

**CENTRAL BANK OF LIBERIA**  
**Annual Report**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2014**

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**COPORATE INFORMATION**

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS:**

J. Mills Jones-Executive Governor  
John G. Bestman  
David Farhart  
David K. Vinton (retired November 27, 2014)  
Mildred B. Reeves (retired November 27, 2014)  
Melissa A. Emeh (appointed January 9, 2015)  
Milton A. Weeks (appointed January 9, 2015)

**AUDITOR**

PricewaterhouseCoopers (Liberia) LLC  
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## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

### **Introduction**

The Central Bank of Liberia (CBL) is committed to the principles and implementation of good corporate governance. The Bank recognizes the valuable contribution that it makes to long-term business prosperity and to ensuring accountability to the Government of Liberia (GOL). The CBL believes that full disclosure and transparency in its operations are in the interests of good governance. As indicated in the statement of responsibilities of Governors and notes to the financial statements, the Bank has adapted internationally recognized standard accounting practices and has implemented rigorous internal controls to facilitate the reliability of the financial statements.

### **The Board of Governors**

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

### **The Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee is made up of four (4) Governors, one of which is a non-voting member. Committee members are independent of management and free of any relationships that could interfere with their independent judgments. The committee meets on a quarterly basis. Members of the audit committee elect the Chairman of the Audit Committee. The terms of reference of the Audit Committee is made available to members of management. The duties of the Audit Committee includes; keeping under review the scope and results of the audit, as well as the independence and objectivity of the external auditor. The Audit Committee also keeps under review internal financial controls, risk management, and compliance with laws and regulations. The Audit Committee also reviews the adequacy of the audit program of the Internal Audit Section on an annual basis. Additionally, the Audit Committee reviews reports prepared by the Internal Audit Section in addition to the financial statements of the Central Bank.

### **Financial Stability Committee**

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

**CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (continued)**

**Compliance Committee**

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

**Money management and Policy Review Committee**

The Money Management and Policy Review Committee is an advisory body to the Executive Governor. The committee is made up of the Executive Governor who is an ex-officio, (2) Deputy Governors and three (3) Directors. Its responsibilities include discussions of a wide range of monetary, financial and economic issues, reviewing policies and making appropriate recommendations to the Governor for smooth operation of the Bank and the strengthening of the banking system.

**External Auditors**

In November 11, 2013, the Board of Governors appointed PricewaterhouseCoopers Ghana, to be its external auditor for the audit of the Central Bank of Liberia financial statements from 2013 to 2015.

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

The Governors take pleasure in presenting their report with the audited financial statements of the Central Bank of Liberia for the year ended December 31, 2014.

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

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

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

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

**NATURE OF BUSINESS/FUNCTIONS**

The Central Bank has functional independence, power and authority to:

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

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

**The Loan Extension and Availability Facility (LEAF) program**

The Central Bank of Liberia (CBL) has been championing the Government of Liberia's fight against poverty through an agenda that provides access to finance and creates an inclusive financial environment for all in Liberia. A number of economic intervention schemes have been developed and are being implemented through participating commercial banks. These schemes have provided access to finance capital to Liberian-owned SMEs, for agriculture projects, mortgage etc. CBL recognized, that despite these interventions, a large number of Liberians were still being excluded with lack of access, primarily because this huge segment of the Liberian population operated in the microfinance sector and did not have collateral requirements required to access finance. It was against this backdrop that The Loan Extension and Availability Facility (LEAF) program was conceived and launched in January, 2012. LEAF is being administered by CBL's Microfinance and Financial Inclusion Unit as a collateral-free economic intervention.

The core focus of implementation is achieving the objectives as approved by the Board of Governors; which include:

- Provide access to finance to microfinance sector;
- Ensuring that beneficiaries under the program derive and retain economic benefits;
- Promoting the integration of beneficiaries into formal sector of the economy;
- Creating and enhancing economic activities in rural Liberia; and
- Managing risks under the program to ensure a high repayment rate.

**GOVERNORS AND GOVERNMENT INTEREST**

The statement of responsibility of the Board of Governors of the Bank is set out on page 4. The Board of Governors of the Bank does not have any interest in contracts entered into by the Bank.

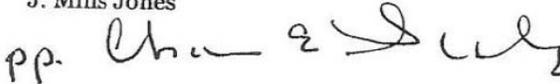
**Financial results**

The financial results for the year are set out below:

	<b>31-Dec-14</b>	31-Dec-13
	<b>L\$ '000</b>	L\$ '000
Operating losses attributed to shareholder	<b>(254,790)</b>	(1,144,072)
to which is added balance on general reserves account brought forward of	<u>4,112,422</u>	<u>2,245,742</u>
	<b>3,857,632</b>	1,101,670
Other comprehensive income	<b>(225,638)</b>	3,010,752
leaving a balance on general reserve account to be carried forward of	<u><u>3,631,994</u></u>	<u><u>4,112,422</u></u>

Signed on behalf of the Board by:

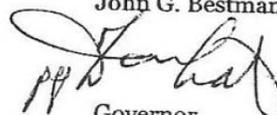
J. Mills Jones

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Executive Governor and Chairman of the Board

Date:

John G. Bestman



Governor

Date:

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

**REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Central Bank of Liberia as set out on pages 7 to 54. These financial statements comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2014 and statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

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

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

**Auditor's responsibility**

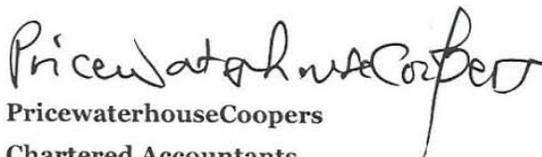
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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

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

**Audit opinion**

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of Central Bank of Liberia as at 31 December 2014 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.



**PricewaterhouseCoopers  
Chartered Accountants**

**Monrovia, Liberia**

**30 April 2015**



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**Statements of comprehensive income**

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

	Note	Year ended December 31	
		2014	2013
Interest income	5 (i)	718,845	675,230
Interest expenses	5 (ii)	(112,717)	(113,987)
<b>Net interest income</b>		<b>606,128</b>	561,243
Fees and commissions	6	213,080	204,176
Other income	7	1,236,555	42,285
<b>Operating income</b>		<b>2,055,763</b>	807,704
Administrative expenses	8	(2,153,577)	(1,742,179)
Other operating expenses	9	(156,976)	(209,597)
<b>Net operating loss attributable to shareholder transferred to general reserve account</b>		<b>(254,790)</b>	(1,144,072)
<b>Other comprehensive income:</b>			
<b>Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:</b>			
Remeasurment of pension plan	31	140,543	15,766
<b>Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</b>			
Exchange difference on translation to presentation currency		(366,181)	2,994,986
<b>Total other comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>(225,638)</b>	3,010,752
<b>Total comprehensive income transferred to general reserve account</b>		<b>(480,428)</b>	1,866,680

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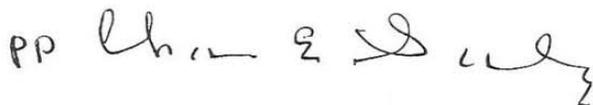
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**Statements of financial position**

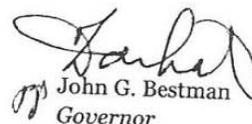
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	Note	As at December 31	
		2014	2013
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and balances with Central Banks	10	14,406,168	12,200,536
Cash and balances with commercial banks	11	7,266,840	7,762,404
Loans and advances to operating banks	12	2,566,001	2,531,130
Loan and advances to non-banking financial institutions	13	396,409	276,092
Loans and advances to Government of Liberia	14	24,321,855	19,085,927
Investment securities: Held-to-maturity	15	569,486	570,178
Staff loans	17	183,537	132,575
Other assets	18	856,784	460,367
Deposits with International Monetary Fund	16	41,491,282	34,684,168
Intangible assets	20	4,654	10,859
Property, machinery and equipment	21	3,034,689	2,570,159
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>95,097,705</b>	<b>80,284,395</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Currency in circulation	22	9,394,317	9,467,970
Deposits from commercial banks	23	12,235,937	13,696,665
Other deposits	24	1,783	224
Deposits of GOL and agencies	25	11,215,490	4,454,715
Investment securities	26	964,828	1,116,467
Amount due to International Monetary Fund	27	47,867,110	36,408,207
Commercial bank loan	28	-	1,129,676
Other liabilities	29	1,189,901	1,345,104
Provident fund	30	180,184	143,030
Retirement benefit obligations	31	817,574	811,328
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>83,867,124</b>	<b>68,573,386</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Share capital	32	7,598,587	7,598,587
General reserve	33	3,631,994	4,112,422
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>11,230,581</b>	<b>11,711,009</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>		<b>95,097,705</b>	<b>80,284,395</b>

The financial statements on pages 7 to 54 were approved by the Board of Governors on April 29, 2015 and signed on its behalf by:



J. Mills Jones  
 Executive Governor and Chairman of Board

  
 John G. Bestman  
 Governor

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**Statement of changes in equity**

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

	<b>Share Capital</b>	<b>General Reserve</b>	<b>Total Equity</b>
<b>Balance at January 1, 2014</b>	<b>7,598,587</b>	<b>4,112,422</b>	<b>11,711,009</b>
Loss for the year	-	<b>(254,790)</b>	<b>(254,790)</b>
Remeasurement on pension plan	-	<b>140,543</b>	<b>140,543</b>
Exchange difference on translation to presentation currency	-	<b>(366,181)</b>	<b>(366,181)</b>
Total comprehensive income	-	<b>(480,428)</b>	<b>(480,428)</b>
<b>Balance at December 31, 2014</b>	<b>7,598,587</b>	<b>3,631,994</b>	<b>11,230,581</b>
Balance at January 1, 2013	7,598,587	2,245,742	9,844,329
Loss for the year	-	(1,144,072)	(1,144,072)
Remeasurement on pension plan	-	15,766	15,766
Exchange difference on translation to presentation currency	-	2,994,986	2,994,986
Total comprehensive income	-	1,866,680	1,866,680
Balance at December 31, 2013	7,598,587	4,112,422	11,711,009

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**Statement of Cash Flows**

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

		<b>For the year ended December 31</b>	
		<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Interest received		<b>353,559</b>	340,803
Fees and commission receipts	<b>6</b>	<b>213,080</b>	204,176
Other income received		<b>74,699</b>	42,285
Interest payment		<b>(87,400)</b>	(113,987)
Payments to employees and suppliers		<b>(1,005,813)</b>	(678,648)
<b>Cash used in operations before changes in operating assets and liabilities:</b>		<b>(451,875)</b>	(205,371)
<b>Change in:</b>			
Loans and advances to operating banks		<b>(174,921)</b>	(177,826)
Loan and advances to non-banking financial institutions	<b>13</b>	<b>(120,317)</b>	(184,005)
Loans and advances to Government of Liberia		<b>(726,970)</b>	144,226
Investment securities: Held to maturity	<b>15</b>	<b>692</b>	(68,667)
Staff loans	<b>17</b>	<b>(50,962)</b>	(53,047)
Other assets	<b>18</b>	<b>(396,417)</b>	34,884
Currency in circulation	<b>22</b>	<b>(73,653)</b>	853,818
Deposits from banks and others	<b>23&amp;24</b>	<b>(1,459,169)</b>	1,018,764
Deposits of GOL and agencies	<b>25</b>	<b>6,760,775</b>	(1,174,176)
Commercial bank loan	<b>28</b>	<b>(1,129,676)</b>	143,214
Other liabilities	<b>29</b>	<b>(155,203)</b>	(891,610)
<b>Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities</b>		<b>2,022,304</b>	(559,796)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of machinery and equipment	<b>21</b>	<b>(526,866)</b>	(916,773)
<b>Net cash used infrom investing activities</b>		<b>(526,866)</b>	(916,773)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Proceeds from investment securities	<b>26</b>	<b>4,129,325</b>	2,307,740
Payment of investment securities upon maturity	<b>26</b>	<b>(4,280,964)</b>	(1,191,273)
<b>Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities</b>		<b>(151,639)</b>	1,116,467
<b>Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>83,387</b>	2,398,857
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>1,427,186</b>	2,038,755
Cash and cash equivalents at January 1		<b>20,885,582</b>	18,846,827
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at December 31</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>22,312,768</b>	20,885,582

**The notes on pages 11 to 54 are an integral part of these financial statements**

## **Notes to the financial statements**

### **1. General information**

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

#### **1.1 Share capital**

The minimum authorized capital of the Central Bank is LS400 million. That amount may be increased by legislative amendment to the Act, when proposed to the National Legislature by the Board of Governors of the Central Bank. According to the provisions of the Act, the Central Bank is required to have a minimum paid-up capital of LS100 million.

#### **1.2 Subscribed capital**

The Government of Liberia (GOL) in October 1999 contributed to the share capital of CBL through the issuance of promissory notes of LS200 million (equivalent of US\$ 5 million at the exchange rate ruling at the date of issue).

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

The consideration for the paid-up capital was the net book value of assets and liabilities taken over from the National Bank of Liberia (NBL) on the establishment of CBL. The net worth of the erstwhile National Bank of Liberia (NBL) was LS7.3 billion (Note 32). The principal assets which underline the capital transfer of LS7.3 billion are two long-term loans denominated in Liberia and United States dollars due from the Government of Liberia. The amounts are a result of transactions between the Government and the former National Bank of Liberia prior to the formation of the Central Bank of Liberia.

#### **1.4 Ownership**

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

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

**1. General information (continued)**

**1.5 Functions of the Central Bank**

The principal objectives of the Bank, as set out in the Act:

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

**1.6 Powers of the Central Bank**

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

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

**1.7 Approval of financial statements for December 31, 2014**

The financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2014, has been approved for issue by the Board of Governors on 29 April 2015. Neither the Board of Governors nor senior management has the power to amend the financial statements after issue.

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

**2. Summary of significant accounting policies**

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

**2.1 Basis of preparation**

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

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

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

**2.1.1 Changes in accounting policies and disclosures**

**(a) New standards, amendments and interpretations adopted by the Bank.**

The following standards have been adopted by the Bank for the first time for the financial year beginning on or after 1 January 2014 and have a material impact on the Bank:

Amendment to IAS 32, 'Financial instruments: Presentation' on offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities. This amendment clarifies that the right of set-off must not be contingent on a future event. It must also be legally enforceable for all counterparties in the normal course of business, as well as in the event of default, insolvency or bankruptcy. The amendment also considers settlement mechanisms. The amendment did not have a significant effect on the Bank financial statements.

Amendments to IAS 36, 'Impairment of assets', on the recoverable amount disclosures for non-financial assets. This amendment removed certain disclosures of the recoverable amount of CGUs which had been included in IAS36 by the issue of IFRS 13.

Amendment to IAS 39, 'Financial instruments: Recognition and measurement' on the novation of derivatives and the continuation of hedge accounting. This amendment considers legislative changes to 'over-the-counter' derivatives and the establishment of central counterparties. Under IAS 39 novation of derivatives to central counterparties would result in discontinuance of hedge accounting.

The amendment provides relief from discontinuing hedge accounting when novation of a hedging instrument meets specified criteria. The Bank has applied the amendment and there has been no significant impact on the Bank financial statements as a result.

Other standards, amendments and interpretations which are effective for the financial year beginning on 1 January 2014 are not material to the Bank.

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

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

**2.1.1 Changes in accounting policy and disclosures (continued)**

**(b) New standards, amendments and interpretations not yet adopted**

A number of new standards and amendments to standards and interpretations are not yet effective for annual periods beginning after 1 January 2014, and have not been early adopted in preparing this financial statement. None of these is expected to have a significant effect on the financial statements of the Bank, except the following set out below:

IFRS 9, 'Financial instruments', addresses the classification, measurement and recognition of financial assets and financial liabilities. The complete version of IFRS 9 was issued in July 2014. It replaces the guidance in IAS 39 that relates to the classification and measurement of financial instruments. IFRS 9 retains but simplifies the mixed measurement model and establishes three primary measurement categories for financial assets: amortised cost, fair value through OCI and fair value through P&L. The basis of classification depends on the entity's business model and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset. Investments in equity instruments are required to be measured at fair value through profit or loss with the irrevocable option at inception to present changes in fair value in OCI not recycling. There is now a new expected credit losses model that replaces the incurred loss impairment model used in IAS 39. For financial liabilities there were no changes to classification and measurement except for the recognition of changes in own credit risk in other comprehensive income, for liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss. IFRS 9 relaxes the requirements for hedge effectiveness by replacing the bright line hedge effectiveness tests. It requires an economic relationship between the hedged item and hedging instrument and for the 'hedged ratio' to be the same as the one management actually use for risk management purposes. Contemporaneous documentation is still required but is different to that currently prepared under IAS 39. The standard is effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018. Early adoption is permitted. The Bank is yet to assess IFRS 9's full impact.

IFRS 15, 'Revenue from contracts with customers' deals with revenue recognition and establishes principles for reporting useful information to users of financial statements about the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from an entity's contracts with customers. Revenue is recognised when a customer obtains control of a good or service and thus has the ability to direct the use and obtain the benefits from the good or service. The standard replaces IAS 18 'Revenue' and IAS 11 'Construction contracts' and related interpretations. The standard is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2017 and earlier application is permitted. The Bank is yet to assess the impact of IFRS 15.

There are no other IFRSs or IFRIC interpretations that are not yet effective that would be expected to have a material impact on the Bank.

**2.2 Foreign currency translation**

**(a) Functional and presentation currency**

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

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

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

**2.2 Foreign currency translation (continued)**

**b) Transactions and balances**

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

**2.3 Property, machinery and equipment**

**(a) Cost**

Property, machinery and equipment are recorded at historical cost less accumulated depreciation. Historical cost includes expenditures directly attributable to the acquisition of the property, machinery and equipment which comprise land, work-in-progress (building under construction), leasehold improvements, motor vehicles, furniture, generators and office equipment.

Subsequent costs are included in the assets' carrying amount or recognized as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the CBL and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognized. All other repairs and maintenance costs are charged to profit or loss during the financial period in which they are incurred.

**(b) Depreciation**

Land is stated at cost and not depreciated. Depreciation on other assets is calculated using the straight-line basis to allocate cost to residual values over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

Leasehold improvements over the life of the lease

Building	40 years
Equipment	3 years
Motor vehicles	4 to 5 years
Furniture and fixtures	5 years

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting date. Assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying value is greater than its estimated recoverable amount. Gains and losses on disposals of property, machinery and equipment are determined by comparing the net disposal proceeds with the carrying amount of the item and are recognized within other income in Statement of comprehensive income.

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

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

**2.4 Intangible assets**

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

**2.5 Impairment of non-financial assets**

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

**2.6 Financial assets**

**(i) Classification**

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

**Loans and receivables**

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

**Held-to-maturity financial assets**

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial asset with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturity. They comprise: (i) loan notes issued by the Government of Liberia. The agreement requires CBL to hold this instrument until redeemed by the GOL. (ii) United States Treasury Bills which form part of the CBL's international reserve. The CBL has the intention and ability to hold these to maturity.

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

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

**2.6 Financial assets (continued)**

**(ii) Recognition and measurement**

Financial assets are recognized when CBL becomes a party to the contractual provisions of instruments. Financial assets are derecognized when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or where the CBL has substantially transferred all the risk and rewards of ownership.

Loan and receivables are initially recognized at fair value, which is the cash consideration to originate or purchase such loans including transaction costs and are measured subsequently, at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method.

Held-to-maturity investments are initially recognized at fair value including direct and incremental transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortized cost, using the effective interest method.

**2.7 Financial liabilities**

The Bank's financial liabilities represent mainly deposits from commercial banks, liabilities to the IMF, other liabilities and commercial bank loans. These financial liabilities are initially recognized at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost. They are derecognized when they are extinguished, when the obligation to settle is discharged, cancelled or expires.

**2.8 Offsetting financial instruments**

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amounts reported on the reporting date when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the amounts recognized and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. The legally enforceable right must not be contingent on future events and must be enforceable in the normal course of business and in the event of default, insolvency or bankruptcy of the company or the counterparty. Currently, the CBL does not have any contractual or legal right to offset any financial asset and liability.

**2.9 Impairment of financial assets**

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

- significant financial difficulty to the issuer or obligor;
- a breach of contract, such as default or delinquency in interest or principal payments;
- the Bank, for economic or legal reasons relating to borrower's financial difficulty, granting to the borrower a concession that the lender would not otherwise consider;
- it becomes probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganization;
- the disappearance of an active market for the financial asset because of financial difficulties; or
- Observable data indicating that there is a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows from a financial assets since the initial recognition of those assets, although the decrease cannot yet be identified with the individual financial assets:

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

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

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

- (i) adverse changes in the payment status of borrowers in the portfolio; and
- (ii) national or local economic conditions that correlate with defaults on the assets in the portfolio.

The estimated period between a loss occurring and its identification is determined by management. In general, the periods used vary between 6 months and 12 months; in exceptional cases, longer periods are warranted. The Bank first assesses whether objective evidence of impairment exists individually for financial assets that are individually significant, and collectively for financial assets' that are not individually significant. If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss on these assets has been incurred, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the assets carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at such financial assets' respective original effective interest rate.

The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of an allowance account and the amount of the loss is recognized in Statement of comprehensive income.

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

**a) Assets carried at amortized cost**

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

**b) Renegotiated loans**

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

**2.10 Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include US dollars banknotes in the operational vault, deposits held with banks; loans and advances to banks, amounts due from other banks and short-term highly liquid government securities with original maturities of 3 months or less and subject to insignificant risk of changes in value.

Currency in circulation currently refers to both the asset and liability adjustment under "Liberian dollars notes held by the Bank that is not in circulation" are not liabilities or asset of the Bank.

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

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

**2.11 Employees' benefits**

**a) Pension obligations**

The Bank operates an unfunded pension plan. The related liability is determined by periodic actuarial assumptions under a defined benefit pension plan.

A defined benefit plan is a pension plan that defines an amount of pension benefit that employees will receive on retirement, usually dependent on one or more factors, such as retirement age, years of service and final year compensation. The liability recognized in the statement of financial position for a defined benefit retirement plan is the present value of the defined benefit obligation in respect of past service at the reporting date. The defined benefit obligation is calculated annually by independent actuaries using the projected unit credit method. In the absence of any high quality bonds in Liberia, the present value of the defined benefit obligation is determined by discounting the projected cash outflows using the average rates of return on US corporate bonds, since the obligation is quoted in United States dollars.

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

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

**b) Provident fund**

The provident fund is a defined contribution plan under which the Bank pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. The Bank's obligations to the defined contribution scheme are charged to the statement of comprehensive income in the year in which they fall due. The Bank has no legal or constructive obligations to pay further contributions if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

**2.12 Account receivable**

Accounts receivable are amounts due from staff and customers for services provided in the ordinary course of business. If collection is expected in one year or less, they are classified as current assets. If not, they are presented as non-current assets. Account receivables are recognized initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method less provision for impairment.

**2.13 Accounts payable**

Accounts payable are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Accounts payable are recognized initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

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

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

**2.14 Provisions**

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

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

**2.15 Revenue recognition**

**a) Interest income and expense**

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

CBL derives its interest income principally from GOL long-term loans and investment securities and its deposits with foreign banks. Interest expense is incurred principally from interest accrued on a loan from Liberian Trading and Development Bank Limited (TRADEVCO) and Treasury bills.

**b) Fees and commission income**

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

**2.16 Deferred currency cost**

Costs related to printing currency are amortized when the notes are put into circulation using the weighted average method. Unissued Liberian Dollar notes at the reporting date are treated as inventory items at the cost of production. All other costs relating to the production of notes are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

**2.17 Currency in circulation**

Currency issued by CBL represents claims on the Central Bank in favor of the holder. The liability in respect of notes and coins in issue at the reporting date is stated at the nominal value of the currency. Liberian dollar notes held by CBL that are not in circulation are not liabilities or assets of the Bank.

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

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

**2.18 Leases**

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee. All other leases are classified as operating leases. The significant leases entered into by CBL are operating leases on which CBL is the lessee. Those lease agreements specify options for renewal. According to these lease agreements, a substantial portion of the risks is transferred to CBL, but all of the rewards substantially remain with the lessor(s). The total payments made under operating leases are charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease. When an operating lease is terminated before the lease period has expired, any payment required to be made to the lessor by way of penalty, is recognized as an expense in the period in which the termination takes place.

**2.19 Leasehold improvements**

This involves costs incurred in refurbishing various properties leased by CBL. The various lease agreements all specify options for renewal (capital leases). Lease agreements normally cover periods of 1-10 years. Costs associated with leases include initial rental repayments, cost of improvements, renovations, and all other costs incurred in preparing the property for use. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the lives of the related or underlying leases.

**2.20 Allocation of net profits**

Profits of CBL are stated according to Part X; Section 46 of the CBL Act of 1999, Subject to subsection (4), the net profit of the Central Bank in each year is reflected as follows:

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

The aggregate amount of the monetary liabilities of the Central Bank shall be at any time the sum of (i) all outstanding banknotes, coins and debts securities issued by the Central Bank; and

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

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

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

**2.20 Allocation of net profits (continued)**

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

**2.21 Allocation of net losses**

If the Central Bank incurs net losses for any financial year, the net loss shall be allocated as follow: If the net loss is comprised of net operating losses and net unrealized valuation losses, the amount of net operating losses shall be charged to the general reserve or to capital in that order, and the amount of net unrealized valuation losses shall be allocated to the valuation reserve account or, to the extent that the balance of the valuation reserve account would be negative as a result of such allocation, to the general reserve or to capital in that order; If the net loss is the operating revenue is greater than the net unrealized valuation losses, the net shall be to the valuation reserve account or, to the extent the balance of the valuation reserve account would be negative as a result of such allocation, to the general reserve or capital in that order, or if the net loss is the sum of the net operating loss less the smaller net unrealized valuation gains, the net loss shall be charged to the general reserve or capital in that order.

**3. Financial risk management**

The Central Bank's activities expose it to limited financial risks. The Central Bank's aim is therefore to achieve an appropriate balance between risk and reward intended to minimize potential adverse effects on the Central Bank's financial performance, taking into account its role in policy-oriented activities. The Central Bank's risk management policies are designed to identify and analyze these risks, to set appropriate risk limits and controls, and to monitor the risks and adherence to limits by means of reliable and up-to-date information systems. The most important types of risks are credit risk, liquidity risk, and market risk. Market risks include foreign exchange risk and interest rate risk.

**3.1. Credit risk**

The Central Bank takes on exposure to credit risk, which is the risk that counterparty will cause a financial loss to the Bank by failing to discharge an obligation. Credit risk arises from loans and advances, cash and cash equivalents and deposits with banks and financial institutions, staff loans and other receivables. The credit risk management and control are centralized in a credit risk management team, which reports to the Board of Governors on a quarterly basis.

The Bank is also exposed to other credit risk arising from investment securities. Exposure to the risk of loss from credit arises principally in lending activities.

**3.1.1. Credit risk measurement**

**Loans and advances**

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

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

**3. Financial risk management (continued)**

**3.1. Credit risk (continued)**

**3.1.1. Credit risk measurement (continued)**

**Loans and advances (continued)**

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

**Balance with central banks and operating banks**

For banks and financial institutions, only reputable financial institutions are accepted based on the Bank's internal policy. The treasury department manages the credit risk exposure, by assessing the counterparties' performances.

**Loan Extension and Availability Facility (LEAF)**

For the Loan Extension and Availability Facility, only microfinance institutions, credit unions and village savings and loan associations are accepted based on the program requirements and the Microfinance unit manages the credit risk exposure, by on-site monitoring and participating in activities of the mentioned groups including periodic distribution of funds at share-out programs.

**Held-to-maturity investment securities**

Investments are held with the Government of Liberia. The treasury department manages the credit risk exposure by assessing the counterparties' performance.

**Other assets**

For accounts receivable, the Finance Department assesses the credit worthiness of potential customers, taking into account its financial position, past experience and other factors. The bank does not grade the credit quality of receivables. Individual risk limits are set based on internal ratings in accordance with limits set by the Board. Credit limits is regularly monitored.

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

The Central Bank manages limits and controls the concentration of credit risk wherever identified. Exposure to credit risk is managed through regular analysis of the ability of the borrowers to meet interest and capital repayment obligations. Specific control and mitigation measures used by the CBL are collateral. The Central Bank employs policies and practices to mitigate credit risk. The most traditional of these is the taking of security for advances. CBL implements guidelines on the acceptability of specific classes of collateral or other credit risk mitigation. The principal collateral for loans and advances includes provident funds, life insurance, and property deeds for staff loans. Collateral on all loan and advances to the Government of Liberia and commercial banks is their deposit accounts held at the Bank when contracts are signed.

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

**3. Financial risk management (continued)**

**3.1. Credit risk (continued)**

**3.1.3. Impairment and provisioning policy**

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

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

**3.1.4. Maximum exposure to credit risk before collateral held or other credit enhancements at December 31, 2014 and 2013.**

	Grouping	2014		2013	
		LS'000'	Percentage of financial assets	LS'000'	Percentage of financial assets
Cash and balances with central banks	I	<b>12,443,500</b>	26.05	9,585,967	23.98
Cash and balances with commercial banks	I	<b>7,266,840</b>	15.21	7,762,404	19.42
Loans and advances to operating banks	I	<b>2,566,001</b>	5.37	2,531,130	6.33
Loans and advances to NBFI	I	<b>396,409</b>	0.83	276,092	0.70
Loans and advances to GOL	II	<b>24,321,855</b>	50.92	19,085,927	47.74
Investment security (HTM)	II	<b>569,486</b>	1.19	570,178	1.43
Staff loans	I	<b>183,537</b>	0.38	132,575	0.33
Other assets	I	<b>17,151</b>	0.05	32,496	0.07
		<b>47,764,779</b>	100.00	<b>39,976,769</b>	100.00

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

Category	2014 LS'000'	2013 LS'000'
Group I	<b>22,873,438</b>	20,320,664
Group II	<b>24,891,341</b>	19,656,105
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,764,779</b>	<b>39,976,769</b>

**Group I**

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

**Group II**

These are existing customers (more than 6 months) with some defaults in the past. All defaults were fully recovered by means of accrued interest capitalization, re-negotiation of loans and cash settlement. This group is mainly composed of loans to the Government of Liberia and other Agencies of Government. Refer to Note 14.

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

**3. Financial risk management (continued)**

**3.1 Credit risk (continued)**

**3.1.4. Maximum exposure to credit risk before collateral held or other credit enhancements (continued)**

The above table 3.1.4 represents a worst case scenario of credit risk exposure to the Bank at December 31, 2014 and 2013 without taking account of any collateral held or other credit enhancements attached. The exposures set out above are based on carrying amounts as reported in the Statement of financial position.

As shown above, 98.8% as at December 31, 2014 (2013:98.9%) of the total maximum exposure arises from loans and advances to GOL, Investment Security (HTM) and operating banks.

Management is confident in its ability to continue and minimize the losses arising from its exposure to credit risk resulting from loans and advances to the GOL and amounts due from the central banks and commercial banks.

**3.1.5. Loans and advances, amounts due from banks and other assets**

The table below shows the gross (undiscounted) balances of CBL's loans and advances with central banks, commercial banks and other assets analyzed by type and performance less impairment:

	<b>December 31, 2014</b>				
	<b>Loans and advances to GOL and HTM</b>	<b>Loans and advances to Staff</b>	<b>Balances with Central Bank &amp; Comm. Banks</b>	<b>Loans and advances to operating banks and non-banking financial institutes</b>	<b>Other assets</b>
	<b>L\$000</b>	<b>L\$000</b>	<b>L\$000</b>	<b>L\$000</b>	<b>L\$000</b>
<b>Neither past due nor impaired</b>	<b>24,891,341</b>	<b>165,633</b>	<b>19,710,340</b>	<b>2,962,410</b>	<b>17,151</b>
<b>Past due but not impaired</b>	-	<b>17,904</b>	-	-	-
<b>Individually impaired</b>	-	<b>3,623</b>	-	-	<b>16,830</b>
<b>Gross</b>	<b>24,891,341</b>	<b>187,160</b>	<b>19,710,340</b>	<b>2,962,410</b>	<b>33,981</b>
<b>Less: Allowance for impairment</b>	-	<b>(3,623)</b>	-	-	<b>(16,830)</b>
<b>Carrying value</b>	<b>24,891,341</b>	<b>183,537</b>	<b>19,710,340</b>	<b>2,962,410</b>	<b>17,151</b>

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

**3.1. Credit risk (continued)**

**3.1.5. Loans and advances, amounts due from banks and other assets (continued)**

	December 31, 2013				
	Loans and advances to GOL and HTM	Loans and advances to Staff	Balances with Central Bank & Comm. Banks	Loans and advances to operating banks and non-banking financial institutes	Other assets
	LS000	LS000	LS000	LS000	LS000
Neither past due nor impaired	19,656,105	124,076	17,348,371	2,807,222	32,496
Past due but not impaired	-	8,499	-	-	-
Individually impaired	-	3,623	-	-	17,087
Gross	19,656,105	136,198	17,348,371	2,807,222	49,583
Less:					
Allowance for impairment	-	(3,623)	-	-	(17,087)
Carrying value	19,656,105	132,575	17,348,371	2,807,222	32,496

**(a) Neither past due nor impaired**

Loan and advances neither past due nor impaired are loan and advances to GOL, other Central Banks and Commercial Banks with no default in the past. The table below details the nature of counterparties by industry.

	2014 LS000	2013 LS000
<b>At December 31</b>		
Loan and advances GOL and HTM	<b>24,891,341</b>	19,656,105
Balances with Commercial Banks	<b>2,962,410</b>	2,807,222
Balances with Central Banks	<b>19,710,340</b>	17,348,371
Staff loans	<b>165,633</b>	124,076
Other assets	<b>17,151</b>	32,496
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,746,875</b>	39,998,270

**b) Past due but not impaired**

Loans to staff that have resigned from the Bank and defaulted in repayment.

	2014 LS000	2013 LS000
<b>At December 31</b>		
Loan and advances to staff	<b>17,904</b>	8,499

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

**3. Financial risk management (continued)**

**3.1. Credit risk (continued)**

**3.1.5. Loans and advances, amounts due from banks and other assets (continued)**

**(c) Loans and advances individually impaired**

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

	<b>December 31, 2014</b>				<b>December 31, 2013</b>			
	<b>Loans and advances to GOL</b>	<b>Loans and advances to staff</b>	<b>Balances with Central Bank &amp; commercial banks</b>	<b>Other assets</b>	<b>Loans and advances to GOL</b>	<b>Loans and advances to staff</b>	<b>Balances with Central Bank &amp; commercial banks</b>	<b>Other assets</b>
	<b>L\$ 000</b>	<b>L\$ 000</b>	<b>L\$ 000</b>	<b>L\$ 000</b>	<b>L\$ 000</b>	<b>L\$ 000</b>	<b>L\$ 000</b>	<b>L\$ 000</b>
Individually impaired	-	<b>3,623</b>	-	<b>16,830</b>	-	3,623	-	17,087
Fair value of collateral	-	<b>6,500</b>	-	-	-	6,492	-	-

**3.2. Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Central Bank is unable, or will encounter difficulty, to meet its payment obligations associated with its financial liabilities when they fall due and to replace funds when they are withdrawn.

**3.2.1 Liquidity risk management process**

The liquidity management processes, as carried out within the Finance Department and monitored by executive management and the Treasury Section include:

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

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

**3.2.2. Financial liabilities and assets held for managing liquidity risk**

The table below presents the Central Bank's financial liabilities and assets held for managing liquidity risk by remaining contractual maturities at the reporting date. The amounts disclosed in the table are

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

**3. Financial risk management (continued)**

**3.2. Liquidity risk (continued)**

**3.2.2. Financial liabilities and assets held for managing liquidity risk (continued)**

contractual undiscounted cash outflows, whereas the Central Bank manages the inherent liquidity risk based on expected undiscounted cash inflows.

<b>As at December 31, 2014</b> <b>(LS'000')</b>	<b>Up to</b> <b>3 month</b>	<b>3-12</b> <b>months</b>	<b>1-5</b> <b>years</b>	<b>Over 5</b> <b>years</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
<b>Currency in circulation</b>	<b>9,394,317</b>	-	-	-	<b>9,394,317</b>
<b>Deposits from commercial banks</b>	<b>4,654,558</b>	<b>7,581,379</b>	-	-	<b>12,235,937</b>
<b>Other deposits</b>	<b>1,783</b>	-	-	-	<b>1,783</b>
<b>Deposits of GOL and agencies</b>	<b>11,215,490</b>	-	-	-	<b>11,215,490</b>
<b>Due to IMF</b>	-	-	<b>47,867,110</b>	-	<b>47,867,110</b>
<b>Investment securities</b>	<b>983,960</b>	-	-	-	<b>983,960</b>
<b>Other liabilities</b>	-	<b>1,275,510</b>	-	-	<b>1,275,510</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>26,250,108</b>	<b>8,856,889</b>	<b>47,867,110</b>	-	<b>82,974,107</b>
<b>(contractual maturity dates)</b>					
<b>Assets held for managing liquidity risk</b> <b>(contractual maturity dates)</b>	<b>21,673,008</b>	<b>3,469,503</b>	<b>44,637,229</b>	<b>21,438,989</b>	<b>91,218,729</b>
<b>As at December 31, 2013</b> <b>(LS'000')</b>	<b>Up to</b> <b>3 month</b>	<b>3-12</b> <b>months</b>	<b>1-5</b> <b>years</b>	<b>Over 5</b> <b>years</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
<b>Currency in circulation</b>	<b>9,467,970</b>	-	-	-	<b>9,467,970</b>
<b>Deposits from commercial banks</b>	<b>2,859,690</b>	<b>10,836,975</b>	-	-	<b>13,696,665</b>
<b>Other deposits</b>	<b>224</b>	-	-	-	<b>224</b>
<b>Deposits of GOL and agencies</b>	<b>4,454,715</b>	-	-	-	<b>4,454,715</b>
<b>Due to IMF</b>	-	-	<b>36,408,207</b>	-	<b>36,408,207</b>
<b>Investment securities</b>	<b>1,138,796</b>	-	-	-	<b>1,138,796</b>
<b>Commercial bank loan</b>	-	<b>251,211</b>	<b>126,429</b>	<b>816,939</b>	<b>1,194,579</b>
<b>Other liabilities</b>	-	<b>1,277,375</b>	-	-	<b>1,277,375</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>17,921,395</b>	<b>12,365,561</b>	<b>36,534,636</b>	<b>816,939</b>	<b>67,638,531</b>
<b>(contractual maturity dates)</b>					
<b>Assets held for managing liquidity risk</b> <b>(contractual maturity dates)</b>	<b>19,962,940</b>	<b>217,248</b>	<b>37,623,965</b>	<b>19,471,353</b>	<b>77,275,506</b>

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

**3. Financial risk management (continued)**

**3.2. Liquidity risk (continued)**

**3.2.3. Assets held for managing liquidity risk**

The Bank manages its liquidity risks through appropriate structuring of its investment portfolios to ensure that the maturity profiles of assets adequately match those commitments. This is monitored and managed on a daily basis. In addition, the Bank's investment portfolio comprises mainly highly liquid investment instruments.

The Bank's assets held for managing liquidity risk comprise:

- Cash and balances with central banks and other operating banks;
- Loans and advances to operating banks, non-bank financial institutions and Government of Liberia;
- Investment securities;
- Amount due from IMF; and
- Staff loans and other assets.

**3.3. Market risk**

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

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

The objective of market risk measurement is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable limits while optimizing the return on risk. The Bank treasury is responsible for the development of detailed risk management policies and for day-to-day implementation of those policies.

**a) Interest rate risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk that future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Central Bank takes on exposure to the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates on cash flows. Interest margins may increase as a result of such changes but may reduce losses in the event that unexpected movements arise. Investment denominated in U.S. dollars and Liberian dollars attracts interests in U.S. dollars and Liberian dollars respectively.

The Central Bank has capacity to manage these risks by monitoring interest rates daily and ensuring within the limits of its policy function that its financial liabilities match the maturing profile of its financial assets.

The Bank uses gap analysis to measure its exposure to interest rate risk. Through this analysis, it compares the values of interest rate sensitive assets and interest rate sensitive liabilities that mature or re-price at various time periods in the future.

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**3. Financial risk management (continued)**

**3.3. Market risk (continued)**

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

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

As at December 31, 2014 (L\$000)	Up to 1 year	1-5 years	Over 5 years	Non- interest bearing	Total
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash and balances with central banks	12,443,500	-	-	1,962,668	14,406,168
Cash and balances with commercial banks	7,266,840	-	-	-	7,266,840
Loans and advances to operating banks	-	2,566,001	-	-	2,566,001
Loan and advances to non-banking financial institutions	-	396,409	-	-	396,409
Loans and advances to GOL	412,531	-	17,533,496	6,375,828	24,321,855
Investment security (HTM)	-	-	569,486	-	569,486
Deposits with IMF	-	24,072,145	-	17,419,137	41,491,282
Staff loans	-	183,537	-	-	183,537
Other assets	-	-	-	17,151	17,151
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>20,122,871</b>	<b>27,218,092</b>	<b>18,102,982</b>	<b>25,774,784</b>	<b>91,218,729</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Currency in circulation	-	-	-	9,394,317	9,394,317
Deposits from banks	-	-	-	12,235,937	12,235,937
Other deposits	-	-	-	1,783	1,783
Deposits of GOL and agencies	-	-	-	11,215,490	11,215,490
Due to IMF	-	-	-	47,867,110	47,867,110
Investment securities	964,828	-	-	-	964,828
Other liabilities	-	-	-	1,275,510	1,275,510
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>964,828</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>81,990,147</b>	<b>82,954,975</b>
<b>Total interest rate re-pricing gap</b>	<b>19,158,043</b>	<b>27,218,092</b>	<b>18,102,982</b>		

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**3. Financial risk management (continued)**

**3.3. Market risk (continued)**

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

As at December 31, 2013 (L\$000)	Up to 1 year	1-5 years	Over 5 years	Non- interest bearing	Total
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash and balances with central banks	9,585,967	-	-	2,614,569	12,200,536
Cash and balances with commercial banks	7,762,404	-	-	-	7,762,404
Loans and advances to operating banks	-	2,531,130	-	-	2,531,130
Loan and advances to non-banking financial institutions	-	276,092	-	-	276,092
Loans and advances to GOL	184,752	-	17,177,137	1,724,038	19,085,927
Investment security (HTM)	-	-	570,178	-	570,178
Deposits with IMF	-	-	19,867,009	14,817,159	34,684,168
Staff loans	-	132,575	-	-	132,575
Other assets	-	-	-	32,496	32,496
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>17,533,123</b>	<b>2,939,797</b>	<b>37,614,324</b>	<b>19,242,262</b>	<b>77,275,506</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Currency in circulation	-	-	-	9,467,970	9,467,970
Deposits from banks	-	-	-	13,696,665	13,696,665
Other deposits	-	-	-	224	224
Deposits of GOL and agencies	-	-	-	4,454,715	4,454,715
Due to IMF	-	-	-	36,408,207	36,408,207
Investment securities	1,116,467	-	-	-	1,116,467
Commercial bank loan	237,562	119,560	772,554	-	1,129,676
Other liabilities	-	-	-	1,277,375	1,277,375
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>1,354,029</b>	<b>119,560</b>	<b>772,554</b>	<b>65,305,156</b>	<b>67,551,299</b>
<b>Total interest rate re-pricing gap</b>	<b>16,179,094</b>	<b>2,820,237</b>	<b>36,841,770</b>		

**b) Foreign exchange risk**

The Central Bank takes on exposure to the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing foreign currency exchange rates on its financial position and cash flows. In particular, it is exposed to fluctuations in the exchange rate between the Liberian Dollar, United States Dollars and the Euro. The table below summarizes the Central Bank's exposure to exchange rate risk at December 31, 2014. Also reflected is the carrying amount of the Central Bank's holdings, categorized by currency.

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

**3. Financial risk management (continued)**

**3.3. Market risk (continued)**

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

**Concentration of currency risk on financial instruments**

**Analysis of assets and liabilities by currency**

**At December 31, 2014**

	<b>United States dollar</b>	<b>Liberian dollar</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>L\$ (000)</b>	<b>L\$ (000)</b>	<b>L\$ (000)</b>	<b>L\$ (000)</b>
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash and balances with central banks	14,406,168	-	-	14,406,168
Cash and balances with commercial banks	2,288,305	181,513	4,797,022	7,266,840
Loans, advances and overdraft to commercial banks	1,891,177	674,824	-	2,566,001
Loan and advances to non-banking financial institutions(NBFI)	-	396,409	-	396,409
Loans and advances to Government of Liberia	17,100,315	7,221,540	-	24,321,855
Investment security (held-to-maturity)	569,486	-	-	569,486
Deposits with IMF	-	-	41,491,282	41,491,282
Staff loans	183,537	-	-	183,537
Other assets	12,692	4,459	-	17,151
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>36,451,680</b>	<b>8,478,745</b>	<b>46,288,304</b>	<b>91,218,729</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Currency in circulation	-	9,394,317	-	9,394,317
Deposit from banks	8,981,797	3,254,140	-	12,235,937
Other deposits	175	1,608	-	1,783
Deposits of GOL and agencies	7,664,521	3,550,969	-	11,215,490
Amount due from IMF	-	-	47,867,110	47,867,110
Investment securities	-	964,828	-	964,828
Other liabilities	1,083,037	192,473	-	1,275,510
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>17,729,530</b>	<b>17,358,335</b>	<b>47,867,110</b>	<b>82,954,975</b>
<b>Net financial position</b>	<b>18,722,150</b>	<b>(8,879,590)</b>	<b>(1,578,806)</b>	<b>8,263,754</b>

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**3.3. Market risk (continued)**

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

**Concentration of currency risk on financial instruments**

At December 31, 2013

Assets	United States dollar	Liberian Dollar	Others	Total
	LS (000)	LS (000)	LS (000)	LS (000)
Cash and balances with central banks	12,200,536	-	-	12,200,536
Cash and balances with commercial banks	2,294,123	27,715	5,440,566	7,762,404
Loans, advances and overdraft to commercial banks	2,070,172	460,958	-	2,531,130
Loan and advances to non-banking financial institutions(NBFI)	-	276,092	-	276,092
Loans and advances to Government of Liberia	16,387,293	2,698,634	-	19,085,927
Investment security (held-to-maturity)	570,178	-	-	570,178
Deposits with IMF	-	-	34,684,168	34,684,168
Staff loans	132,575	-	-	132,575
Other assets	31,368	1,128	-	32,496
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>33,686,245</b>	<b>3,464,527</b>	<b>40,124,734</b>	<b>77,275,506</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Currency in circulation	-	9,467,970	-	9,467,970
Deposit from banks	10,128,320	3,568,345	-	13,696,665
Other deposits	175	49	-	224
Deposits of GOL and agencies	3,371,510	1,083,205	-	4,454,715
Amount due from IMF	-	-	36,408,207	36,408,207
Investment securities	-	1,116,467	-	1,116,467
Commercial bank loan	1,129,676	-	-	1,129,676
Other liabilities	1,250,161	27,214	-	1,277,375
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>15,879,842</b>	<b>15,263,250</b>	<b>36,408,207</b>	<b>67,551,299</b>
<b>Net financial position</b>	<b>17,806,403</b>	<b>(11,798,723)</b>	<b>3,716,527</b>	<b>9,724,207</b>

**c) Sensitivity analysis for “foreign exchange risk”**

	2014			2013		
	LS (000)			LS (000)		
	December 31	Exchange rate +1%	Exchange rate -1%	December 31	Exchange rate +1%	Exchange rate -1%
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>36,451,680</b>	<b>36,816,197</b>	<b>36,087,163</b>	33,686,245	34,023,108	33,349,383
<b>movement</b>		<b>364,517</b>	<b>(364,517)</b>		336,863	(336,861)

If the financial assets in Liberian Dollars depreciated by 1% against the U.S Dollars on the reporting date, assets denominated in U.S. Dollars would have been LS36.8 billion, which is LS0.365 billion higher than the reported figure of LS36.5 billion. The comparative would have been LS34 billion, which is LS0.336 billion higher than LS33.7 billion reported for December 2013.

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

**3. Financial risk management (continued)**

**3.3. Market risk (continued)**

**c) Sensitivity analysis for “foreign exchange risk” (continued)**

If the Liberian Dollar appreciated by 1% against the U.S. Dollar at December 31, 2014, financial assets denominated in U.S. Dollars would have been L\$36.1 billion, L\$0.365 billion lower than L\$36.5 billion at December 31, 2014 (December 31, 2013: L\$33.3 billion, L\$0.336 billion lower than L\$33.7 billion). This analysis shows how profit or loss and equity would have been affected by changes in the risk variable that were reasonably possible at the reporting date.

**Concentration of currency risk on financial instruments**

	2014			2013		
	L\$ (000)			L\$ (000)		
	Balance	Exchange	Exchange	December 31	Exchange	Exchange rate
	December	rate + 1%	rate - 1%		rate + 1%	- 1%
	31					
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>17,729,530</b>	<b>17,906,826</b>	<b>17,552,235</b>	15,879,842	16,038,639	15,721,043
<b>movement</b>		<b>177,295</b>	<b>(177,295)</b>		158,797	(158,799)

If the financial liabilities in Liberian Dollars depreciated by 1% against the U.S. Dollars on the reporting date, liabilities denominated in U.S. Dollars would have been L\$17.9 billion, which is L\$0.177 billion higher than the reported figure of L\$17.7 billion. The comparative would have been L\$16 billion, which is L\$0.159 billion higher than L\$15.9 billion reported for December 2013. If the Liberian Dollar appreciated by 1% against the U.S. Dollar at December 31, 2014, financial liabilities denominated in U.S. Dollars would have been L\$17.6 billion, L\$0.177 billion lower than L\$17.7 billion at December 31, 2014 (December 31, 2013: L\$15.7 billion, L\$0.159 billion lower than L\$15.9 billion). This analysis shows how profit or loss and equity would have been affected by changes in the risk variable that were reasonably possible at the reporting date.

**c) Sensitivity for “Interest rate risk”**

	2014			2013		
	L\$ (000)			L\$ (000)		
	Balance	Interest	Interest	December 31	Interest rate	Interest rate -
	December	rate + 1%	rate - 1%		+ 1%	1%
	31					
<b>Net interest</b>	<b>606,128</b>	<b>612,577</b>	<b>599,678</b>	561,243	683,281	439,205
<b>income</b>		<b>6,450</b>	<b>(6,450)</b>		122,038	(122,038)
<b>movement</b>						

If the Liberian Dollars depreciated by 1% against the U.S. Dollars on the reporting date, net interest income would have been L\$0.613 billion, which is L\$0.006 billion higher than the reported figure of L\$0.606 billion. The comparative would have been L\$0.683 billion, which is L\$0.122 billion higher than L\$0.561 billion reported for December 2013. If the Liberian Dollar appreciated by 1% against the U.S. Dollar at December 31, 2014, net interest income would have been L\$0.600 billion, L\$0.006 billion lower than L\$0.606 billion at December 31, 2014 (December 31, 2013: L\$0.439 billion, L\$0.122 billion lower than L\$0.561 billion). This analysis shows how profit or loss and equity would have been affected by changes in the risk variable that were reasonably possible at the reporting date.

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**3. Financial risk management (continued)**

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

The table below summarizes the carrying amounts of those financial assets and liabilities not presented at their fair values as at December 31, 2014 and 2013 respectively. The carrying value approximates the fair value.

	<b>Carrying Value</b>	
	<b>Dec 31 2014</b>	<b>Dec 31 2013</b>
<b>Financial assets</b>		
Cash and balances with central banks	<b>14,406,168</b>	12,200,536
Cash and balances with commercial banks	<b>7,266,840</b>	7,762,404
Loans and advances to operating banks	<b>2,566,001</b>	2,531,130
Loan and advances to non-banking financial institutions	<b>396,409</b>	276,092
Loans and advances to GOL	<b>24,321,855</b>	19,085,927
Investment securities (HTM)	<b>569,486</b>	570,178
Due from International Monetary Fund	<b>41,491,282</b>	34,684,168
Staff loans	<b>183,537</b>	132,575
Other assets	<b>17,151</b>	32,496
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>91,218,729</b>	77,275,506
<b>Financial liabilities</b>		
Currency in circulation	<b>9,394,317</b>	9,467,970
Deposits from banks	<b>12,235,937</b>	13,696,665
Other deposits	<b>1,783</b>	224
Deposits of GOL and agencies	<b>11,215,490</b>	4,454,715
Investment Securities-CBL bills	<b>964,828</b>	1,116,467
Due to the International Monetary Fund	<b>47,867,110</b>	36,408,207
Commercial bank loan	-	1,129,676
Other liabilities	<b>1,275,510</b>	1,277,375
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>82,954,975</b>	67,551,299

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

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

**(ii) Deposits from banks, government and agencies, and other deposits**

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

**Fair value hierarchy**

The Bank currently does not hold any financial instruments measured at fair value.

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**3.5. Capital management**

The Central Bank's objective in managing capital and reserves is to ensure the Central Bank's ability to continue to perform its functions as set by the Central Bank of Liberia Act of 1999.

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

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

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

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

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

CBL classifies some financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturities as held-to-maturity investment. In making these judgments, CBL has the positive intention and ability to hold such investments to maturity. If the Bank fails to keep these investments to maturity other than certain specific circumstances, these investments are reclassified as loans and receivable. Accordingly, the investment would be measured at amortized cost.

**c) Property, machinery and equipment**

Estimates of the future useful economic life have been made by management in determining depreciation rates for property, machinery and equipment.

**d) Post-employment benefits- Pension benefits**

Critical estimates have been made by management in determining the actual liability of the post-employment benefits. The liability for post-employment benefits is sensitive to the assumptions made.

In Liberia there is limited data available on which to make actuarial assessments, including the assumptions necessary. In particular details of mortality are not available and there are no long term securities benchmark discount rates. Furthermore, there is limited experience of staff turnover patterns at CBL. These factors make the actuarial assumptions unusual and uncertain. Management has solicited and received professional actuarial advice in determining the assumptions and the quantum of the liability. Details are disclosed in note 31.

**e) Functional currency**

Both the Liberian Dollar (LS) and the United States Dollar (US\$) are legal tender in Liberia and circulate freely in the country alongside each other. Although, transactions are carried out in both currencies, the majority of the Bank's transactions are currently denominated in United States Dollars (US\$). Accordingly, the Central Bank considers the United States Dollars as its functional currency for the purpose of IFRS.

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	<b>Dec-14</b>	<b>Dec-13</b>
<b>5 (i) Interest income</b>		
GOL loans and advances	<b>234,037</b>	214,485
Investment securities-held-to-maturity	<b>60,591</b>	54,038
Placements and staff loans	<b>58,449</b>	71,743
Loan Extension and Availability Facility (LEAF) loans and advances	<b>482</b>	537
Unwinding of discount element of credit impairment on GOL loans (Note 14)	<b>365,286</b>	334,427
	<b>718,845</b>	675,230
<b>5 (ii) Interest expense</b>		
Liberia Trade for Development and Investment Bank, Limited (TRADEVCO) loan	<b>4,824</b>	6,699
Investment securities: CBL instrument	<b>86,847</b>	9,350
Amortized cost-Held to Maturity- Investment security	<b>553</b>	467
Fair value losses on financial assets upon initial recognition	<b>20,493</b>	97,471
	<b>112,717</b>	113,987
<b>6. Fees and commissions</b>		
Service fees and commissions	<b>209,594</b>	200,141
Note transfer fees	<b>3,486</b>	4,035
	<b>213,080</b>	204,176
<b>7. Other income</b>		
Rental income	<b>253</b>	236
Fines	<b>810</b>	1,279
Other miscellaneous income	<b>73,636</b>	40,770
Release of Tradevco loan (note 28)	<b>1,161,856</b>	-
	<b>1,236,555</b>	42,285
<b>8. Administrative expenses</b>		
Staff costs (i)	<b>856,309</b>	799,493
Board fees and expenses(ii)	<b>51,294</b>	36,304
Depreciation/ amortization(iii)	<b>66,890</b>	58,628
Other administrative expenses(iv)	<b>1,035,581</b>	657,826
CBL contribution to regional bodies(v)	<b>143,503</b>	189,928
	<b>2,153,577</b>	1,742,179
<b>(i) Staff costs:</b>		
Salaries and wages	<b>538,033</b>	479,805
Social security contributions	<b>19,215</b>	16,889
Other personnel costs	<b>111,416</b>	114,418
Loss on fair valuation of staff loan	<b>27,865</b>	9,770
Pension cost (Note 31):		
Current service cost	<b>121,792</b>	148,189
Interest cost	<b>37,988</b>	30,413
Severance benefits	<b>-</b>	9
	<b>856,309</b>	799,493

The number of employees as at December 31, 2014 totaled **295** (2013: 301).

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**8. Administrative expenses (continued)**

	<b>Dec-14</b>	<b>Dec-13</b>
<b>(ii) Board fees and expenses</b>		
Board fees	37,040	26,085
Board expenses	14,254	10,219
	<b>51,294</b>	<b>36,304</b>
<b>(iii) Depreciation/amortization</b>		
Depreciation on equipment	27,601	23,527
Depreciation on furnitures and fixtures	560	596
Depreciation on vehicles	29,046	25,316
Depreciation on leasehold properties	1,838	1,577
Amortization on banking software	6,205	6,205
Depreciation on building	1,640	1,407
	<b>66,890</b>	<b>58,628</b>
<b>(iv) Other administrative expenses</b>		
Property cost/occupancy	56,241	46,483
Office expenses	271,855	167,605
Professional services	91,439	55,369
Travel expenses	105,475	96,669
Other miscellaneous expenses	68,362	76,909
Subscription and public relation	386,909	161,225
Vehicle fuel, insurance and maintainance	55,300	53,566
	<b>1,035,581</b>	<b>657,826</b>
<b>(v) CBL contribution to regional bodies</b>		
CBL contribution	<b>143,503</b>	<b>189,928</b>
Included in professional services is the following:		
<b>Fees paid to auditors:</b>		
Audit of the bank's financial statements	12,160	8,085
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,160</b>	<b>8,085</b>
<b>9. Other operating expenses</b>		
<b>Currency expense</b>		
Notes importation cost	73,129	72,111
Mute exportation cost	9,854	9,082
Cost of destroying banknotes	742	1,043
Amortization of currency printing cost-banknotes	71,600	127,361
Loss on disposal of motor vehicle	1,651	-
	<b>156,976</b>	<b>209,597</b>

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	<b>As at</b>	
	<b>Dec-14</b>	<b>Dec-13</b>
<b>10. Cash and balances with Central Banks</b>		
Cash on hand and in vault	<b>2,908,151</b>	3,244,506
Cash balances at rural branches	<b>210,985</b>	278,664
Balances with other central banks	<b>12,443,500</b>	9,585,967
Less: Liberian Dollars in vault & cash centers (Note 22)	<b>(1,156,468)</b>	(908,601)
	<b>14,406,168</b>	12,200,536
<b>11. Cash and balances with commercial banks</b>		
Balances with local banks	<b>5,251,222</b>	271,055
Balances with foreign banks (commercial)	<b>2,015,618</b>	7,491,349
	<b>7,266,840</b>	7,762,404
<b>12. Loans and advances to operating banks</b>		
<b>(i) Loans and advances-placements</b>		
Balance at January 1	<b>571,920</b>	496,583
Accrued interest	<b>11,619</b>	29,883
Exchange difference	-	45,454
Balance at December 31	<b>583,539</b>	571,920
<b>(ii) Loans and advances-mortgage - Liberian Bank for Development and Investment (LBDI)</b>		
Balance at January 1	<b>783,770</b>	714,442
Amortized cost adjustment	<b>20,743</b>	337
Exchange difference	-	68,991
Balance at December 31	<b>804,513</b>	783,770
<b>(iii) Loans and advances-placement - Liberia Business Association (LIBA)</b>		
Balance at January 1	<b>395,661</b>	402,500
Amortized cost adjustment	<b>11,117</b>	(6,407)
Exchange difference	-	(432)
Balance at December 31	<b>406,778</b>	395,661
<b>(iv) Loans and advances - Rubber Planters Association (RPAL)</b>		
Placements	<b>129,750</b>	-
Accrued interest	<b>1,692</b>	-
Balance at December 31	<b>131,442</b>	-
<b>(v) Overdraft to commercial banks</b>		
Ecobank (Liberia) Limited	-	258,614
Liberian Bank for Development and Investment	-	166,280
First International Bank (Liberia) Limited	<b>639,729</b>	44,812
United Bank for Africa (Liberia) Limited	-	310,073
	<b>639,729</b>	779,779
<b>Total loans and advances to commercial banks</b>	<b>2,566,001</b>	2,531,130

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**13. Loans and advances to Non-banking financial institution**

	<b>Dec-14</b>	<b>Dec-13</b>
Loan Extension and Availability Facility (LEAF)	<b>396,409</b>	276,092

**14. Loans and advances to Government of Liberia (GOL)**

**(i) GOL Long Term Loan**

	<b>Dec-14</b>	<b>Dec-13</b>
Balance at January 1	<b>17,177,137</b>	14,891,344
Unwinding of discount	<b>365,286</b>	334,427
Exchange difference	<b>(8,927)</b>	1,951,366
	<b>17,533,496</b>	17,177,137

**(ii) GOL Bridge Loan**

Balance at January 1	<b>41,889</b>	771,244
Less: amortized cost adjustment	<b>(41,889)</b>	(121,284)
Exchange difference	-	(608,071)
	-	41,889

**(iii) GOL EBOLA Loan**

Drawdown	<b>412,500</b>	-
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**(iv) Overdraft to Government of Liberia**

2012/2013 ARCHIVE Modernization A/c	-	1
NCC - Liberia Multisurv account	-	13
GOL payroll account LRD	<b>29</b>	30
GOL Operation account	<b>2</b>	142,818
Bureau of Maritime operation account	-	1
	<b>31</b>	142,863

**(v) Long term receivable from GOL**

Amount due from Ministry of Finance	<b>6,375,828</b>	1,724,038
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**Balance at December 31**

	<b>24,321,855</b>	19,085,927
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The loans to the Government of Liberia were mainly taken over from the National Bank of Liberia pursuant to the establishment of CBL in 2000. The terms of these loans were renegotiated with the GOL and agreed in July 2007. The terms included extension of the repayment periods, reductions in interest rates and capitalization of accrued and deferred interest to the date of the agreement.

In 2012, the Bank and the GOL agreed on a bridge loan in the amount of US\$20 million at a rate of 2% per annum. This amount was given in two phases. The first phase was in the amount of US\$7.5 million for six months beginning July 1, 2012 and ended in December 2012, while the second phase totaling US\$12.5 million was for one year beginning July 31, 2012 and should have ended in June 30, 2013. However, the loan was fully settled on June 19, 2014.

On July 30, 2014 the Bank and the GOL entered into a short-term loan facility in the amount of US\$5,000,000 to assist the GOL in the fight against the deadly EBOLA OUTBREAK at an interest rate of 1% per annum payable within a year.

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	<b>Dec-14</b>	<b>Dec-13</b>
<b>15. Investment securities: Held-to-maturity</b>		
Balance at January 1	570,178	501,511
Charge during the year	(553)	(467)
Exchange difference	(139)	69,134
<b>Balance at December 31</b>	<b>569,486</b>	<b>570,178</b>

**16. Deposits with International Monetary Fund**

IMF quota subscription	17,419,137	14,817,159
Special drawing right holdings	24,072,145	19,867,009
	<b>41,491,282</b>	<b>34,684,168</b>

**Liberia's Membership with IMF**

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

With reference to the guidelines of the Financial Organizational and Operations manual of the IMF, Central Bank of Liberia uses the gross method of presenting the assets and liabilities arising from the GOL's membership with statement of financial position. The IMF recommends the use of the gross method for a country whose depository and fiscal agent are the same. The position in the General Department is presented on a gross basis if the IMF No.1, No.2, and Securities Accounts are shown as liabilities and the member's quota is shown as an asset. Additionally, on March 18, 2013 a memorandum of understanding between the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Liberia and the Central Bank of Liberia regarding respective roles and responsibilities in connection with transactions with the International Monetary Fund was signed.

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

**IMF Quota Subscription**

Quota subscriptions are a central component of the IMF's financial resources. Each member country of the IMF is assigned a quota, based broadly on its relative position in the world economy. A member country's quota determines its maximum financial commitment to the IMF, its voting power, and has a bearing on its access to IMF financing.

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**16. Balance with the International Monetary Fund (continued)**

**Special drawing rights holdings and allocation**

SDR's are interest-bearing assets allocated by the IMF to each participant in the Special Drawing Rights Department to meet various global operating needs of the Fund as and when they arise, as a supplement to the Fund's existing reserves. SDR's are allocated by the IMF to members participating in the SDR department in proportion to their quotas to the Fund at the time of allocation.

The difference between Liberia's current position (assets and liabilities) with the IMF is recognized as a long term receivable from the Government of Liberia which will be paid by GOL through the Ministry of Finance (MOF) on a future date to be agreed by MOF and CBL. The outstanding difference is shown in note 14 (v).

**17. Loans to staff**

Gross amount

Provision

Amortisation of staff loan

**Amortisation of staff loan**

Balance at January 1

Charge

Exchange difference

**Provision**

Balance at January 1

Additions

**Balance at December 31**

	<b>Dec-14</b>	<b>Dec-13</b>
	<b>240,442</b>	160,667
	<b>(3,623)</b>	(3,623)
	<b>(53,282)</b>	(24,469)
	<b>183,537</b>	132,575
	<b>24,469</b>	12,296
	<b>27,865</b>	9,770
	<b>948</b>	2,403
	<b>53,282</b>	24,469
	<b>3,623</b>	3,184
	-	439
	<b>3,623</b>	<b>3,623</b>

Staff of the Bank of Liberia is entitled to loan at 4% as compared to the market rate of 13.6% as at the reporting date.

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**18. Other assets**

	<b>Dec-14</b>	<b>Dec-13</b>
Accounts receivable (i)	17,151	32,496
Prepaid expenses (ii)	631,398	150,917
Deferred currency cost (iii)	208,235	276,954
	<b>856,784</b>	<b>460,367</b>
<b>18(i) Accounts receivable</b>		
Due from others	17,942	17,942
Other receivables	16,039	31,743
	<b>33,981</b>	<b>49,685</b>
<b>less provision:</b>		
Allowance for bad debt-Belle Dunbar	(16,830)	(16,830)
Allowance for other debtors	-	(359)
	<b>(16,830)</b>	<b>(17,189)</b>
<b>Net book amount</b>	<b>17,151</b>	<b>32,496</b>
<b>Movement on provision</b>		
Balance at January 1	17,087	11,536
Exchange difference	(257)	5,551
<b>Balance at December 31</b>	<b>16,830</b>	<b>17,087</b>
<b>18(ii) Prepaid expenses</b>		
Rent	2,333	999
Insurance	2,130	2,626
Others	626,935	147,292
	<b>631,398</b>	<b>150,917</b>
<b>18(iii) Deferred currency cost</b>		
<b>At January 1</b>	<b>276,954</b>	<b>314,099</b>
Addition	-	50,460
Amortization charge	(71,594)	(127,361)
Exchange difference	2,875	39,756
<b>At December 31</b>	<b>208,235</b>	<b>276,954</b>
Cost	447,497	444,622
Accumulated amortization	(239,262)	(167,668)
<b>Net book amount</b>	<b>208,235</b>	<b>276,954</b>

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**19. Financial instruments by category**

<b>At 31 December 2014</b>	<b>Loans and receivables</b>	<b>Held-to- maturity</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Financial assets</b>			
Cash and balances with Central banks	14,406,168	-	14,406,168
Cash and balances with Commercial banks	7,266,840	-	7,266,840
Loans, advances and overdraft to bank	2,566,001	-	2,566,001
Loan and advances to non-banking financial institutions	396,409	-	396,409
Loans and advances to Government of Liberia	24,321,855	-	24,321,855
Investment securities (held-to-maturity)	-	569,486	569,486
Deposits with IMF	41,491,282	-	41,491,282
Staff loans	183,537	-	183,537
Other assets	17,151	-	17,151
	<b>90,649,243</b>	<b>569,486</b>	<b>91,218,729</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>			<b>Amortized cost</b>
Currency in circulation	-	-	9,394,317
Deposit from banks	-	-	12,235,937
Other deposits	-	-	1,783
Deposits of GOL and agencies	-	-	11,215,490
Due to IMF	-	-	47,867,110
Investment securities	-	-	964,828
Other liabilities	-	-	1,275,510
	-	-	<b>82,954,975</b>
<b>At 31 December 2013</b>			
<b>Financial assets</b>			
Cash and balances with Central banks	12,200,536	-	12,200,536
Cash and balances with Commercial banks	7,762,404	-	7,762,404
Loans, advances and overdraft to bank	2,531,130	-	2,531,130
Loan and advances to non-banking financial institutions	276,092	-	276,092
Loans and advances to Government of Liberia	19,085,927	-	19,085,927
Investment securities (held-to-maturity)	-	570,178	570,178
Deposits with IMF	34,684,168	-	34,684,168
Staff loans	132,575	-	132,575
Other assets	32,496	-	32,496
	<b>76,705,328</b>	<b>570,178</b>	<b>77,275,506</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>			<b>Amortized cost</b>
Currency in circulation	-	-	9,467,970
Deposit from banks	-	-	13,696,665
Other deposits	-	-	224
Deposits of GOL and agencies	-	-	4,454,715
Due to IMF	-	-	36,408,207
Investment securities	-	-	1,116,467
Commercial bank loan	-	-	1,129,676
Other liabilities	-	-	1,277,375
	-	-	<b>67,551,299</b>

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**20. Intangible assets**

	<b>Dec-14</b>	<b>Dec-13</b>
<b>At January 31 2014:</b>		
Opening net book value	<b>10,859</b>	17,064
Amortization charge	<b>(6,205)</b>	(6,205)
<b>Closing net book value</b>	<b>4,654</b>	10,859
<b>At December 31 2014:</b>		
Cost	<b>18,615</b>	18,615
Accumulated amortization	<b>(13,961)</b>	(7,756)
<b>Net book value</b>	<b>4,654</b>	10,859

**21. Property, machinery and equipment**

	<b>Land</b>	<b>Work-in- progress</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Leasehold improve ment</b>	<b>Furniture &amp; fixtures</b>	<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Motor vehicles</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>At December 31 2014:</b>								
<b>Opening net book value</b>	<b>36,880</b>	<b>2,386,682</b>	<b>53,116</b>	<b>1,840</b>	<b>1,293</b>	<b>37,870</b>	<b>52,478</b>	<b>2,570,159</b>
<b>Additions</b>	-	<b>485,990</b>	-	-	<b>164</b>	<b>24,765</b>	<b>15,947</b>	<b>526,866</b>
<b>Disposal</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>(1,651)</b>	<b>(1,651)</b>
<b>Charge for the year</b>	-	-	<b>(1,640)</b>	<b>(1,838)</b>	<b>(560)</b>	<b>(27,601)</b>	<b>(29,046)</b>	<b>(60,685)</b>
<b>Closing net book value</b>	<b>36,880</b>	<b>2,872,672</b>	<b>51,476</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>35,034</b>	<b>37,728</b>	<b>3,034,689</b>
<b>At December 31 2014:</b>								
<b>Cost</b>	<b>36,880</b>	<b>2,872,672</b>	<b>56,283</b>	<b>73,120</b>	<b>5,317</b>	<b>166,462</b>	<b>82,107</b>	<b>3,292,841</b>
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>	-	-	<b>(4,807)</b>	<b>(73,118)</b>	<b>(4,420)</b>	<b>(131,428)</b>	<b>(44,379)</b>	<b>(258,152)</b>
<b>Net book value</b>	<b>36,880</b>	<b>2,872,672</b>	<b>51,476</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>35,034</b>	<b>37,728</b>	<b>3,034,689</b>
<b>At December 31 2013:</b>								
Opening net book value	36,880	1,512,534	54,523	3,417	1,781	36,010	60,664	1,705,809
Additions	-	874,148	-	-	108	25,387	17,130	916,773
Charge for the year	-	-	(1,407)	(1,577)	(596)	(23,527)	(25,316)	(52,423)
Closing net book value	36,880	2,386,682	53,116	1,840	1,293	37,870	52,478	2,570,159
<b>At December 31 2013:</b>								
Cost	36,880	2,386,682	56,283	73,120	5,153	141,697	133,139	2,832,954
Accumulated depreciation	-	-	(3,167)	(71,280)	(3,860)	(103,827)	(80,661)	(262,795)
Net book value	36,880	2,386,682	53,116	1,840	1,293	37,870	52,478	2,570,159

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

	<b>Dec-14</b>	<b>Dec-13</b>
Cost	<b>66,979</b>	-
Accumulated depreciation	<b>(65,328)</b>	-
<b>Net book value</b>	<b>1,651</b>	-
Proceed from disposal	-	-
<b>Loss on disposal</b>	<b>(1,651)</b>	-

**22. Currency in circulation**  
**Liberian notes**

LS5	<b>616,634</b>	663,444
LS10	<b>1,021,021</b>	1,059,050
LS20	<b>1,884,957</b>	2,045,475
LS50	<b>2,722,669</b>	2,797,519
LS100	<b>4,282,454</b>	3,788,033
<b>Total currency notes</b>	<b>10,527,735</b>	10,353,521
<b>Coins</b>	<b>23,050</b>	23,050
Less:		
Liberian Dollars held by the Bank and payment centers (Note 10)	<b>(1,156,468)</b>	(908,601)
	<b>9,394,317</b>	9,467,970

**23. Deposits from banks**

Reserve requirement-commercial banks	<b>7,523,953</b>	10,782,282
Current accounts-commercial banks	<b>4,647,884</b>	2,846,914
Current accounts-non-commercial banks	<b>57,426</b>	35,912
Reserve requirement-non-commercial banks	-	18,781
Collection accounts failed banks	<b>6,674</b>	12,776
	<b>12,235,937</b>	13,696,665

**24. Other deposits**

Forex bureau deposits	<b>1,783</b>	224
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**25. Deposits of GOL and Agencies**

Demand deposits-Central government	<b>549,495</b>	79,020
Withholding taxes payable	<b>19,488</b>	15,834
Demand deposits-individual ministries & agencies	<b>9,844,017</b>	4,033,700
Other government related deposits	<b>328,763</b>	136,277
Small medium enterprises deposits	<b>161,694</b>	160,777
State owned enterprises	<b>312,033</b>	29,107
	<b>11,215,490</b>	4,454,715

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	<b>Dec-14</b>	<b>Dec-13</b>
<b>26. Investment securities</b>		
Instrument-CBL bills	<b>964,828</b>	1,116,467
<b>Movement in investment securities</b>		
Balance at January 1	<b>1,116,467</b>	-
Additions	<b>4,129,325</b>	2,307,740
Repayment on maturity	<b>(4,280,964)</b>	(1,191,273)
<b>Balance at December 31</b>	<b>964,828</b>	1,116,467
Maturing within 120 days of acquisition	<b>964,828</b>	1,116,467

The Central Bank of Liberia issued treasury bills by way of regular auctions only to commercial banks with reserves and current accounts at the Bank.

**27. Amount due to International Monetary Fund (IMF)**

	<b>Dec-14</b>	<b>Dec-13</b>
IMF SDR allocation	<b>16,716,628</b>	14,220,866
GRA accounts #1	<b>7,889,796</b>	7,889,796
GRA accounts #2	<b>1,654</b>	1,407
IMF securities	<b>9,525,155</b>	6,923,803
ECF loan	<b>13,733,877</b>	7,372,335
	<b>47,867,110</b>	36,408,207

**General Resource Account (GRA)**

The GRA is the principal account of the IMF and handles transactions between the IMF and its membership. The GRA can best be described as a pool of currencies and reserve assets built up from members' fully paid capital subscriptions in the form of quotas.

Balances of the Fund's holdings of member's currency are shown in the Securities account, the No.1 accounts, and the No. 2 account, as well as currency valuation adjustment accounts. These accounts are considered as liabilities maintained in the currency of the IMF member.

This comprises Special Drawing Rights (SDR) currency holdings, which are denominated in Liberian dollars by IMF. Transactions effected under agreement with the Fund are converted to Liberian dollars at an exchange rate applicable on the dates of the respective transactions. Outstanding balances with the Fund are revalued on the basis of a rate ruling at the reporting date. Foreign exchange gains and losses arising from the annual revaluation are posted to General Reserve.

**Extended Credit Facility (ECF) loan and interest (Formerly PRGF Loan)**

The ECF facility is a loan obtained by GOL to strengthen the country's balance of payment position, and to foster sustainable growth, leading to higher living standards and reduction in poverty. The ECF date of arrangement was November 19, 2012 and expires on November 18, 2015.

On October 10, 2014 the IMF through its Extended Credit Facility granted the GOL additional amount of SDR 32.3 million to help address the negative impact of the Ebola epidemic on Liberia's external position and support the GOL efforts in containing the outbreak.

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<b>28. Commercial bank loan</b>	<b>Dec-14</b>	<b>Dec-13</b>
At January 1	<b>1,129,676</b>	986,462
Interest	<b>4,824</b>	6,699
Exchange difference	<b>27,356</b>	136,515
Balance written off	<b>(1,161,856)</b>	-
<b>At December 31</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,129,676</b>
Current portion	-	347,190
Non-current portion	-	782,486
	<b>-</b>	<b>1,129,676</b>

The indebtedness represents a liability that came about through an agreement between CBL and the Liberia Trade for Development and Investment Bank Limited (TRADEVCO) under which, CBL accepted a liability concerning claims of TRADEVCO excess reserves balances. The Bank issued ten promissory notes to TRADEVCO upon the signing of the agreement. The accepted net obligation of US\$ 12.357 million is payable over a 20 year period and carries annual interest rates of 0% for years 1 to 5, 1% for years 6 to 10 (to accrue only) and 1.5% for years 11 to 20. The agreement provides for a ten year moratorium on both the principal and interest repayment. CBL reserves the right to effect repayment during this period. The repayment of these promissory notes was due to begin July 1, 2011, but no payment has been made to TRADEVCO at the date of reporting.

On September 8, 2014, the Supreme Court in a judgement quashed an earlier ruling of the Lower Court for inadvertently dismissing CBL's complaint at the time without taking any evidence from both parties. The Supreme Court maintained that TRADEVCO has been liquidated voluntarily and therefore did not exist as a corporate entity to sue or be sued. The Governors are of the opinion that, this matter has been settled and therefore should be stricken from the list of the Bank's obligations. Any existing provision has thus been reversed.

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	<b>Dec-14</b>	<b>Dec-13</b>
<b>29. Other Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payables(i)	<b>188,035</b>	278,760
Others(ii)	<b>1,001,866</b>	1,066,344
	<b>1,189,901</b>	1,345,104
<b>(i) Accounts payable</b>		
Official checks-CBL	<b>9,646</b>	18,470
Banking license fees	<b>4,950</b>	4,950
Credit institution operating fees	<b>413</b>	-
Insurance operating Levy	<b>3,713</b>	-
Managers' checks-CBL	<b>67,523</b>	37,851
Stale checks payable	<b>5,274</b>	5,098
Due to staff	<b>1,941</b>	1,632
Accrued expenses	<b>94,575</b>	210,759
	<b>188,035</b>	278,760
<b>(ii) Others</b>		
Tradevco (in liquidation) payout	-	12,210
Commercial losses payable	<b>1,566</b>	1,568
Commercial bank Mutes	<b>30,745</b>	-
Dormant Demand Deposit	<b>523</b>	523
Banking Institute of Liberia	<b>140</b>	140
Micro finance Unit-LISS II Project	<b>875</b>	875
Union Bank of Switzerland	<b>141,026</b>	141,026
First Union Bank	<b>1,364</b>	1,364
Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency(MIGA)	<b>1,318</b>	1,318
West African Monetary Agency-BCEAO	<b>743,984</b>	743,984
Microfinance-LEAF Program	<b>8,380</b>	4,905
Microfinance AFI Project	-	4,941
FUAB Collection Account	<b>1,869</b>	1,869
Interest payable-CBL Treasury bills	<b>24,764</b>	3,123
ECOWAS levy	<b>45,311</b>	148,498
UNDP VSLA project account	<b>1</b>	-
	<b>1,001,866</b>	1,066,344
<b>30. Provident fund</b>		
At January 1	<b>143,030</b>	100,820
Contributions during the year	<b>41,129</b>	40,337
Interest earned	<b>62</b>	85
Payments	<b>(4,243)</b>	(12,547)
Exchange differece	<b>206</b>	14,335
<b>At December 31</b>	<b>180,184</b>	143,030

Provident Fund is a long term staff benefit. Staff contributes 5% of their gross salary to the fund and the Bank in addition contributes 5% to the fund for each staff.

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	<b>Dec-14</b>	<b>Dec-13</b>
<b>31. Retirement benefit obligations</b>		
Statement of financial position obligation :		
Pension benefits	<b>817,574</b>	<u>811,328</u>
Statement of comprehensive income charge:		
Pension benefits	<b>9,162</b>	<u>27,265</u>
<b>Pension benefits</b>		
Amounts recognized in the statement of financial position are determined as follow:		
<b>Present value of unfunded obligations:</b>		
Staff pension scheme	<b>817,574</b>	811,323
Ex-gratia pension scheme	-	5
<b>Liability in the statement of financial position</b>	<b>817,574</b>	<u>811,328</u>
The movement in the defined benefit obligation is as follows:		
<b>At January 1</b>	<b>811,328</b>	585,360
Current service cost	<b>121,792</b>	148,189
Interest cost	<b>37,988</b>	30,413
Remeasurement	<b>(140,543)</b>	(15,766)
Benefits paid	<b>(9,162)</b>	(27,265)
Exchange difference	<b>(3,829)</b>	90,397
<b>At December 31</b>	<b>817,574</b>	<u>811,328</u>
The amounts recognized in the statement of comprehensive income:		
Current service cost	<b>121,792</b>	148,189
Interest cost	<b>37,988</b>	30,413
Total included in staff costs (Note 8)	<b>159,780</b>	<u>178,602</u>
Remeasurement	<b>(140,543)</b>	(15,766)
Total included in other comprehensive income	<b>(140,543)</b>	<u>(15,766)</u>

Following the adoption of IAS 19 (revised), there is no effect on the financial statements as pension scheme is unfunded by the Bank and there are no plan amendments.

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

**Mortality**

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

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
Discount rate	4%	4%
Rate of salary increases	5%	5%
Rate of inflation	2%	2%

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

**32. Share capital**

	<b>Dec-14</b>	<b>Dec-13</b>
Share authorized	<b>400,000</b>	400,000
Paid-in-capital	<b>7,398,587</b>	7,398,587
Subscribed capital	<b>200,000</b>	200,000
	<b><u>7,598,587</u></b>	<u>7,598,587</u>

The capital of CBL is owned exclusively by the Government of Liberia. The minimum authorized capital of CBL is L\$400 million. The amount may be increased by an amendment to the CBL Act, as shall be proposed by the Board of Governors to the National legislature. The Act requires the Bank to have a minimum paid-up capital of L\$100 million. The consideration for the paid-up capital was the net book value of assets and liabilities taken over from National Bank of Liberia on the establishment of CBL. In addition the GOL subscribed a further US\$5 million (L\$ equivalent L\$200 million) at the establishment of CBL to have it capitalized. The consideration was a series of promissory notes, which matured on April 21 and October 20 each year from 2001 to 2003.

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	<b>Dec-14</b>	<b>Dec-13</b>
<b>33. General reserve</b>		
General banking reserve	<b>3,631,994</b>	4,112,422
<b>Movements in reserve were as follows:</b>		
<b>Balance at January 1</b>	<b>4,112,422</b>	2,245,742
Operating loss	<b>(254,790)</b>	(1,144,072)
Other comprehensive income	<b>(225,638)</b>	3,010,752
<b>Balance as at December 31</b>	<b>3,631,994</b>	4,112,422

**34. Cash and cash equivalents**

For the purposes for the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise the following;

	<b>Dec-14</b>	<b>Dec-13</b>
Balances with Central Banks (note 10)	<b>14,406,168</b>	12,200,536
Balances with local banks (note 11)	<b>5,251,222</b>	271,055
Balances with foreign commercial banks (note 11)	<b>2,015,618</b>	7,491,349
Overdraft to commercial banks (note 12(v))	<b>639,729</b>	779,779
Overdraft to Government of Liberia (note 14(iv))	<b>31</b>	142,863
	<b>22,312,768</b>	20,885,582

**35. Contingent liabilities and commitments**

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

**Legal proceedings**

**Debt action**

The Central Bank of Liberia is a co-defendant with the Government of Liberia (GOL) in two separate legal proceeding that have been deemed actionable relative to:

**a) Construction of Defense Building**

Outstanding commitments related to long-term construction contract on which CBL, through the GOL guaranteed thirty-six promissory notes amounting to approximately US\$17 million; and,

**b) Purchase of Aircraft**

Commitment for the purchase of an aircraft for the Government during the 1980's for which payment remains outstanding. The amount of the liability remains uncertain.

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

**ii) Other litigations**

Central Bank of Liberia is also a party to several other proceedings either in fiduciary, receivership capacity, or by reason of regulatory responsibilities:

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

**a) Labor matters**

CBL is a defendant in two labor cases involving actions of dismissal. The case involved John Cooper vs the CBL was fully settled with the CBL paying an amount of US\$0.5 million. The estimated amount of this claim was approximately US\$1.5 million. Also, the legal case with Cephas and the CBL is pending with the estimated liability of US\$0.7 million. Based on legal advice, considers that these claim is not due now and it is unlikely that any liability will arise in less than one year. Accordingly, no provision has been made for such cases in the financial statements.

**b) Fraud matters**

In 2008, certain tellers of CBL and certain staff of the Ministry of Finance were alleged to have been involved in the re-encashment of Government of Liberia salary checks. There have been no direct liabilities against the CBL even though the accused employees were found guilty at the lower court. An appeal of the ruling by the Lower Court is currently pending at the Supreme Court.

**36. Related party transactions**

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

**Interest income earned during the year**

	<b>Dec-14</b>	<b>Dec-13</b>
GOL loans and advances (Note 5)	<b>234,037</b>	214,485
GOL investment securities: Held-to-maturity (Note 5)	<b>60,591</b>	54,038
	<b>294,628</b>	268,523

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

	<b>Dec-14</b>	<b>Dec-13</b>
<b>Receivables from related party:</b>		
Due from Government of Liberia- long term loan (Notes 14&15)	<b>24,891,341</b>	19,656,105
<b>Payables to related party:</b>		
Deposits of GOL and agencies(Notes 25)	<b>11,215,490</b>	4,454,715

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

**Key management personnel**

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

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

Loans to key management personnel were as follows:

	<b>Dec-14</b>	<b>Dec-13</b>
Loans outstanding at January 1	<b>30,761</b>	37,382
Loans granted during the period	<b>31,268</b>	1,187
Loans repaid during the period	<b>(10,121)</b>	(7,808)
Loans outstanding at December 31	<b>51,908</b>	30,761
Interest income earned	<b>1,069</b>	772

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

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

**Remuneration of key management personnel**

	<b>Dec-14</b>	<b>Dec-13</b>
Salaries and short term benefits	<b>110,825</b>	297,196
Post employment benefit	<b>8,034</b>	33,121
	<b>118,859</b>	330,317

**Other entities with links to CBL**

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

**37. Comparative information**

The comparative information on the statement of cash flows have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.