042 3,433	5,003 4,590	5,870 4,570	4,042 3,414	4,758 4,175
Goodwill Total assets	4,011 313,020	0 225,324	4,011 288,900	289,615	215,287	253,867
Memorandum items	0.0,020		200,000	200,010	,	
Contingent liabilities - letters of credit and guarantees	15,554	14,396	20,635	15,554	14,396	20,147
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY As at beginning of period	53,778	44,182	44,182	53,199	43,704	43,704
Net profit for the period Dividends paid	8,133 (3,198)	8,121 (4,669)	13,329 (6,173)	8,350 (3,198)	8,045 (4,669)	13,251 (6,173)
Surplus on revaluation of property Fair value movement on available for sale assets	0 (11)	0 (97)	1,383 (191)	0 (11)	0 (97)	1,365 (191)
Transfer to loan loss reserve Deferred tax on revalued assets	0	138	0 1,248	0	138	1,243
As at end of period	58,702	47,675	53,778	58,340	47,121	53,199
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS Cash flows from operating activities						
Profit before tax Adjustments for:	11,831	11,775	19,615	12,044	11,627	19,625
Depreciation Fair value (profit)/loss on equity investments	1,299 516	1,010 (372)	2,286 (74)	1,157 516	1,003 (372)	2,208 (67)
Profit on disposal of fixed assets (Profit)/Loss on disposal of equity investments	(6) 0	(18) 0	(21) 0	(4)	(18)	(18) 0
Dividends received Share of profits of associate	(16) 26	(33) (28)	(121) (91)	(128)	(72)	(160) 0
Loss/(Gain) on revaluation of properties Decrease/(Increase) in operating assets	0 (19,671)	0 13,903	(15) (23,192)	(17,560)	- - 13,816	(15) (28,027)
Increase/(Increase) in operating labilities Cash generated from operating activities	11,506 5,485	(2,820) 23,417	52,243 50,630	9,558 5,583	(4,045) 21,939	47,105 40,651
Tax paid	(2,881)	(3,246)	(6,644)	(2,792)	(3,184)	(6,584)
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities Net cash outflow from investing activities	2,604 (2,676)	20,171 (24,453)	43,986 (2,906)	2,791 (1,180)	18,755 (24,303)	34,067 (9,194)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(5,366) (5,438)	(6,532) (10,814)	(8,417) 32,663	(5,326) (3,715)	(6,532) (12,080)	(8,415) 16,458
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	91,355 85,917	58,692 47,878	58,692 91,355	66,738 63,023	50,280 38,200	50,280 66,738

IMPAIRMENT LOSSES/NON PERFORMING CREDIT FACILITIES AND PROVISIONS FOR LOSSES BY INDUSTRY SECTOR

	3	0th June 2016			30th June 2015	5
Sector	Outstanding	Impaired	Specific	Outstanding	Impaired	Specific
	Amount	Amount	Provision	Amount	Amount	Provision
	K'm	K'm	K'm	K'm	K'm	K'm
Assistable Farsty Livester and Fishing	20.240	20	40	10.001	4.057	0.40
Agriculture, Forestry, Livestock and Fishing	30,318	39	43	19,231	1,257	842
Manufacturing	25,806	1,304	571	14,929	1,571	623
Mining and Quarying	2	-	0	0	-	0
Construction and Engineering	960	95	56	646	105	7
Energy/Electricity, Gas, Air conditioning,						
Water supply & Waste management	2,950	0	8	1,797	0	0
Transport/Storage	6,190	484	66	1,499	215	2
Communication	2,918	10	5	3,343	0	0
Financial/Insurance/Professional/Scientific						
& Technical services	1,051	0	0	1,451	0	0
Wholesale/Retail	36,881	1,218	224	13,776	1,335	67
Individual/Households	13,025	485	352	10,165	847	256
Real Estate	1,920	4	1	3,454	0	0
Tourism	8,009	108	34	2,075	149	47
Other	1,794	59	27	1,239	63	25
TOTAL	131,824	3,806	1387	73,605	5,542	1869

CREDIT CONCENTRATION

Total Credit Facilities including guarantees, acceptances and other similar commitments extended to any one customer or group of related customers where amounts exceed 25% of core capital.

SECTOR OF BORROWER	30th June 2016		30th June 2015	
	K'm	% OF CORE CAPITAL	K'm	% OF CORE CAPITAL
Wholesale/Retail	10,195	30%	8,950	34%

LOANS TO DIRECTORS, SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

	30th June 2016 K'm	30th June 2015 K'm
DIRECTORS:		
Balance at beginning of half year	341	197
Loans granted during the half year	91	372
Repayments	(162)	(196)
Balance at end of half year	270	373
OTHER RELATED PARTIES:		
Balance at beginning of half year	5,011	5,832
Loans granted during the half year	4,147	12,286
Repayments	(2,606)	(11,702)
Balance at end of half year	6,552	6,416
SENIOR MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS:		
Balance at beginning of year	903	617
Loans granted during the year	79	735
Repayments	(161)	(757)
Balance at end of year	821	595

INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARIES

Name of Subsidiary	30th June 2016	30th June 2015
NBM Capital Markets Limited	100%	100%
NBM Securities Limited	100%	100%
National Bank of Malawi Nominees Lin	nited 100%	100%
NBM Bureau De Change Limited	100%	100%
Inde Bank Limited	97%	0%
NBM Pension Administration Limited	100%	100%
Stockbrokers Malawi Limited	75%	75%

Percentage Holding

LENDING RATES		
	30th June 2016	30th June 2015
Malawi Kwacha facilities		
Base Lending Rate	34.0%	37.0%
Lending Rate Spread	-4% to 8.0%	-4% to + 8.0%
Foreign Currency facilities	7.5% to 12.0%	7.5% to 12.0%

DIRECTORS REMUNERATION, BONUSES AND MANAGEMENT FEES

	30th June 2016 K'm	30th June 2015 K'm
Directors Remuneration	479	494
Total Bonuses Paid by the Bank	1,677	2,465

DEPOSIT RATES

Type of Deposit	30th June 2016 Rate %	30th June 2015 Rate %
Malawi Kwacha		
Current Account	0.15	0.15
Savings	9.00	7.00
Special savings	5.00	3.00
Savings Bond	9.00	9.00
Student Save	7.00	5.00
Fiesta Save	12.00	10.00
7 Day Call	8.00	6.00
30 Day Call	9.00	7.00
2 Months	13.00	11.00
3 Months	12.00	10.00
6 Months	9.50	8.00
9 Months	Negotiable	Negotiable
12 Months	Negotiable	Negotiable

Foreign Currency Denominated Accounts (FCDAs)

USD	0.50	0.50
GBP	1.75	1.75
ZAR	4.00	4.00
EUR	0.50	0.50

PERFORMANCE

We announce a group pre-tax profit of K11.8b (2015: K11.8b). These results are after taking into account one-off integration costs following the acquisition of Indebank.

Among other integration costs, the Bank incurred a severance pay amounting to K937m. In addition Indebank continued to incur unplanned overheads due to delays in obtaining certain regulatory approvals which resulted in losses amounting to K400m. Net Income reflected a strong year-on-year growth of 27%, with Net Interest Income increasing by 44%, partly on account of business inherited from Indebank. Despite a high interest rate environment, the quality of the Bank's loan book at below 3% non-performing ratio remains good in relation to the industry.

THE OPERATING ENVIRONMENT

The operating environment has continued to be challenging, characterized by high inflation, drought, food shortages and high interest rates.

Unsatisfactory tobacco proceeds due to the low quality crop as reflected in high rejection rates by buyers at the auction floors, low tea output and prices, lower than expected sugar production and exports, together with the continued suspension of direct budgetary donor support, have all contributed to foreign currency challenges consequently affecting economic performance and in turn the Bank's business.

Notwithstanding the operating environment and integration costs, the Bank's performance during the period under review was satisfactory.

DIVIDEND

Directors have resolved to pay an interim dividend amounting to K3.0 b (2015 interim: K1.5b) representing K 6.44 per share (2015 interim: K3.22). Dividends will be paid on 30th September 2016 to members whose names appear on the register as at the close of business on 23rd September 2016.

OUTLOOK

Economic growth outlook for 2016 is projected to remain subdued at 2.6% mainly due to the lagging effects of the El Nino weather conditions of the previous cropping season. Estimates point to a drop in maize production of at least 12% in the 2015/16 season on the back of an already low 2014/15 base. The low economic growth prospects will continue to have negative implications on effective consumer demand and therefore business activity.

Inflation remains stubbornly high at 22.6% recorded in June 2016 from 23.5% in January 2016. The sustained increase in maize and cereal prices coupled with pass through effects of Malawi Kwacha deprecation will continue to push up inflation.

Currently, high foreign exchange demand is outstripping supply despite the ongoing tobacco export receipts in the first half of the year. This is resulting in the gradual depreciation of the Kwacha. The forecast for the second half of the year therefore points to the continuation of a challenging operating environment.

The integration of Indebank into National Bank has now been successfully completed. This implies that the Group will no longer be carrying the extra overheads of Indebank.

Therefore, notwithstanding the projected challenging environment, Group performance in the second half is expected to show more positive growth in earnings compared to the first half.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

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