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Central Bank Balance Sheet at end-November 2004

The following table shows the Central Bank of Iceland's Balance Sheet as at the end of November 2004 with comparative figures for the end of October 2004 and end of December 2003.

In November, the Central Bank purchased currency in the domestic interbank market for 4.9 b.kr., which is consistent with its stated strategy of strengthening its external position. The Central Bank's foreign reserves increased by 1 b.kr. to 67.1 b.kr. at the end of the month (equivalent to 1,035 m. US dollars). Changes in the reserve are explained by currency purchases, Treasury loan movements and exchange rate movements. The króna appreciated by 3% in November.

Central Bank claims on deposit money banks increased by 12.3 b.kr. in November and amounted to 32.9 b.kr. at the end of the month. Claims on other financial institutions decreased, on the other hand, by 1.5 b.kr. to 9.7 b.kr. at the end of the month.

Market value of listed securities in the Bank's portfolio was 3.1 b.kr. at the end of November.

Central Bank liabilities towards deposit money banks decreased by 3 b.kr. in November and amounted to 24.5 b.kr. at the end of the month, while liabilities towards other financial institutions increased by 24.5 b.kr.

Net deposits of central government decreased by 7.3 b.kr. during the month and stood at 9.8 b.kr. at the end of November. This figure includes prepayment of bonds amounting to 5.8 b.kr. with interest.

Base money decreased by 2.9 b.kr. in November and amounted to 35.7 b.kr. at the end of the month.

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Central Bank of Iceland Balance Sheet November 30, 2004

m.kr.	POSITION	POSITION	POSITION	CHANGE	
	31.12.03	31.10.04	30.11.04	in 2004	in November
ASSETS:	87,307.0	98,244.1	109,950.2	22,643.2	11,706.2
Foreign assets:	58,274.1	66,244.7	67,234.1	8,960.0	989.5
a. Gold	1,873.2	1,870.8	1,875.9	2.7	5.2
b. SDR	3.5	10.4	7.9	4.5	-2.5
c. IMF reserve position	1,962.8	1,922.2	1,850.5	-112.3	-71.7
d. Foreign deposits	22,739.6	19,656.2	22,494.4	-245.2	2,838.2
e. Foreign securities and treasury bills	31,529.2	42,630.4	40,854.0	9,324.9	-1,776.3
f. Other foreign assets	165.9	154.7	151.3	-14.6	-3.4
Deposit money banks:	24,038.2	20,629.4	32,881.5	8,843.3	12,252.2
a. Repurchase agreements	24,038.2	20,529.3	32,881.5	8,843.3	12,352.2
b. Overnight loans	0.0	100.1	0.0	0.0	-100.1
c. Other claims	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other financial institutions:	4,192.6	11,218.1	9,709.5	5,516.8	-1,508.6
a. Listed securities	3,223.2	3,199.8	3,101.1	-122.1	-98.7
b. Repurchase agreements	969.4	8,018.3	6,608.3	5,638.9	-1,409.9
Central government:	715.5	32.0	32.1	-683.4	0.2
a. Listed government bonds	715.5	32.0	32.1	-683.4	0.2
Other assets	86.5	120.0	93.0	6.4	-27.0
LIABILITIES:	87,307.0	98,244.1	109,950.2	22,643.2	11,706.2
Foreign short-term liabilities	123.6	478.3	461.5	337.9	-16.8
Counterpart to IMF deposits	1,734.7	1,699.2	1,635.9	-98.8	-63.3
Notes and coin	10,583.5	11,052.7	11,156.1	572.6	103.4
Deposit money banks:	11,116.9	27,593.5	24,546.6	13,429.7	-3,046.9
a. Deposits	6,615.7	19,133.6	18,993.1	12,377.4	-140.5
b. Collateral deposits for RTGS system	3,825.0	1,452.4	1,452.7	-2,372.3	0.3
b. Certificates of deposit	4,501.2	7,007.4	4,100.8	-400.4	-2,906.6
c. Other liabilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other financial institutions:	33.2	16.6	24,545.8	24,512.6	24,529.2
a. Deposits	33.2	16.6	24,545.8	24,512.6	24,529.2
Central government:	22,900.7	17,079.6	9,809.8	-13,090.9	-7,269.9
a. Treasury current account	9,689.1	9,242.1	7,732.7	-1,956.4	-1,509.4
b. Government institutions	1,207.6	1,156.7	1,282.0	74.5	125.4
c. Foreign exchange deposits	487.1	846.9	795.1	307.9	-51.8
d. Tied deposits	11,516.9	5,834.0	0.0	-11,516.9	-5,834.0
Other liabilities	597.5	581.9	552.7	-44.8	-29.2
Estimated net income before tax	.	-474.8	-2,975.1	-2,975.1	-2,500.4
Exchange rate gain/loss for the year	.	-1,117.2	-3,569.2	-3,569.2	-2,452.1
Estimated operating profit	.	642.4	594.1	594.1	-48.3
Capital and reserves	40,217.1	40,217.1	40,217.1	-	-
Memorandum items					
External reserve (foreign assets, items a.-e.)	58,108.2	66,090.0	67,082.8	8,974.6	992.9
External position, net	57,984.6	65,611.7	66,621.3	8,636.7	1,009.6
Net deposits of central government	22,185.2	17,047.7	9,777.6	-12,407.5	-7,270.0
Other claims, total	28,317.4	31,967.5	42,684.0	14,366.6	10,716.5
Base money	21,700.4	38,646.1	35,702.7	14,002.3	-2,943.4