





REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS

The Bank registered a profit of €3,025,490 (2015: €4,801,771) during the financial year under review. The directors expect the Bank's trading activity to continue improving in the forthcoming financial year. The Bank's financial position is satisfactory and the directors expect that the current position will be sustained in the foreseeable future.

The Bank's principal activity comprises the provision of unsecured consumer loans and other consumer and business orientated financial products, distributed through a mobile phone platform and through the internet. The Bank is currently providing services in Poland, Estonia, Latvia, the Czech Republic, Germany, Bulgaria, Sweden, Norway, France, Spain and Croatia. As from 2015, the Bank also commenced offering deposit products, which primarily consist of savings and time deposits, to its customers in Sweden. In the course of 2016 these products were also made available to its customers in Norway and Germany.

The Financial Risk Management note in the Financial Statements, describes the process of how the Bank identifies and manages its risks and uncertainties. The main categories of risk described in this Note are credit risk, market risk, liquidity risk and operational risk. The same Note includes extensive detail of the processes undertaken by the bank to manage these risks.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

During the year, the directors proposed a final dividend of \bigcirc 4,362,770 (2015: \bigcirc 2,345,324) amounting to a net dividend of \bigcirc 43.6 cent per share (2015: 23.5 cent per share).

In compliance with the revised Banking Rule 09: 'Measures addressing credit risks arising from the assessment of the quality of asset portfolios of credit institutions authorised under the Banking Act, 1994' issued by the MFSA, an amount of 0.2 million (2015: 0.4 million) from profits has been allocated to the Bank's Reserve for General Banking Risks, in addition to the 0.5 million which was already allocated in the previous years.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	As at 31 December		
	2016 €	2015 €	
ASSETS			
Balances with Central Bank of Malta	21,288,297	182	
Loans and advances to banks	38,228,035	3,704,583	
Loans and advances to customers	89,133,676	43,203,453	
Loans and advances to group companies	351,825	-	
Held-to-maturity financial assets	11,570,732	-	
Property, plant and equipment	332,982	165,147	
Intangible assets	575,850	360,268	
Other assets	7,357,187	2,535,666	
Total assets	168,838,584	49,969,299	
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity			
Share capital	10,000,000	10,000,000	
Capital contribution reserve	12,000,000	-	
Other reserves	709,100	535,605	
Retained earnings	2,851,999	4,362,774	
Total equity	25,561,099	14,898,379	
Liabilities			
Borrowed funds	154,306	345,484	
Amounts owed to customers	98,484,628	2,783	
Debt securities in issue	38,200,537	20,143,271	
Loans and advances from group companies	-	3,556,593	
Other liabilities	6,195,544	7,132,099	
Current tax liabilities	242,470	3,890,690	
Total liabilities	143,277,485	35,070,920	
Total equity and liabilities	168,838,584	49,969,299	
MEMORANDUM ITEMS			
Commitments	3,161,876	1,496,947	

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Year ended 31 December

	real ended 51 December		
	2016 €	2015 €	
Interest and similar income	62,821,884	42,788,395	
Interest and similar expense	(2,972,596)	(1,442,398)	
Net interest income	59,849,288	41,345,997	
Fee and commission income	802,815	344,210	
Fee and commission expense	(6,143,137)	(2,729,103)	
Net fee and commission expense	(5,340,322)	(2,384,893)	
Operating profit	54,508,966	38,961,104	
Employee compensation and benefits	(7,620,677)	(4,535,017)	
Other operating costs	(20,224,983)	[13,169,722]	
Depreciation and amortisation	(135,615)	(33,960)	
Net impairment losses	(23,261,972)	(13,835,065)	
Profit before tax Tax expense	3,265,719 (240,229)	7,387,340 (2,585,569)	
Profit for the year - total comprehensive income	3,025,490	4,801,771	

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Share capital €	Capital contribution reserve €	Other reserves €	Retained earnings €	Total equity €
Balance at 1 January 2015	10,000,000	-	96,608	2,345,324	12,441,932
Comprehensive income Profit for the year	-	-	-	4,801,771	4,801,771
Other comprehensive income Transfers and other movements	-	-	438,997	(438,997)	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	438,997	4,362,774	4,801,771
Balance at 31 December 2015	10,000,000	-	535,605	4,362,774	14,898,379
Comprehensive income Profit for the year	-	-	-	3,025,490	3,025,490
Other comprehensive income Transfers and other movements	-	-	173,495	(173,495)	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	173,495	2,851,995	3,025,490
Transactions with owners Capital contribution from shareholders Dividends distributed to shareholders	-	12,000,000	-	- (4,362,770)	12,000,000 (4,362,770)
Total transactions with owners	-	12,000,000	-	(4,362,770)	7,637,230
Balance at 31 December 2016	10,000,000	12,000,000	709,100	2,851,999	25,561,099

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Year ended 31 December		
	2016 €	2015 €	
Cash flows from operating activities			
Interest and commission receipts	63,503,714	43,132,605	
Interest and commission payments	(9,558,468)	(4,028,230)	
Tax payments	(3,888,449)	(7,219)	
Cash payments to employees and suppliers	(31,119,344)	(17,554,974)	
Cash flows from operating profit before changes in operating assets and liabilities	18,937,453	21,542,182	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Loans and advances to/(from) group companies	(3,908,418)	4,917,438	
Loans and advances to customers	(69,192,195)	(40,665,478)	
Amounts owed to customers	98,481,845	_	
Borrowed funds	-	(3,301,282)	
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	44,318,685	(17,507,140)	
Cash flows from investing activities Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(232,126)	(97,892)	
Purchase of intangible asset	(286,906)	(360,268)	
Purchase of held-to-maturity financial assets	(11,588,814)	_	
Net cash used in investing activities	(12,107,846)	(458,160)	
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Cash flows from financing activities			
Issue of debt securities			
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Repurchase of debt securities	25,000,000 (6,500,000)	20,000,000	
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Repurchase of debt securities Shareholders' contribution	(6,500,000) 12,000,000	20,000,000	
Repurchase of debt securities Shareholders' contribution Payment of dividends	(6,500,000) 12,000,000 (6,708,094)	20,000,000	
Repurchase of debt securities Shareholders' contribution Payment of dividends Net cash generated from financing activities	(6,500,000) 12,000,000 (6,708,094) 23,791,906	20,000,000 - - - 20,000,000 2,034,700 1,324,581	



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